
Medical Disclosure Protocol

Junior Members

On applying to join the club and as part of the annual membership renewal all junior members are required to provide details of medical conditions that could affect them at rowing and of which the Club needs to be aware. The membership forms have to be checked and countersigned by a parent/carer as appropriate.

A centrally-held register of medical disclosures is on the membership data base where information is secure and access is restricted. This is updated annually, maintained with data collected when memberships are renewed or with additional information supplied during the year by carers or club members.

Once the club is officially notified of a medical condition by a member or their parent/carer the club welfare officer and the responsible coach are made aware in strict confidence. At that point the coach will arrange a confidential discussion with the athlete and/or the parent/carer to establish what the coach may do to ensure that the athlete's needs are understood. The club welfare officer may be included in such discussions on a case-by-case basis.

Following that discussion the coach will conduct a risk assessment and ensure that the findings are applied.

A list of juniors with medical concerns is issued to responsible coaches plus the welfare officer and updated on a quarterly basis by the membership secretary

In the event of any uncertainty about how to proceed in any particular case the club welfare officer will seek the guidance of British Rowing.

Senior Members

On applying to join the club and as part of the annual membership renewal senior members are required to provide details of medical conditions that could affect them at rowing and of which the Club needs to be aware. A centrally-held register of medical disclosures is on the membership data base where information is secure and access is restricted.

Once the club is officially notified of a medical condition by a member the club captain is made aware in strict confidence. At that point the captain will arrange a confidential discussion with the athlete to establish what the club may do to ensure that the athlete's needs are understood. The club welfare officer may be included in such discussions on a case-by-case basis. The captain will perform a risk assessment and ensure that the findings are applied.

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