

Milton Keynes Regatta – 16th September 2023



WELFARE PLAN

The MKRC Regatta Organising Committee accepts that the welfare and well-being of all children is paramount. All competitors have an equal right to safety and protection. Any concerns or allegations of harm will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.

An MKRC Welfare Officer will be present at the event and will act as the point of contact for any concerns or allegations. They can be contacted via Race Control.

<p>Who is responsible for welfare issues?</p>	<p>First point of contact: Karen Wilson, Regatta Welfare Officer. They, along with the Race Chair and the Chair of the Regatta Organising Committee, will make a joint decision as to whether a matter needs to be reported to the police and BRCPO.</p>
<p>How to contact them?</p>	<p>Karen Wilson – Regatta Welfare Officer – 07743 388290 Or via Race Control.</p>
<p>Code of Conduct</p>	<p>Participants, coaches and supporters are asked to abide by the rules of the competition.</p>
<p>Medical Response</p>	<p>This will be provided as appropriate at the First Aid Station located in the Club House. If required a representative of their club will be contacted using the emergency contact details provided. Contact numbers for MK Hospital and Walk-In Centre will also be available from the First Aid Station.</p>
<p>Child Lost</p>	<p>A lost child should be reported to Race Control. Race Control should contact the WO and gather the following information from the person reporting (or parent/guardian):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Name of the child 2. Description of the child e.g. age, gender, ethnicity, distinguishing features, clothing 3. When/where the child was last seen 4. Contact number for the parents/guardian. <p>DO NOT ANNOUNCE THE MISSING CHILD OVER THE TANNOY Race Control and the CWO will co-ordinate a search using regatta officials. In the event of a lost child not being found within 20 minutes the police will be contacted.</p>

<p>Child Found</p>	<p>Any lost children should be taken to Race Control and the Welfare Officer should be contacted.</p> <p>The Welfare Officer should 'sensitively' interview the child to find out information regarding their parent/guardian. A child found can be announced over the tannoy and that parent/guardian should report to Race Control.</p> <p>In both instances, child lost and/or found, the Welfare Officer should assess that the child is happy to be reunited with their parent/guardian and complete an incident report form.</p>
<p>Access to young people or their contact details</p>	<p>Individual clubs will be asked to provide the name and telephone number of at least one representative assuming responsibility for their junior athletes. These details will be requested at the point of registration on the day of the event and not used for any other purpose. It is the responsibility of the individual clubs to check that their representative is CRB checked and aware of BR's SPCG Policy.</p>
<p>Appropriate level of security</p>	<p>Volunteers are briefed to be vigilant and report suspicious behaviour with regard to junior athletes, especially in changing areas and including the taking of photos, to the WO. The club house has changing areas however we do not have separate changing areas for juniors.</p>
<p>Photography</p>	<p>We are pleased to announce that DE Photo has been appointed as the Official Photographers for our event. They will be providing full onsite photo printing facilities. This event, by its very nature, is in the public arena and may result in the recording and publication of your image. If you do not wish your photo to be taken please let a member of the DE Photo team know. All DE Photo staff have been DBS checked and the company operates very strict privacy and data protection policies and are fully compliant with the (GDPR). Full copies of DE Photo's GDPR documentation can be found at dephoto.biz/GDPR. For photos of Juniors you must have parental consent prior to any public posting.</p> <p>As the event takes place in open public areas, control of photography or filming is unfeasible. An MKRC nominated person will also be taking photos throughout the day to share on social media.</p> <p>All efforts will be made to ensure that photography and/or recording will be non intrusive. All helpers are briefed to respond to any inappropriate photography and to report concerns to the Welfare Officer.</p>