



BRITISH ROWING

# Role Description

Deputy Chair of British Rowing Board

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The Deputy Chair of the British Rowing Board is elected by the Regional Representatives of British Rowing. Nomination forms for the role are available from Pippa Randolph, email [governance@britishrowing.org](mailto:governance@britishrowing.org) and must be returned by email to that address at British Rowing by 5.00pm on Friday 28 August 2020.

## **Purpose**

- To support the Chair in monitoring that the activities of the organisation are effectively meeting the objectives set out in the Articles of Association and that the current strategic plan is being implemented.
- To fulfil all other duties as identified for Board members in the Articles of Association.

## **Role**

- To support and assist the Chair in the execution of his/her duties.
- To support the Chair in promoting and directing British Rowing as an effective and influential NGB for rowing.
- To deputise for the Chair and to undertake assignments at the request of the Chair; these may include attendance at rowing events and other functions.
- To act as host to partners, sponsors and other stakeholders, as required.
- To follow the established principles of UK corporate governance and British Rowing's Code of Conduct.
- To attend Board, Council and AGM meetings as well as Standing Committee and Regional Council meetings as required.

## **Leadership**

- To work closely with the Chair to ensure effective communication, internal and external, and specifically between the Board, Council and Members of British Rowing.
- In the absence of the Chair, to work closely with the CEO and Senior Management Team to ensure the agreed objectives of the organisation are being met.

## **Accountability**

- The Deputy Chair is accountable to the Chair and the Board
- To fulfil any specific responsibilities as agreed by the Chair and the Board

## **Experience and qualifications**

- Previous experience of high level committee activity in a voluntary or charitable organisation
- Board experience
- Familiarity with national and/or international sport structures, organisations and operations and funding partners
- Experience of working with volunteers at all levels of activity
- Excellent interpersonal, leadership and influencing skills
- Able to contribute effectively to Board and committee meetings, providing critical support and communicating effectively with staff and volunteers at all levels in the organisation

The time commitment is estimated to be a minimum of 20 – 25 days p.a.  
This is a pro-bono role. Reasonable travel and other expenses will be paid.

## **Eligibility**

British Rowing is committed to equal opportunities across the sport and is actively encouraging and seeking interest from minority communities. Applications from individuals are encouraged regardless of age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, and marriage and civil partnerships.

## **Background information: Key facts about the organisation**

British Rowing, as the national governing body for the sport, is responsible for the development of rowing in England, and the training and selection of rowers to represent Great Britain. Our role is to maintain the framework that delivers for current participants from the grassroots up to the highest level, as well as to act as Trustees of the sport who must safeguard its past, present and future.

Rowing has a proud history. It has been one of the country's most successful Olympic sports, producing World, Olympic and Paralympic champions from across the UK, and Great Britain's rowers have topped the medal table at the last three Olympic Games. At a grassroots level, over 825,000 row (indoor or on the water) each month, according to Sport England's year one Active Lives survey.

British Rowing's mission is to ensure that the sport thrives for past, current and future members. Our vision is to promote the positive impact of our sport across a broader range of people in the country, while upholding Britain's position as a leading rowing nation. We aim to provide an enjoyable experience for all current participants and to encourage people who have never rowed before – or come from communities which might not naturally consider trying the sport - to get involved.