

British Rowing Safeguarding and Welfare

Policy Statement

AB Severn Rowing Club adopts the Safeguarding and Policy Statement as set out by British Rowing.

British Rowing prioritises the safeguarding and protection of all children who participate in, or come into contact with, rowing through our National Governing Body, our clubs and/or coaches.

We are committed to upholding safeguarding best practice and minimising the risk of children being harmed; our safeguarding policies, procedures, training and support promote safe, inclusive, fun and child-centred environments in which all children have a positive and enjoyable experience of rowing.

British Rowing acknowledges that some children are more at risk of abuse, particularly those with protected characteristics, for example, a child with a disability, or of a particular race, religion or belief, ethnic background, sex, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, or those in care. Children who are at risk of feeling or being isolated due to their ability are also considered to be at risk of being more vulnerable. We take reasonable and appropriate steps to safeguard their welfare.

British Rowing recognises that child abuse and poor practice can take place anywhere and that it is everyone's responsibility to report concerns, whether or not abuse may be occurring. We acknowledge that abuse can take place face-to-face and/or online; that it can be non-recent or current; and that perpetrators can be other children or adults, including those in positions of trust. We have policies, procedures, training and support that enable British Rowing, in partnership with our members, clubs and events to prevent, recognise, report and respond to complex safeguarding challenges.

All concerns about a child must be acted upon in line with our safeguarding reporting procedure. Where concerns and disclosures of abuse or poor practice against a child occur, we prioritise the well-being of children and act in accordance with UK legislation and guidance. Poor practice will be taken extremely seriously and viewed as a breach of our safeguarding policies and procedures.

This policy will be reviewed every three years and revised in light of any changes to government legislation, changes to the organisational structure, or information arising from safeguarding cases.

Everyone is responsible for reporting concerns; not acting is not an option