



## Statement

Mr Matthew Hackett has been disciplined under British Rowing's Safeguarding and Protecting Children Guidance (the "Guidance"). Following a hearing before an independent Appeal Panel appointed pursuant to Appendix 2 of the Complaints and Disciplinary Procedure (WG 1.7) within the Guidance, the Appeal Panel handed down its findings in a decision dated 31 January 2019. The Appeal Panel determined that Mr Hackett should be disqualified from all activities under the governance of British Rowing for a period of five years from 26 August 2016 (being the date of his original suspension). This suspension is still ongoing.

Before expiry of the period of disqualification and before Mr Hackett may recommence participation in any activities under the governance of British Rowing, he will be required to engage in an appropriate risk assessment process.

Any enquiries relating to this matter should be directed to British Rowing's Lead Safeguarding Officer at [iso@britishrowing.org](mailto:iso@britishrowing.org). However, please note that British Rowing may be unable to provide further details in respect of the case.

British Rowing takes any matter relating to safeguarding children very seriously. It is essential that acts which compromise the safety and welfare of children are prevented, and that anyone who has contact with children does so in line with British Rowing's Safeguarding and Protecting Children Policy and Guidance and adheres to British Rowing's Codes of Conduct. Failure to do so will result in appropriate sanctions. Details of British Rowing's guiding principles in relation to safeguarding, together with the Safeguarding and Protecting Children Policy and Guidance can be found at <https://www.britishrowing.org/about-us/safeguarding/>

