

Risk Assessment for hosting North of England Head within current UK COVID-19 Guidelines.

The advice contained in this guide must be adhered to and is aligned to the UK Government and British Rowing guidelines for England. Details of these adjustments are outlined below.

As an organising committee we are taking every precaution to keep our competitors and volunteers safe, resulting in the continuation of certain adjustments to the running of the event being implemented.

Please do not attend the competition if you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, especially a high temperature or a new and persistent cough. Members in a vulnerable group should assess their own risk before attending the rowing club.

General Details	
Assessor/s: Edward Press (Safety Officer).	Date: February 2022
Approver: Graham Miller	Approval date:
Description of Task Assessed: Risk assessment of Royal Chester Rowing Club (RCRC) hosting North of England Head within current Coronavirus Guidelines.	
Who will be involved? Royal Chester Rowing Club members, Members of other River Dee Rowing clubs, visiting competitors, First Aid responders, volunteers, and umpires.	
What equipment will be used? The land at RCRC, Grounds of other Rowing Clubs on the Dee, The Groves.	

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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:

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

Hazard identified	Risk from Hazard	Person/s at risk	Control measures put into place to reduce the hazard identified	Risk level when implementing control measures

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				Likelihood	Severity	Risk
1. Social distancing on the water	Person/s becoming infected with COVID-19.	Competitors, volunteers, coaches.	<p>Safety Launches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All volunteers will be equipped with appropriate PPE. A plan as to who is marshalling will be agreed upon before the event to minimise the risk: Safety Marshals in safety launches should be from the same social bubble where possible <p>Competitors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boats are not to overlap to keep a minimum boat lengths distance when out on the water. In the event of a capsized athlete will be 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. Replacement PPE will be provided to the launch crew. 	Unlikely	Slight	Low
2. Social distancing on land	Person/s becoming infected with COVID-19.	Competitors, volunteers, coaches, spectators.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All reasonable steps to maintain a 1m distance whilst on the land. Information regarding boating location and times will have been sent out to competitors before the day of the race. Competitors are asked to rig boats in the designated areas close to their trailer. Athletes will also be expected to take their footwear in their boat with them to speed up the landing process. Marshalls, officials, and volunteers will be provided with face coverings were appropriate. Start and finish teams will include the minimum number of people and will be suitably spaced out on the bank. One-way systems are to be implemented in confined and indoor areas to prevent congestion. 	Unlikely	Slight	Low

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No in person crew briefing, details will be published before the day of the race to prevent gatherings. Registration folders will be issued to each club via a single point of contact. 				
3. Shared use of facilities	Person/s becoming infected with COVID-19.	Competitors, volunteers, coaches, and spectators.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cleaning, handwashing, and hygiene procedures will be in place. Boats: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Boats and other shared equipment should be cleaned before and after each use, and other surfaces should be wiped down frequently. Competitors have been advised to travel to the club wearing the kit that they intend to row in, and to travel home to shower and change. <p>Toilets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to toilets will be limited. Only one person will be allowed in the toilets at any one time. Ensure that the toilet windows are opened so that the toilets are well ventilated. Cleaning materials will be provided in toilets. 	Unlikely	Moderate	Moderate	
4. Shared use of equipment (launches, club blades, boats, bow numbers.)	Person/s becoming infected with COVID-19.	Competitors, volunteers, coaches.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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). Any shared equipment should be sanitised between use. Visiting clubs advised to make their own arrangements to sanitise any of their own equipment they are sharing. 	Unlikely	Slight	Low	
5. Catering facilities	Person/s becoming	Competitors, volunteers,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3rd party food vendors will be available serving food and drink who are responsible for their own COVID procedures. 	Unlikely	Slight	Low	

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	infected with COVID-19.	coaches, and spectators.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any food or drinks sold must comply with UK Government guidance Any food and drink available at RCRC will be served outside. Hand sanitiser will be available. Everyone visiting the site are encouraged to regularly wash their hands with soap and water provided. If this isn't possible then an alcohol-based hand sanitiser, can be used as a less effective alternative. 				Low
6. Maintaining hygiene	Person/s becoming infected with COVID-19.	Competitors, volunteers, coaches.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trained First Aiders will be onsite All safety launches will be equipped with appropriate PPE. This should include a face mask, for those in the launch, and a spare face mask for anyone that might need rescuing. Only provide essential direct first aid to limit exposure time. After administering first aid, it is essential to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove and dispose of any PPE (used PPE should be treated as clinical waste). Wash hands thoroughly with soap and hot water for at least 20 seconds. Wash all clothing as soon as practicable. Be prepared to self-isolate and follow national guidance if COVID-19 symptoms develop after providing direct first aid. 	Very Unlikely	Slight		Low
7. First Aid	Person/s becoming infected with COVID-19.	Competitors, volunteers, coaches.					
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"> 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. In addition, anyone on RCRC grounds will be asked to scan the QR code with the NHS Track and Trace app upon arrival. 	Very Unlikely	Extreme		Low

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. The general public are entitled to use the footpath along the river and may stop for a period of time and watch the event. Signs will also be put in place to alert the public to the event and advise them on where and where not to go. Volunteers at the Groves may ask members of the public to keep a distance when crews are boating and returning to the landing stage. 			
9. Public Rights of Way	Person/s becoming infected with COVID-19.	Competitors, volunteers, coaches, and general public.		Unlikely	Slight	Low