

SUABC Child Welfare Event Policy

Taken from the British Rowing guidelines:

- SUABC believes the welfare of children is paramount. Adhering to this principle means that the need to ensure that children are protected is a primary consideration and may override the rights and needs of those adults working with them.
- SUABC believes in providing equal opportunity to all children involved in the event regardless of age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious belief and/or sexual identity.
- All reasonable steps will be taken to ensure children are protected from harm, discrimination and degrading treatment and to respect their rights, wishes and feelings.
- The club will ensure that all suspicions and allegations of poor practice or abuse are responded to swiftly and appropriately in line with club procedures. Any concerns must be reported to either a Regatta Official or the Event Child Safety and Welfare Officer, Lorraine O'Hare, who can be contacted via registration or race control.
- Further, and in compliance with the spirit of British Rowing's Rowsafe Guidance (3.2), all participating clubs are required to advise the Regatta Organising Committee if parents/carers of any participating child athletes have not consented to images of their child being used in publicity material issued by SUABC.
- **In order that children may be best protected, each club entering junior competitors is required [at registration] to give a contact name and mobile telephone number of an adult member of that club who will be attending the regatta *all day* in order that we may get in contact with them if an incident should occur.**



Lorraine O'Hare- Event Child Safety and Welfare Officer.