

RICHMOND AMATEUR REGATTA 2017

LOST PERSON POLICY

Richmond Regatta is run under British Rowing Rules and Row Safe Code. This policy is in addition to the Safeguarding & Protecting Children Policy and refers to members of the public attending the event.

The Organisers of Richmond Regatta believe that the welfare and wellbeing is paramount, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, religion or ability and everyone has equal rights to safety and protection. All suspicions, concerns and allegations of harm will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately. If the Officials have any concerns for safety they should notify the Police immediately.

Missing and Lost Person

In the event that a member of the public goes missing or a child is lost this should be reported to the Regatta Committee or race official.

- Regatta officials can be contacted by radio or phone via any Race Official stationed around the course and boating areas
- Land based officials are located at Race Start, Race Control at River Lane and in the enclosure at Buccleuch Gardens
- Water based officials follow crews and safety boats are stationed along the course
- The contact numbers of committee members, local police and hospital are available in the Event Booklet and all information stations have a contact list
- The co-ordinators for the day will be Stephen Strange, Kate Rennoldson and Karin Noble.

Missing Person

The official will determine appropriate action to be taken, and should any incident warrant such action, will be responsible to the Police.

- Information on where the person was last seen will determine whether a search needs to be undertaken on land only or both land and water
- In the first instance an alert will be sent out by radio to officials and staff with details of the missing person
- Any affiliation to a competing rowing club will be determined and a representative of that club will be contacted
- A search will be organised and if the person cannot be found within a reasonable time the Police will be contacted

Lost person including Child and Vulnerable Person

A lost person will be supervised by a Race Official who will determine the best course of action. If the responsible adult for a child or vulnerable adult cannot be found in the immediate vicinity they will be taken to the nearest Event Station, Race Control or Judges area in the enclosure.

- Details of the responsible adult will be taken and either contacted by phone or an alert sent out by radio to the Officials to search for the adult
- Any affiliation to a competing rowing club will be determined and a representative of that club will be contacted
- A search will be organised and if the responsible adult cannot be found the Police will be contacted

Photography is a difficult issue for rowing events. All competitors and spectators may be photographed by amateurs or professionals who sell their photographs and these photographs may be used for identification or publicity purposes. Richmond Regatta cannot prevent this as the river bank and areas surrounding the course are open to the public.

In the event of inappropriate photography witnessed by volunteers, they will be asked to report to an official (committee member or umpire). British Rowing guidelines will be followed.