

QUINTIN HEAD 2012

WELFARE PLAN

Policy Statement

The organising committee of the Quintin Head believes that the welfare and wellbeing of all children is paramount. All children, regardless of age, sex, ethnicity, religion or ability, have equal rights to safety and protection. All suspicions, concerns and allegations of harm will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.

A welfare officer for the event will be appointed each year and will act as the point of contact for any concerns or allegations. The contact details will be displayed in prominent places at Quintin Boat Club on the day of the race and will be included in the competitors' instructions.

Reporting Structure

The event secretary, with advice from the welfare officer, has overall responsibility for decisions and disciplinary procedures.

The first point of contact during the event will be the welfare officer, who will be contactable via race headquarters in the Quintin Boat Club gym. The welfare officer and the event secretary will immediately discuss any matter reported. If, after due consideration, they decide that the police should be informed the welfare officer will report the matter to Chiswick Police.

The event secretary and the welfare officer will then decide whether the welfare officer will report the matter to the British Rowing CPO.

Medical Provision

First aid is provided by an ambulance crew stationed at a point on the course that is easily accessible from the river. The medical staff are given a copy of the welfare plan in advance of the race. A basic first aid box is available at Quintin Boat Club.

Security

The event organisers brief all helpers on the welfare plan and ask them to report any inappropriate behaviour to race headquarters.

The event attracts some junior competitors, who would usually be under the control of officials of their school or club. Few, if any, of the junior competitors would change at Quintin Boat Club. Any risk to juniors is therefore low.

Personal Contact Details

No personal contact details for children are held by the event.

Photography

As the event takes place in open public areas, control of photography is not feasible. All helpers are briefed to respond to any inappropriate photography and in such circumstances report this to race headquarters.