



BRITISH ROWING

WG 3.13

Volunteers Under 18

Policy & Procedures for Safeguarding, Welfare & Protection

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Volunteers who are under 18 (Young Volunteers)

Volunteering can be a great way for young people to learn and develop new skills and gain experience for their future employment.

Volunteers under 18 are considered a vulnerable group and therefore additional measures should be put in place for their safe recruitment and participation. In addition to the steps below Clubs should refer to the Safer Recruitment Guidance for more information <https://www.britishrowing.org/about-us/safeguarding/guidance-documents/>.

Before accepting a Young Volunteer, a Club must ensure that they:

- agree to the British Rowing Codes of Conduct;
- provide written agreement from their parent/carer that they may carry out the responsibility they have been assigned (see a model consent form on page 2);
- are supervised at all times by at least one adult (including an Official) who holds a DBS check and has undergone appropriate Safeguarding training;
- know their own responsibilities in relation to Safeguarding, and how to report any concerns they have or become aware of;
- are not given responsibilities that may put someone at risk of harm e.g. sole supervision of other juniors or lifting heavy equipment.

The Club should also ensure that appropriate liability insurance is in place to cover Young Volunteers.

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CONSENT FORM FOR YOUNG VOLUNTEERS

Young Volunteer Details			
First Name:		Surname:	
Age:		Date of Birth:	
Rowing Club:			
Emergency Contact Details			
Name:		Relationship to young volunteer:	
Home Tel No:		Mobile:	
Medical Information			
Please provide details of any medical conditions that we may need to be aware of in order to ensure your child's safety while undertaking the volunteering role:			
Parent / Carer Consent			
I confirm I have read and understood the role description and risk assessment information for the role my child is undertaking (Y/N)			
I consent to my child volunteering in the role as <i>[insert role title]</i> (Y/N)			
In the event of an emergency I agree to my child's emergency contact details from this form to be provided to the emergency services, in order to gain permission for any treatment or medication considered necessary by the medical authorities present. (Y/N)			
Parent / Carer's Signature		Date	