



# Ryde Rowing Club.

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## **RYDE ROWING CLUB CHILD AND VULNERABLE ADULT PROTECTION POLICY.**

### **Responsibilities**

Ryde Rowing Club will:

- Promote the health and welfare of children and vulnerable adults by providing opportunities for them to take part in Rowing safely.
- Respect and promote the rights, wishes and feelings of children and vulnerable adults.
- Promote and implement appropriate procedures to safeguard the well-being of children and vulnerable adults and protect them from abuse.
- Recruit, train, support and supervise its members to adopt best practice to safeguard and protect children and vulnerable adults from abuse and to minimize risk to themselves.
- Require members to adopt and abide by this Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy and the good practice and child protection policy and procedures of the **Amateur Rowing Association** as outlined in the ARA publication **Good Practice in Rowing** published by the ARA in 2002 and any subsequent alterations or amendments.
- Respond to any allegations of misconduct or abuse of children or vulnerable adults in line with this Policy and these Procedures as well as implementing, where appropriate, the relevant disciplinary and appeals procedures.
- Review and evaluate this Policy and these Procedures on a regular basis.

In support of this policy the Clubs General Rule, number 42, approved by the Clubs Annual General Meeting of 23/11/01 and detailed below states that the Clubs and its members accept the policy and procedures relating to Child Protection as set out by the Amateur Rowing Association and will appoint a Junior Organiser and separate and senior "person in charge" (Welfare Officer) in accordance with the policy and procedures.

42. The Club accepts the policy and procedures relating to child protection, as set out by the Amateur Rowing Association and requires all members to accept them as a condition of membership. In accordance with the ARA's policy and rules relating to Child Protection Procedures the committee shall appoint:-
- (i) A Junior Organiser who has gained one of the ARA's Coaching Awards to be responsible for the Clubs Juniors on a day to day basis.
  - (ii) A separate and senior "person in charge" (Welfare Officer) to whom concerns or allegations regarding inappropriate treatment of Junior may be made. It will be his/her duty to understand the requirements of the ARA Child protection procedures and to act on them as necessary. He/She must also ensure there is a well established complaints procedure and that that parents and children have the relevant information and thus easy access to it.
- [Note. refer to - Amateur Rowing Association publication - Child Protection Procedures in Rowing and Good Practice in Rowing].