

# WARRINGTON ROWING CLUB

## SAFETY PROCEDURES FOR COMPETITORS



### GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Warrington Rowing Club welcomes you to its annual Warrington Regatta which is run upstream over a course of approx. 650m. Further details of timings and crew entries can be found on the WRC website. The event is run under the **British Rowing's Rules of Racing** and the club is keen to ensure that all its safety plans and procedures follow those laid down in **Rowsafe**.

### PRE-EVENT INFORMATION

The WRC Organising Committee has been responsible for the planning and setting up of this event, as well as providing detailed information on the website, including directions and maps of our location and parking arrangements on and adjacent to our site. Your club has been asked to nominate a single person as the contact for all communications, before, during and after the regatta. Please ensure the nominated person (NP) has your full contact details beforehand. If you have any queries prior to your arrival, the committee can be contacted via [warrington\\_regatta@hotmail.com](mailto:warrington_regatta@hotmail.com)

Be assured that we have put in place all the appropriate safety procedures as laid down in **Rowsafe**, and in return we expect that you have also followed **Rowsafe** guidance, in particular the safety and maintenance of your boats and equipment (**Rowsafe 7.1**) and the health & competency of your club members (**Rowsafe 3.6 & 3.7**).

**We would encourage all attendees and club members to carry out their own self-assessment health check, and not to attend the regatta if they exhibit Covid-19 symptoms.**

### INFORMATION PRIOR TO BOATING

The WRC Race Committee are responsible for the co-ordination of activities during the day. On arrival on site, your NP will obtain an envelope containing race numbers, map, race schedule and the latest information – regular race briefings will be communicated via the PA system. Only your NP should communicate with Registration and Race Control.

While on WRC site, we would encourage all competing club members to be mindful and keep a safe distance as far as possible from people who are not from their club.

We would also encourage the wearing of face masks when using the toilets, where hand sanitisers and anti-viral sprays will be available, but only toilet paper should be used for wiping down surfaces.

**Crews will be called to the landing stage via the PA system.** The stage marshals may check boats to ensure compliance with **Rowsafe** guidance, and to ensure appropriate clothing is worn and long hair tied up, before crews are permitted to boat. **Any garment with hoodies or open pockets is prohibited.**

The person at bow should display their crew number on their back. When carrying boats to the landing stage care should be taken in avoiding contact with by-standers.

## **CIRCULATION PATTERN**

**When going down to the Start:** all crews must boat under the control of the stagemarshals, and then proceed promptly downstream along the clubhouse side of the river beyond the Regatta start to the marshalling area. Crews must be at the start **at least 2 minutes** before the scheduled time or face the possible disqualification. **In no circumstances should crews proceed under the footbridge, as there is a weir just beyond it.**

Launches are positioned along the course to ensure the smooth running of the event and to be alert to any incidents or safety issues. All launches are equipped as required by **RowSafe 7.4.1** and will also carry hand sanitisers and sterilising solutions.

**At the Finish:** Crews must follow the instructions from the launch positioned near the finish – the race official will ensure the river is clear before directing crews back to the landing stage. Crews should not pass under Kingsway Bridge unless directed to by race officials. Crews should be aware, in certain conditions, waves can develop in front of the bridge and extend under the bridge. Once back at the landing stage, follow the stage marshals' instructions, and disembark as promptly as possible.

## **IN CASE OF INCIDENTS**

If you observe any dangerous incidents while on the course, in the first instance alert the nearest race official. You may also wish to subsequently report it, or any other safety incidents, to the Club Safety Adviser, Mike Selway (07712588718), who will enter the details on the BR Incident Report System.

First aid is provided at the Clubhouse under the control of Adrian Cunliffe (0755 734 3713). For any welfare issues contact the Club Welfare Adviser, Allison Wright (0798 464 0931).

There is a phone in the club gym for outgoing emergency calls to 999 or 112 numbers, and it can also take incoming calls (01925 242631). The club address is Howley Lane, Warrington, WA1 2DN or <https://what3words.com/jukebox.chill.noises>. Accidents and emergencies will be taken to Warrington General Hospital, Lovely Lane, Warrington WA5 1QG.

## **POST-REGATTA INCIDENT**

**If you develop Covid symptoms during the two days after the regatta, inform your NP.**

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

WRC's Full Safety Plan for this event, the Club Safety Policy and the Club Emergency Action Plan can be found on the club's website.

A copy of the Safety Policy and a map of the course are posted in the Clubhouse lobby.

Mike Selway  
Club Safety Adviser  
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