

## Portability of CRB Disclosure Certificates

Some time ago the CRB withdrew support for portability of CRB Disclosures. It now recommends that Registered Bodies do not accept CRBs from other Registered Bodies under any circumstances.

In addition to the (small) risk that there is additional information regarding the applicant that is not shown on the applicant's own certificate, the CRB have stated that there is also a risk of falsification. A number of other organisations have encountered difficulties relating to fraudulent applications.

British Rowing has changed its policy with respect to portability of CRB Disclosure certificates and no longer accepts CRB disclosures from other Registered Bodies. Where the responsibility for deploying a coach/carer lies with an organisation, they must ensure, to the best of their ability, that the person concerned is suitable to work with children.

If a school coach is only supervising children from his or her own school, it is appropriate that their school CRB is accepted. However, if a school is boating from an open club's boathouse and the same school coach is supervising children from other schools or other junior club members, the club is responsible for vetting the coach under British Rowing vetting procedures, including, but not exclusively, a CRB Disclosure.

For example, any junior coach wishing to attend residential GB Rowing junior trials or be selected to coach a junior crew must be CRB checked through British Rowing, since a coach at these trials or an international junior event may be asked to supervise or coach children from other schools or clubs.

Clubs should no longer accept disclosures from coaches or volunteers' employers or other organisations for which they work or volunteer. However, there may be some exceptions, for example where a coach is employed directly by a local authority or County Sports Partnership and their CRB Disclosure may be, by necessity, through that organisation.

Club Welfare Officers should contact the Child Protection Administrator for advice if they are unsure whether to ask for a new CRB Disclosure application or to accept a Disclosure from another organisation.

Anyone who has a CRB Disclosure certificate through British Rowing may use this Disclosure certificate for another British Rowing Club if the role at the new club is not significantly different from the role applied for on the original certificate and if the original certificate was issued within a reasonable timescale.

Club Welfare Officers should check details of any previous certificates with the Child Protection Administrator as part of the vetting procedure.