

Child Protection & Welfare Policy



Policy Statement and Child protection procedures

- St Ives Rowing Club aims to provide a safe and friendly environment for children to enjoy and partake in water and sports activities provided by the Club.
- Activities currently provided by the club are Rowing, related gym based land training and occasional social events.
- The Club accepts the policy and procedures relating to Child Protection, as set out by British Rowing and requires all members to accept them as a condition of membership.
- The Committee shall appoint a member to act as Welfare Officer whose duty it will be to understand the requirements of British Rowing policy and procedures relating to Child Protection, advise on their observation and implementation at all times

At the St Ives Rowing Club, we do this by:

- Recognising that all children have the right to freedom from abuse
- Ensuring that all our volunteers are carefully selected and accept responsibility for helping to prevent the abuse of children in their care
- Responding swiftly and appropriately to all suspicions or allegations of abuse, by providing parents and children with the opportunity to voice any concerns they may have
- Appointing a Welfare Officer who will take specific responsibility for child safety and act as the main point of contact for parents and outside agencies
- Ensuring access to confidential information is restricted to the Child Welfare Officer or the appropriate external authorities
- Reviewing the effectiveness of the Welfare / Child Protection Policy and activities

Our Child Protection Policy adopts the following British Rowing policy statements;

- the welfare of young people is paramount
- all young people, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious belief and/or sexual identity should be able to participate in Rowing in a fun and safe environment
- taking all reasonable steps to protect young people from harm, discrimination and degrading treatment and to respect their rights, wishes and feelings
- all suspicions and allegations of poor practice or abuse will be taken seriously, and responded to swiftly and appropriately
- all British Rowing employees who work with young people will be recruited with regard to their suitability for that responsibility, and will be provided with guidance and/or training in good practice and child protection procedures
- that all its member clubs and affiliated organisations will similarly accept responsibility for the welfare of the young people in their care in accordance with the British Rowing policies and procedures, and will incorporate this within their constitutions