

SAFETY PLAN & INSTRUCTIONS IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY

FOR OFFICIALS AT EVESHAM ROWING CLUB HEAD EVENTS

Radio Channels

Channel 1 : Umpires, Regatta Marshals, Evesham RBC, Safety Advisor

Channel 2 : Umpire Assistants (Start, Finish, Commentary and Secretary)

1. In the event of an accident, the first duty is to the safety of the competitor or any person in difficulty
2. An accident off the water may require racing to be stopped to allow incident attendance or casualty recovery. If in doubt stop racing.
3. The nearest umpire or marshal is to report any incident immediately giving clear concise details of the incident over the radio – keep it brief – full details can be sorted later.
4. The Co-ordinating Umpire will ensure First Aid and the Safety Advisor are all aware. Once a Safety Boat is called for by an official, the Rescue Boat Coordinator (RBC) is in charge of casualty recovery. The nearest safety boat, in line of site, will immediately respond unless the RBC decides there are over-riding safety reasons for calling another Safety Boat to the incident. An RBC will be available by radio at all times whilst boats are afloat at an event.
5. The Safety Advisor will record as much detail of the Incident and report this back to the Club, Region and BR (dependent on severity), after the event.
6. Capsized crews should stay with their boat until the Safety Boat arrives unless instructed otherwise.
7. First aid will check all involved in the incident. Any competitor that has been in the river will not be allowed to race again until all standard capsized procedures have been followed, he / she has obtained dry kit and he / she has been cleared to do so by First Aid.
8. Any person with a spinal injury should not be moved. If they are in the water then they should be supported until the Emergency Services arrive.
9. In the event that the Emergency Services are summoned, the Safety Advisor shall send a responsible person to be stationed at the car park gate to prevent traffic leaving the site, and to allow the Emergency Vehicle clear access along the single-track lane. The person will then meet the Emergency Vehicle and direct it to the designated area in the club car park. If the Emergency Vehicle is directed to another access point on the course the nearest official shall ensure access. Course maps are annotated with access points and which access points are to be used for major incidents. The default access point is Evesham Rowing Club itself.

10. If the weather is inclement and there is danger of an Emergency Vehicle becoming stuck in mud, the Emergency Services should be advised at the time of the 999 call and arrangements made to meet the casualty at the club (if appropriate to move them).
11. Should, after consultation with the Emergency Services, Helicopter evacuation become necessary, then the Safety Advisor will organise the clearing and suspension of traffic movement in the West end of Crown Meadows to allow landing.
12. Racing, if suspended following an incident, will not resume until the Coordinating Umpire and Safety Advisor are satisfied that it is safe to do so. Following suspension of racing a decision to re-start will be made by the Co-ordinating Umpire and Safety Advisor only. Both must agree it is safe to restart. In the absence of agreement racing will remain suspended.
14. All electric storms must be reported. In these circumstances, the Chief Umpire and Safety Advisor will take any appropriate action to ensure all seek appropriate shelter as quickly as possible.