

# Return to Rowing!

POST COVID 19 RESTRICTION ACTION PLAN\_REVB

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#### Current Status

- As of the 28<sup>th</sup> of August the WSRA remains in the Amber Phase
- WSRA current guidance has changed Rowing is allowed, within extended households - made of upto 4 households.



- Club sec has completed COVID Awareness Course and club module as stipulated by WRSA
- Club sec has nominated himself COVID welfare officer
- COVID officer is key implementer and central point of contact for all COVID 19 matters
- Course emphasis was the clear communication with members, especially as the situation evolves, and pushing the health & safety message.
- Its all about reducing RISK, and everybody is responsible.



# Booking & Equipment

- Booking system must be able to serve as a track & trace system
- Stuart is able to add the following protocols:
  - a message at point of booking to alert members of evolving regulation & rules
  - A system to limit one name to one booking
    - We may have to think of a system to add guests or new members in addition?
    - Or we may have to suspend new memberships?
- Booking should maybe be made specific to boats to reduce the risk further?

- Can equipment be allocated to individuals or bubbles?
- Equipment must be quarantined for 72 hours minimum between uses, unless cleaned.



#### Risk Assessment

- A risk assessment specific to COVID and its impact at SARC has been drafted.
- 1st draft is attached and influences the committee's decision making.
- It is designed to be updated and edited as rqd as the situation evolves.
- This should be published on the club website.



### High Contact points?

- This list highlights the "high contact points" that every member may touch. It is important these are cleaned after each session. A responsible adult should be nominated to ensure members follow the rules & cleaning regime post row.
- Premises:
  - Showground Entrance gate & padlock
  - Boat-Shed pedestrian door, fittings & padlock
  - Light switches
- Other Equipment:
  - Dolly tow line
  - Top of dolly chassis
  - Batteries
  - Lights

- Boats:
  - Oars
  - Rowlocks
  - Gunnels
  - Foot straps
  - Foot-plate adj
  - Seats
  - Steering ropes
  - Bilge pump
  - Bung
  - Painter



#### COVID-19 What if?

- Members should not book or take part in a session, if they have developed COVID symptoms or who have knowingly come into contact with somebody who has tested positive. Symptoms include:
  - A new continuous cough
  - Loss of taste/smell
  - A high temperature
- Members who do develop symptoms and have attended rowing sessions in the last 10days must inform the club COVID welfare officer.
  - Equipment & contact points affected should be identified & deep cleaned by ???
  - COVID officer to inform affected members whom may have come into contact
- Anyone who thinks they have developed symptoms should ring 111 in the first instance.



# Travel & Access to Showground

- Members should be encouraged to travel separately.
- The showground secretary said access to the Showground was unrestricted for SARC members.
- However to reduce risk, proposal should be that the first member arriving on site should open the gate and leave this unlocked & open until all members have arrived. Once all members have arrived a responsible adult should ensure the gate is closed & locked again.
- The same applies when leaving. One person should open & close the gate.



#### Pre-Row

- Members should be encouraged to keep to good standards of hygiene.
- Please remember to sanitise hands when arriving at the club.
- Social distancing should be observed
- Numbers allowed into shed at any one time should be kept to a minimum, observing the 2m social distancing rule.
- All personal effects should be left in vehicles, not in the shed.



## Taking Boats Out & Rowing

- Boats crews should stick to the boats assigned/booked
- Boats will have been cleaned from the previous session, so there should be very low risk of transfer. Boats ready to take out.
- Oars should be clearly marked up and assigned to the boats.
- Members should be asked not to spit or share water bottles
- Hand sanitiser should be available at Cox seat in each boat
- Members need to take responsibility for their own items in the boat
- No Kissing!



#### Post-Row

- Return the boats to the shed in the same condition.
- Remove all branches, rubbish & personal items
- Disinfect all high contact points on the boat, using a suitable applicator, including but not limited to:
  - Oars, foot-rests, foot-straps, gunnels, rowlocks/gates, seats, steering ropes
- Clean batteries & lights separately with disposable cloths
- Bin any rubbish.
- Disinfect contact points of doors/padlocks
- · Sanitise hands before leaving
- Members to ensure all personal items are removed from boats & boat shed and taken home
- One member to unlock/open showground access gates and close lock once all members have left.



#### What we need to do next?

#### Get the following items organised:

- Manual pump garden type sprayer filled with suitable disinfectant for sanitising high contact areas on equipment.
- Laminated posters to spread messages:
  - Social distancing, symptoms, hand washing, general rules, contact details
- Wipes for batteries/lights & other contact points
- Open bin with bin liners
- Disposable gloves

Encourage all members onto WhatsApp group to keep easy comms channel open



#### Information & Guidance

We will continue to take guidance from the following sources:

- Home nation government <a href="https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus">https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus</a>
- Welsh Sports Association <a href="https://wsa.wales/">https://wsa.wales/</a>
- Welsh Sea Rowing Association <a href="https://www.searowing.wales/">https://www.searowing.wales/</a>
- British Rowing <a href="https://www.britishrowing.org/">https://www.britishrowing.org/</a>