

# BRIDGNORTH REGATTA WELFARE STATEMENT



## Bridgnorth Rowing Club – Regatta Welfare Statement (2025)

Bridgnorth Rowing Club is committed to ensuring that all participants, particularly children and vulnerable adults, are safe and protected while attending the Bridgnorth Regatta. We fully endorse and implement the safeguarding principles outlined by **British Rowing's Safeguarding & Protecting Children Policy**.

We believe:

- The welfare of all children is paramount.
- All participants, regardless of age, gender, race, ability, religion, or sexual orientation, have the right to enjoy the sport in a safe and inclusive environment.
- All concerns, allegations, or suspicions of harm or abuse will be taken seriously and responded to appropriately.

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### Event Welfare Officer

A designated Welfare Officer has been appointed for the event:

**Name:** Lucy Warren

**Location:** Race Control, Bridgnorth Rowing Club Car Park

**Role:** First point of contact for all safeguarding or welfare concerns.

**Contact:** Available in person all day, ask Race Control to contact.

**Email:** [welfare@rowatbridgnorth.co.uk](mailto:welfare@rowatbridgnorth.co.uk)

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### Reporting Procedure

- Any concern regarding a child's welfare must be reported to the Welfare Officer immediately.
- The Welfare Officer and Regatta Secretary will assess the concern and, if necessary, refer it to statutory services such as West Mercia Police.
- The British Rowing Safeguarding Team will also be informed where appropriate.
- All disclosures will be handled in accordance with confidentiality principles and recorded accurately.
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### Medical and First Aid Provision

- First aid will be available throughout the event, accessible via Race Control.
- First aid staff will be briefed on the Welfare Plan and safeguarding expectations.
- Serious incidents will be escalated to emergency services as required.

## **Club and Coach Responsibilities**

- All clubs entering junior competitors must nominate a responsible adult for each junior crew.
  - The name and mobile number of this adult must be submitted at Registration and will be kept at Race Control for use in emergencies only.
  - No personal contact details of junior participants will be held or shared.
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## **Code of Conduct and Behaviour**

- All regatta volunteers, officials, coaches, and competitors are expected to behave in line with the British Rowing Codes of Conduct.
  - Foul, abusive, or discriminatory language is unacceptable and must be reported immediately.
  - Any incidents will be reviewed by the Welfare Officer and Regatta Secretary.
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## **Photography and Social Media**

- The Regatta is held in public areas and it is not possible to restrict all photography.
  - Any individual taking photographs must do so respectfully. Inappropriate photography must be reported to Race Control or the Welfare Officer.
  - All helpers are instructed to challenge and report any behaviour that raises safeguarding concerns, including misuse of images.
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## **Volunteer Training and Awareness**

- All regatta helpers will receive a briefing that includes their role in safeguarding and how to report concerns.
  - Volunteers are encouraged to speak up if they witness behaviour that could compromise a participant's safety or well-being.
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This statement and the accompanying Welfare Plan are based on the guidance provided by British Rowing. For more detailed information, refer to:

- British Rowing's **Safeguarding & Protecting Children Policy**
- <https://www.britishrowing.org/about-us/safeguarding/>