

Protecting Juniors (under 18 years) and Adults at Risk

The Eastern Region Rowing Council and the Organising Committee believe that the welfare and wellbeing of all children and adults at risk is paramount. All competitors and others have a right to safety and protection. All suspicions, concerns and allegations of harm will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.

The Event Welfare Officer will be in attendance and will be available to assist should the need arise. Their contact mobile telephone number and photograph will be displayed at Crew Registration. They will be introduced at the briefing. The Event Welfare Officer may be contacted by radio and telephone and should any person need to contact the Event Welfare Officer, they should do so either directly or through any event official.

It is expected that the welfare of Junior and otherwise vulnerable competitors is primarily the responsibility of the competing clubs' own coaches and officers, or of individual parents accompanying the children. Each club, when registering, will need to confirm the identity and the contact details of a coach, parent or club member who can be contacted and will be available if any issue arises in respect of that club.

It is the responsibility of the coach or parent accompanying Juniors or adults at risk to monitor their whereabouts. In the event of any Junior crew member(s) going missing, the designated member of the club must take appropriate action. In the first instance, the organising committee may notify officials of the details. The named adult, or in their absence, the Event Welfare Officer, is responsible for deciding whether the local Police should be contacted in the case of any such incident.

The Event Welfare Officer will implement the Event Safety Plan, details of which will be displayed in registration and copies sent to all participating clubs.