

Code of Conduct for Rowers



As a responsible athlete you will:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every athlete, coach, technical official and others involved in rowing and treat everyone equally.
- Uphold the same values of sportsmanship off the field as you do when engaged in rowing
- Cooperate fully with others involved in the sport such as coaches, technical officials, team managers, doctors, physiotherapists, sport scientists and representatives of the governing body in the best interests of the yourself and other athletes
- Consistently promote positive aspects of the sport such as fair play and never condone rule violations or the use of prohibited or age-inappropriate substances
- Anticipate and be responsible for your own needs including being organised, having the appropriate equipment and being on time
- Inform your coach of any other coaching that you are seeking or receiving
- Always thank the coaches and officials who enable you to participate in rowing

As a responsible rower, when participating in or attending any rowing activities, including training/coaching sessions and competition events you will:

- Act with dignity and display courtesy and good manners towards others
- Avoid swearing and abusive language and irresponsible behaviour including behaviour that is dangerous to yourself or others, acts of violence, bullying, harassment and physical and sexual abuse
- Challenge inappropriate behaviour and language by others
- Never engage in any inappropriate or illegal behaviour
- Avoid destructive behaviour and leave rowing venues as you find them
- Not carry or consume alcohol to excess and/or illegal substances.
- Avoid carrying any items that could be dangerous to yourself or others excluding rowing equipment used in the course of your rowing activity

In addition, rowers, especially young rowers and vulnerable adults, should follow these guidelines on safe participation in rowers

- Notify a responsible adult if you have to go somewhere (why, where and when you will return)
- Do not respond if someone seeks private information unrelated to rowing such as personal information, home life information
- Strictly maintain boundaries between friendship and intimacy with a coach or technical officials
- Never accept lifts in cars or invitations into homes on your own without the prior knowledge and consent of your parent/carer
- Use safe transport or travel arrangements
- Report any accidental injury, distress, misunderstanding or misinterpretation to your parents/carers and club Welfare officer as soon as possible.
- Report any suspected misconduct by coaches or other people involved in rowing to the club welfare officer as soon as possible

Rowers must be aware of, and comply with, the requirements of the UK Bribery Act 2010 which has two general offences:-

The offering, promising or giving of an advantage, and the requesting, agreeing to receive or accepting of an advantage.

The offence applies to bribery relating to any function of a public nature, connected with a business, performed in the course of a person's employment or performed on behalf of a company or another body of persons. The function or activity may be carried out either in the UK or abroad and need have no connection with the UK. The Bribery Act includes a new form of corporate criminal liability where there is a failure to prevent bribery perpetrated on behalf of a "relevant commercial organisation".