

Liverpool Victoria Head of the Float 4th December 2021 – Covid19 Risk Assessment

General Information

The advice contained in this guide must be adhered to and is based on UK Government and British Rowing guidance for England.

The Organising Committee will take every precaution to ensure that our competitors and volunteers are kept as safe as they can be, in accordance with the national guidance in effect on the date of the Regatta.

In advance of the event, the national guidelines will be reviewed and any necessary changes, including the cancellation of the event, will be implemented.

Please do not attend the event if you are experiencing any symptoms of Covid19.

Date of event: Saturday 4th December 2021

Who will be involved: Competitors from British Rowing registered rowing clubs, volunteers, visiting officials

Premises: Liverpool Victoria Rowing Club

This Risk Assessment has been prepared by the Competition Rowing Safety Adviser for Liverpool Victoria Head of the Float 2021 and forms part of the safety documentation for the event.

All participants must review and adhere to this Risk Assessment.

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The below matrix has been applied when assessing the risks associated with holding the event:

		People	Assets	Probability				
				A	B	C	D	E
				Highly improbable (has not been known to happen in rowing)	Improbable (has been known to happen in rowing)	Possible (could happen to about 1% of the club's active members per decade)	Probable (could happen to about 1% of the club's active members per year)	Highly probable (could happen to about 10% of the club's active members per year)
Severity	1	Slight injury or health effect (Requires little or no treatment; no need to take time off rowing or training)	Minor damage to equipment (<£100)	Low	Low	Low	Low	Moderate
	2	Minor injury or health effect (Requires First Aid or rest; potentially a few days off rowing or training)	Damage repair costs low (£500)	Low	Low	Low	Moderate	Substantial
	3	Moderate injury or health effect (Requires treatment beyond simple First Aid; potentially a week or so off rowing or training)	High damage repair costs (>£1000)	Low	Low	Moderate	Substantial	Intolerable
	4	Major injury or health effect (Requires hospital treatment for more than one day; potentially a few weeks off rowing or training)	Very high damage repair costs (loss of boat, 3rd party damage)	Low	Moderate	Substantial	Intolerable	Intolerable
	5	Fatality or Life Threatening Injury or Health Effect (could end a rowing career or cause hospitalisation for a few months)	Major damage & major costs (loss of several boats, high 3rd party damage)	Moderate	Substantial	Intolerable	Intolerable	Intolerable

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Low	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	An acceptable level of risk that should be reviewed. Implement additional barriers/controls to reduce the risk if the opportunity arises. Start or continue the activity with care.
Substantial	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.
Intolerable	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.

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Hazards and concerns	Risk from hazard	Persons who might be harmed	Risk controls in place to reduce hazard	Risk level when controls are implemented		
				Likelihood	Severity	Risk
1) Droplet transmission and aerosol generation person to person – from an infected person						
Close contact in situations where social distancing is not possible or not adhered to	Person becomes infected with Covid19	Competitors, coaches, volunteers	All activities outside Competitors to respect social distancing and wear masks when boating Participants to remain in their 'club bubbles' and not mix with other clubs Competitors advised to disperse as soon as possible after competing No in-person prize giving Limited inside facilities available (toilets) Briefing for Umpires and Marshals carried out by Zoom; any briefings required on the day will be conducted outside in small groups Start team and Finish judges to wear masks and minimise number in teams Plan and record of all those umpiring and marshalling All umpires and volunteers to give Track and Trace details First Aid personnel to wear PPE – masks, visors and gloves Competing clubs requested to actively discourage spectators from attending	Improbable	Range from no health effect to major health effect	Low/moderate
Close contact on the water	Person becomes infected with Covid19	Competitors, coaches, volunteers	Launch crews to maintain 1m social distancing All safety launches to be equipped with PPE and cleaning materials Safety launches to be cleaned at change of crew or after rescue before coming back on duty Boats (including launches and competitors) to proceed in single file In the event of a capsize, competitors will be encouraged to get back into their boat unaided in the first instance IF THE SITUATION ALLOWS FOR THIS. Launch crew should assess the condition of the competitors before deciding to intervene All marshalls and umpires to wear a mask/visor and gloves if they are helping a crew, although contact	Improbable	Range from no health effect to major health effect	Low/moderate

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			should be minimised Coxes to wear a mask and visor in accordance with British Rowing guidance			
First Aid	Person becomes infected with Covid19	Competitors, coaches, volunteers	Only trained First Aid/Paramedics on duty Professional safety team on site PPE provided for First Aid/Safety Teams If casualty is responsive encourage self-care from a safe distance If casualty is unresponsive wear PPE – gloves to touch, face mask and visor, only touch the very minimum Only provide First Aid to limit exposure time Remove and dispose of used PPE (treat as clinical waste) Wash hands thoroughly Those administering close contact First Aid and the casualty should self-isolate if necessary	Improbable	Range from no health effect to major health effect	Low/moderate
General Public	Person becomes infected with Covid19	Competitors, coaches, volunteers	Competing clubs requested to actively discourage spectators from attending	Improbable	Range from no health effect to major health effect	Low/moderate
2) Fomite transmission via surface contact, handling of shared surfaces equipment						
Use of shared equipment	Person becomes infected with Covid19	Competitors, coaches, volunteers	Competitors to follow their club's guidelines on cleaning shared boats and where applicable for those using the Liverpool Victoria RC boathouse, follow guidelines on use of indoor facilities No shared use of umpire equipment (radios. Megaphones). Umpires to be issued with their equipment at the start of their session and to retain the equipment until the end of their session. Alcohol wipes to be available to disinfect equipment Volunteers delivering race numbers to wear masks and gloves Launches must stay on the water to reduce contact Persons setting up launches wear gloves and wipe launches down with disinfectant at start and end of use As far as possible, on water officials will remain with the same launch throughout and personnel changes are to be minimised	Improbable	Range from no health effect to major health effect	Low/moderate