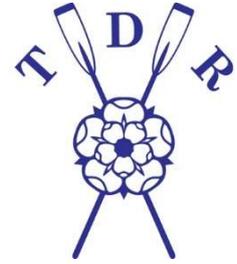


Thames Ditton Regatta 2026

Held in accordance with British Rowing Rules of Racing and adhering to RowSafe



Juniors: Welfare Policy & Plan

Welfare Policy

Children and young people competing at Thames Ditton Regatta can expect to participate in a safe and enjoyable environment.

The Regatta complies with the British Rowing (BR) policy on child protection

<https://www.britishrowing.org/knowledge/safeguarding/>

Competing clubs and schools are required, by BR rules, to be affiliated to BR and also required to comply with this policy

Club or school Coaches, Teachers or Junior Co-ordinators are responsible for the safety and welfare of their Junior competitors at all times and they, or a designated substitute, are expected to be available at the regatta while their crews are present.

The organising committee of Thames Ditton Regatta intends to ensure that any allegations or concerns of harm to Juniors involved in the competition are taken seriously and responded to quickly and appropriately

A Welfare Officer will be appointed for the regatta and will act as the point of contact for any allegations or concerns. Contact details for the Welfare Officer are available on the Thames Ditton Regatta website <https://thamesdittonregatta.co.uk/contact-us/>

Welfare Plan

The Welfare Officer for this regatta will be **Sarah Searle** who will be available throughout the duration of the day and can be contacted on **07721 994724**, via any regatta official on the radio network or at the **Welfare Tent**

The Welfare Officer will determine appropriate action to be taken and should any incident warrant such action, will be responsible for reporting to the Police and the BR Safeguarding Team.

Coaches, athletes and parents are reminded of the need for suitable clothing for the event including waterproofs, warm clothing and sun protection. Coaches are further reminded that in rough conditions, it is they who must make the assessment of whether their crew can safely boat and race in the conditions, particularly so where there is a Junior cox.

In the event that a child goes missing, the Welfare Officer should be contacted and they will contact the Police, if this has not already been done.

The Crew contact details entered on BROE will be used to contact the adult responsible for any Junior reportedly involved in an incident. It is therefore incumbent upon the person entering the crew, to ensure that a usable contact number is included in the entry. No individual contact details for Juniors will be held by the committee.

It should be noted that all competitors in the competition may be photographed by amateurs or professionals who sell their photographs and these photographs may be used for identification or publicity purposes. Thames Ditton Regatta cannot prevent this as river banks are open to the Public. Officials and competitors must be aware of this.