

Updates made to the Welfare Guidance Documents

In September 2021 the Welfare Guidance Documents were all updated and reformatted into our new Safeguarding Handbooks. This document will highlight the key changes in guidance that you should be aware of.

Handbook 1 - the Club Welfare Officer

Section	Update
Section 3	Updated process to follow when appointing a new Club Welfare Officer.
Section 6	Updated Safeguarding training requirements for Coaches, Club Welfare Officers and other volunteers in regulated activity.
Section 7	Updated guidance on DBS checks.
Section 9	New guidance on how to create a safe club environment.

Handbook 2 - Handling concerns

Section	Update
Section 2	includes the thresholds for what constitutes a safeguarding concern, and when British Rowing need to be involved
Section 3	includes the thresholds for what constitutes a poor practice concern, and when British Rowing need to be involved
Section 5	new guidance on handling concerns that arise outside of the rowing environment
Appendix 1	updated report form for recording concerns and referrals
Appendix 2	updated reporting structure for safeguarding concerns relating to children
Appendix 3	updated reporting structure for safeguarding concerns relating to adults at risk

Handbook 3 - Club, training and competition guidance

Section	Update
Section 3	updated physical contact in rowing guidance
Section 4	updated managing challenging behaviour in rowing guidance
Section 8	new guidance on transporting children and young people
Section 9	updated guidance on planning trips away with overnight stays
Section 10	new guidance on the use of changing rooms

Handbook 4 - Safety in the digital world

Section	Update
Section 4	new guidance on clubs running social media pages
Section 5	new guidance on grooming