

I.4 Event Safety Plans

Objective:

Events develop and maintain Event Safety Plans to ensure the safety of competitors, officials, other water users, the public at large and the environment.

Events need to review the guidance from British Rowing and other external bodies and develop a risk assessment together with plans and procedures that adequately address all the risks they face.

Events should have the following documents in place:

- Risk assessments and safety plans
- Emergency response plans
- Communication protocols and assurance procedures to confirm competitors are aware of and comply with all the event requirements

Responsibilities

Everyone

- Reads the Event Safety Plan and complies with instructions to competitors.
- Ensures they prioritise safety at all times.
- Personally follows all the event safety recommendations.

British Rowing / Honorary Rowing Safety Adviser

- Provides advice and support to regions and clubs developing Event Safety Plans.

Regional Rowing Council

- Agrees the event can take place.
- Provides advice and support to individual clubs developing their Event Safety Plans.

Event Safety Adviser

- Develops, publishes and circulates a risk based safety plan including emergency response procedures and communication protocols for the event.
- Ensures effective communication to coxswains, coaches, officials and so on, to reinforce the requirements and advice of the Event Safety Plan including:
 - Specific regulations for boating and marshalling
 - Competency requirements for critical roles and activities
 - Requirements for safety equipment

Event Organisers

- Ensure that an effective Event Safety Plan is produced.
- Obtain appropriate insurance.
- Ensure that the Event Safety Plan is distributed to all competing clubs and other relevant parties (Emergency services and local navigation authorities) at least three days prior to the event.

Regional Rowing Safety Adviser

- Advises on the effectiveness of the Event Safety Plan.
- Accepts the Event Safety Documentation on behalf of the Regional Rowing Council.

Race Officials / Safety Boat Personnel

- Read and comply with the Event Safety Plan.
- Inform event organisers of ongoing safety aspects of the event.
- Report findings to organisers and region.

Club

- Distributes instructions to competitors.
- Provides a representative to attend any safety briefings.

Coach / Responsible Person

- Reads and complies with the instructions for competitors.
- Discusses this information with crews and ensures understanding.
- Ensures all activities under their control / leadership follow event safety requirements and advice.

Further information

RowSafe Plus+ 2.1a Event Risk Assessment Template
 2.1b Emergency Response Plans
 2.1c Abandonment Plan
 2.1d Event water Safety Adviser Role Description
 2.1e Navigational requirements for events
 2.1f Safety Boat Providers
 2.1g Role of Umpire
 2.1h Juniors and Events
 2.1i Adaptive Events

British Rowing's Rules of Racing

Guidelines for Rowing Competitions – British Rowing's Safeguarding & Protecting Children Policy

Health and Safety Executive – A guide to health, safety and welfare at music and similar events (HSG195)