

# Chester le Street Amateur Rowing Club



Child Protection Policy

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## **1. Overview**

Chester Le Street Rowing Club is committed to implementing policies so that everyone involved with the club accepts their responsibilities to safeguard children from harm and abuse. This means following procedures to protect children and to report any concerns about their welfare to appropriate authorities.

The effectiveness of the policy depends on everyone who is involved with rowing being aware of what is good practice and current procedures. This applies particularly to those working directly with young people, but an awareness of child protection issues is also needed by others who may be involved more indirectly. The club strongly recommends that all members, volunteers and parents familiarise themselves with the guidelines set down by BRITISH ROWING. These can be found on the BRITISH ROWING website.

## **2. Disclosure and Barring Service Checks**

All personnel who will have significant access to young people will, first, be vetted, to establish whether they have any criminal convictions or other past behaviour that suggests they are unsuitable to work with children. This is done by obtaining a Disclosure about the individual from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

## **3. Vetting Checks Responsibilities**

The club's Welfare Officer is responsible for ensuring all members/volunteers who have regular access to junior rowers are vetted.

## **4. Photography and Filming Guidance Notes**

This is a very difficult subject in a sport where competition is almost exclusively carried out in large open public spaces where it is not possible to control admission. The club will however encourage members, and request parents, to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Identification - You must ensure that the visual contents or captions cannot be used as means of identifying juniors. This includes names, addresses or any other unnecessary information, which could be used to trace the individual. Ensure that this information is withheld in all reproductions.
- Dress - Juniors should be photographed or filmed in suitable dress. Some sporting activities have a higher risk for potential misuse of imagery than

others, such as swimming and athletics, but the clothing worn in rowing could be seen to have a number of similarities with these sports. Make sure that the footage or photographs focus on the activity, rather than a full body shot.

- It is important that juniors are not featured wearing jewellery, body piercing or clothing that could cause safety issues.
- Safety gear - Subject(s) should be photographed in the appropriate safety equipment. E.g. life jackets.

If the club is planning to use specially commissioned photography for a specific publicity purpose such as a brochure, we will ask permission from the juniors' parents.

If you suspect someone of taking photographs for an inappropriate use you should report them to the Club Welfare Officer, Police or Social Services.