

## **CHILD PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT**<sup>1</sup>

Derwent Rowing Club acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities and complying with best practice by adherence to British Rowing guidance<sup>2</sup>.

The policy recognises that the welfare and interests of children are paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that regardless of age, gender, religion or beliefs, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or socio-economic background, all children:

- have a positive and enjoyable experience of sport at Derwent Rowing Club in a safe environment
- are protected from harm, discrimination and degrading treatment whilst participating in rowing or associated club activities.

Derwent Rowing Club acknowledges that some children, including disabled children and young people or those from ethnic minority communities, can be particularly vulnerable to abuse and the club accepts the responsibility to take reasonable and appropriate steps to ensure their welfare.

As part of our safeguarding policy, Derwent Rowing Club will:

- promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children and young people
- ensure everyone understands their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding and is provided with appropriate learning opportunities to recognise, identify and respond to signs of abuse, neglect and other safeguarding concerns relating to children and young people
- ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents/concerns of abuse and support provided to the individual/s who raise or disclose the concern
- ensure that confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns are maintained and securely stored
- prevent the deployment of unsuitable volunteers
- ensure robust safeguarding arrangements and procedures are in operation.

The policy and procedures will be widely promoted and are mandatory for everyone involved in Derwent Rowing Club. Failure to comply with the policy and procedures will be addressed without delay and may, ultimately, result in exclusion from the organisation.

The policy will be regularly reviewed to reflect:

- changes in legislation and/or government guidance
- changes to British Rowing guidance or other applicable best practice.

## Notes

1. This document is based on the NSPCC CPSU example policy statement, November 2012
2. British Rowing Safeguarding and Protecting Children Policy, February 2013

## Revision History

Version	Date	Changes
1.0	October 2015	First issue

## Key British Rowing Supporting Documents

Title	Version	Date
British Rowing Safeguarding and Protecting Children Policy	-	February 2013

## Derwent Rowing Club Supporting Documents

Title	Version	Date
Review of Regulated Activity Roles	1.0	October 2015
Member DBS/Barred List Check Status	1.0	October 2015
Member Safeguarding and Child Protection Training Status	1.0	October 2015
Incident Reporting Form	1.0	October 2015
Photo/Video Policy for Junior Members	1.0	October 2015
Training Session Risk Assessment	1.0	October 2015
Code of Conduct for Juniors	1.0	April 2015
Code of Conduct for Club Coaches, Officials and Volunteers	1.0	April 2015