**ROB ROY BOAT CLUB AUTUMN HEAD 2016**

**Child Safeguarding and Welfare Provision**

The Race Day Organising Committee believe that the welfare and wellbeing of all children is paramount. All children, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, religion or ability, have equal rights to safety and protection. All suspicions, concerns and allegations of harm will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.

The Rob Roy Boat Club Child Welfare Officer will act as the point of contact for any concerns or allegations.

In the event of an incident or concern please contact any of the following:

* **Race Day Welfare Officer DEBORAH tel: 07708 945607**
* **British Rowing Child Protection Officer (CPO) 020 8237 6700**
* **NSPCC 0808 800 5000**
* **Local police 999**

Members of all competing Clubs are expected to abide by the rules of the competition, by good sportsmanship, and by the British Rowing Code of Conduct with respect to the welfare of their own and other juniors.

Missing participants should be reported promptly to the nearest Race Day official who will be able to contact Race Control to coordinate a search and/or contact the Emergency Services

Competitors and their supporters are asked to ensure that any photographs they take are consistent with child protection wellbeing and safety. Any apparently inappropriate photography will be reported.

**Welfare Plan/Briefing (for internal advice only)**

* Marshals, umpires and all members of RRBC or other volunteers involved in the co-ordination of the Race Day should be vigilant particularly with respect to the safety and welfare of juniors taking part in or spectating at the event. They should report, for example, anything suspicious such as someone taking photos in the changing area, someone unknown to crews hanging around or tampering with equipment.
* Race Control needs emergency numbers for the team manager of each Club entered so we can contact them in the event of an accident/injury/missing junior/other problem.
* Any Safeguarding/Welfare concerns reported to or raised by marshals/umpires to be reported immediately to the Race Day Welfare Officer (Deborah: tel: 07708 945607) who will take appropriate action.
* I have considered whether or not we need to take any specific action with respect to vetting Race Day volunteers for Child Protection purposes. Many of our volunteers already have DBS Clearance as RRBC volunteers or coaches and, under the terms of current guidance, it is not appropriate to vet the others involved because of their minimal unsupervised involvement with juniors.