

### **Risk Assessment for hosting Worcester Regatta within the UK Coronavirus Guidelines.**

The advice contained in this guide must be adhered to and is aligned to the UK Government and British Rowing guidelines for England.

As an organising committee we are taking every precaution to keep our competitors and volunteers safe considering the recent coronavirus outbreak. Therefore, certain adjustments to the running of the event have been put in place, in line with government guidelines, to keep competitors safe yet still allow racing to go ahead. In the lead up to the event, the current national and local COVID-19 situation will be reviewed. The event will not run if deemed unsafe by the organising committee or if local restrictions do not permit. Anyone not adhering to these guidelines will be asked to leave.

**Please do not attend the competition if you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19.** Members in a vulnerable group should assess their own risk before attending the rowing club.

<b>General</b>	
<b>Assessor/s:</b> Chairperson (Sam) Safety Officer (Paul) Safety Advisor (Andy) Covid Officer (Fay)	<b>Date of event: 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b>
<b>Approver:</b> Worcester Boat Club – Regatta Committee	<b>Approval date:</b> 22.08.2021
<b>Description:</b> Risk assessment of Worcester Regatta maintaining Covid-19 good practice measures.	
<b>Who will be involved:</b> Worcester Boat Club members, visiting competitors, spectators, first aid responders, volunteers, umpires.	
<b>Site details:</b> WRC boathouse and land together with adjoining grounds used for car and trailer parking.	

Risk Matrix		Severity		
		Slight	Moderate	Extreme
Likelihood	Very Likely (VL)	Moderate	High	Very High
	Likely (L)	Moderate	Moderate	High
	Unlikely (U)	Low	Moderate	Moderate
	Very Unlikely (VU)	Low	Low	Low

Key:

<b>Low</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An acceptable level of risk.</li> <li>• No additional barriers/controls are required.</li> <li>• Start or continue the activity but check that the current barriers/controls remain effective.</li> </ul>
<b>Moderate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An acceptable level of risk that should be reviewed.</li> <li>• Implement additional barriers/controls to reduce the risk if opportunities arise.</li> <li>• Start or continue the activity with care.</li> </ul>
<b>High</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An unacceptable level of risk.</li> <li>• Improve the barriers/controls and allocate resources to reduce the risk.</li> <li>• Do not start or continue the activity until the risk has been reduced.</li> </ul>
<b>Very High</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An unacceptable level of risk.</li> <li>• Improve the barriers/controls and allocate resources to reduce the risk.</li> <li>• Do not start or continue the activity until the risk has been reduced. Prohibit the activity if it is not possible to reduce the risk.</li> </ul>

Hazard identified	Risk from Hazard	Person/s at risk	Control measures to mitigate hazard	Risk level when implementing control measures			
				Likelihood	Severity	Risk	
1. Social distancing good practice on the water	Person/s becoming infected with COVID-19	Competitors, coaches, volunteers etc	<p>Safety Launches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All volunteers will be equipped with, and will be using, appropriate PPE.</li> <li>A plan as to who is marshalling will be agreed upon before the event to minimise the risk.</li> </ul> <p>Competitors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Should maintain at least 1 boat lengths distance when out on the water.</li> <li>In the event of a capsize athletes are encouraged to try and get back into their boat, if it is safe to do so, or will be brought into the launch as per normal procedures.</li> <li>Replacement PPE will be provided to the launch crew.</li> </ul>	Unlikely	Slight	Low	
2. Social distancing good practice off the water	Person/s becoming infected with COVID-19	Competitors, coaches, volunteers etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All reasonable steps should be taken to maintain a 1m social distance whilst on the land.</li> <li>Toilets will have limited occupancy and cleaning materials made available.</li> <li>A one-way system will be implemented to help facilitate social distancing on and off the water where possible.</li> <li>Information regarding boating location will be provided to competitors on the day.</li> </ul>	Unlikely	Slight	Low	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Competitors are asked to rig boats in the designated areas close to their trailer.</li> <li>• Specified boating times will be given to each competitor to control numbers near the boating area and around the club.</li> </ul>				
3. Shared use of facilities	Person/s becoming infected with COVID-19	Competitors, volunteers, coaches, and spectators.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cleaning materials, handwashing facilities/hand sanitiser and hygiene procedures will be in place.</li> <li>• Appropriate methods of waste disposal for cleaning products will be available.</li> <li>• If clubs are planning on boat sharing between athletes, it is their responsibility to put guidelines in place for this and provide the necessary cleaning equipment.</li> <li>• Boats and other shared equipment should be cleaned before and after each use, and other surfaces should be wiped down frequently.</li> <li>• Competitors are advised to travel to the club wearing the kit that they intend to row in, and to travel home to shower and change.</li> <li>• Separate toilet cubicles will be available.</li> <li>• Cleaning materials will be provided in toilets and spot checks undertaken.</li> <li>• Hand sanitiser will be available at various points throughout the site.</li> </ul>	<b>Unlikely</b>	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>Moderate</b>	

4. Shared use of equipment (launches, club blades, club boats, etc)	Person/s becoming infected with COVID-19.	Competitors, volunteers, coaches.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wipe boats and other rowing kit with disinfectant at the start and end of each period of use (i.e. before and after each person uses the equipment).</li> <li>Any shared equipment should be sanitised between use.</li> <li>Visiting clubs advised to make their own arrangements to sanitise any of their own equipment they are sharing.</li> </ul>	<b>Unlikely</b>	<b>Slight</b>	<b>Low</b>	
5. Catering facilities	Person/s becoming infected with COVID-19	Competitors, volunteers, coaches.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outside bbq food will be available on site.</li> <li>Outside tea/coffee and cake tent.</li> <li>All food and drink will be provided in fresh containers/serviettes.</li> <li>Hand sanitiser will be available.</li> </ul>	<b>Unlikely</b>	<b>Slight</b>	<b>Low</b>	
6. Maintaining hygiene	Person/s becoming infected with COVID-19	Competitors, volunteers, coaches.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Everyone visiting the site will be encouraged to use the alcohol-based hand sanitiser or wash their hands regularly for at least 20 seconds.</li> </ul>	<b>Unlikely</b>	<b>Slight</b>	<b>Low</b>	
7. First Aid	Person/s becoming infected with COVID-19	Competitors, volunteers, coaches.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trained first aiders will be on site.</li> <li>Safety launches will be equipped with appropriate PPE. This should include face mask and gloves for those in the launch, and a spare face mask for anyone that might need rescuing.</li> <li>After administering first aid, it is essential to: Remove and dispose of any PPE (used PPE should be treated as clinical waste).</li> <li>Wash hands thoroughly with soap and hot water for at least 20 seconds.</li> </ul>	<b>Very unlikely</b>	<b>Slight</b>	<b>Low</b>	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wash all clothing as soon as practicable.</li> <li>• Be prepared to self-isolate and follow national guidance if COVID-19 symptoms develop after providing direct first aid.</li> </ul>				
8. Test and Trace	Person/s becoming infected with COVID-19 and not having the correct details.	Competitors, volunteers, coaches, and general public.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the case of a person testing positive for COVID-19, to help identify contacts of that person for the purpose of NHS test and trace, a log of those attending with club contact details will be held via the entry information.</li> <li>• In addition, anyone attending the event will be asked to scan the QR code with the NHS Track and Trace app.</li> <li>• In the case of a person visiting the event testing positive for COVID-19 afterwards, it is the affected persons own responsibility to contact their own rowing club to inform any other potential persons affected. Said person should also inform the hosting regatta Covid Officer.</li> </ul>	<b>Very unlikely</b>	<b>Slight</b>	<b>Low</b>	
9. Public Rights of Way	Person/s becoming infected with COVID-19	Competitors, volunteers, coaches, and general public.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The general public are entitled to use the footpath along the river and may stop for a period of time and watch the event.</li> <li>• Signage will be in place to encourage the general public to follow good practice for social distancing.</li> <li>• Hand sanitiser will be available at various points throughout the site.</li> </ul>	<b>Unlikely</b>	<b>Slight</b>	<b>Low</b>	