

## **Kingston Amateur Regatta (the regatta”): Covid Guidance to Competitors/Coaches, Officials, Volunteers and Spectators.**

General background:

- the applicable government rules places the regatta in the category of organised outdoor sport event which is therefore exempt from the legal restrictions regarding the rule of 30 and allows any number of participants to engage and spectators to watch provided the government’s Covid-secure guidance is followed.

- the spectator capacity is limited to the lower of 4,000 people and 50% of the capacity of the enclosure (covering the last 50-100 metres of the course) which will be erected for the regatta (“the spectator enclosure”). Based on all previous regattas, any likely attendance within the spectator enclosure will fall well under the applicable limits.

- several regattas (eg National Schools, The Met, Marlow) have already been run successfully following specific guidelines produced by British Rowing (“Managing COVID-19 - Advice to the Rowing Community”) [and these include regattas with overlapping features with Kingston’s, namely an open (rather than enclosed) area (eg Marlow Town regatta and Richmond regatta)]

- the guidance set out in this note intends to use the processes successfully adopted by recent regattas to take all reasonable steps, in line with government and British Rowing guidance, to mitigate the risk to public health

- each club/school will complete a Covid declaration form (*add link*) prior to attending the regatta in which they will confirm that they have read, understood and will comply with this Covid Guidance, have read and will conform with Covid guidance issued by British Rowing (Managing Covid-19 - Advice to the rowing community) and will confirm that each of their competitors and coaches has confirmed that none are experiencing any of the known Covid symptoms. When registering for the event at the registration desk, each club/school will be asked to confirm that they have completed the declaration before formal registration and distribution of numbers can be completed.

Guidance to competitors/coaches:

1. All competitors and, where applicable, coaches (and others specifically required to support a junior crew unable to lift a boat alone) must wear face masks when carrying the boat, preparing to boat and on the landing stage.
2. Coaches of adult crews may not accompany their crew to the landing stage.
3. One coach per junior crew may accompany that crew to the landing stage.
4. No parents or other supporters may accompany the crew to the landing stage or otherwise gather or be present in the landing stage area. The only exception to this rule are parents or supporters who are required to assist a junior crew (in addition to the coach) to take their boat to and from the landing stage.
5. All boats must be carried to and from the trailer park following the directions from the trailer park to the landing stage. All competitors and coaches must follow the directions of the landing stage, trailer park and pathway marshalls.
6. When not racing, all competitors and coaches are encouraged to stay in their groups back at their trailers but they may, if they so wish, enter the spectator enclosure provided that they follow the rules relating to spectators as set out below, in order to support other crews in their races.
7. Each coach has a responsibility for the Covid secure behaviour of their clubs/schools, are encouraged to help enforce social distancing among their competitors and ensure that they follow appropriate guidance and circulation at the regatta.

#### Guidance to officials, volunteers:

1. When reporting for duty, all officials/volunteers will be asked to sign a declaration to confirm that they have been vaccinated twice or they have taken and received a negative lateral flow test within 24 hours of the start of their duty or that they are not displaying any of the known Covid symptoms.
2. All volunteers while on duty must wear face coverings at all times that they are within 2 metres of any competitor, coach, spectator or other volunteer.

#### Guidance to spectators/parents/other supporters (together "spectators")

1. Save as required to assist in the carrying of a junior boat, no spectator shall be in the trailer park area or the boating area.
2. If spectators choose not to enter and watch races from the spectator enclosure, they must not gather together on the river bank in groups of more than 30 and they must conform with government social distancing guidelines.
3. If a spectator wishes to enter the spectator enclosure, they must (i) scan the QR code that will be on display as you enter and (ii) they must sign a declaration (giving their name and mobile number) confirming that they have been twice vaccinated, have taken (within the last 24 hours a lateral flow test) or are not displaying any Covid symptoms (parents will be asked to sign this declaration on behalf of any children under the age of 18). The details provided will be provided to any relevant health authority or other body for the purposes of any track and trace process.
4. Spectators are asked to conform to government social distancing guidelines when within the spectator enclosure and facemasks must be worn when using the toilets.
5. By necessity, food and soft drink stalls, will be made available within the spectator enclosure on a takeaway basis. Spectators must respect the government social distancing guidelines when queuing and must not linger around the stalls after they have made their purchases.
6. All spectators with the spectator enclosure must follow and respect the instructions given by any of the marshalls.
7. While we understand the desire to shout support for the competitors during their races, we would ask spectators to endeavour to keep their shouting to a minimum and respect the fact that shouting carries with it a greater risk of droplets carrying to fellow spectators.