

**Shrewsbury Regatta: Adaptive racing risk assessment**

**Date of assessment: 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**General Water Safety:**

**A launch will keep close to rowers in case of incident.**

Hazard	Potential Outcome	Likelihood	Severity of Harm	Measures to Reduce Risk	Overall Risk
<b>Access/ Getting Afloat</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slip hazard – uneven paths</li> </ul>	Injury to helpers/rowers and/or damage to boats.	Likely	Moderate	The track to the Club, car park and riverside footpath are uneven. Coaches and adaptive rowers must take care when approaching the course.	Medium
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slip hazard- landing stages</li> </ul>	Injury to rower if slips or wheelchair overturns	Likely	Moderate/Severe	In slippy conditions and if rower requests 2 helpers to assist wheelchair user to and from the pontoons. Rowers will boat from the Schools pontoon where the slope can be slippy in wet weather. Wheelchair users will and others may require assistance up temporary ramps when boating on and off at the pontoons.	Medium
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skin abrasion</li> </ul>	Wound to rower	Unlikely	Moderate	Mat to be used for transfer to and from boat. Boat to be held firmly. Rowers to bring/use any box/aid that they require.	Low
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cold/wet weather</li> </ul>	Hypothermia	Unlikely	Moderate/Severe	Rowers to assess their fitness & ensure proper dress for the conditions. Any waiting to race/boat off to be kept to a minimum. Safety boat to carry Dryrobe if conditions cold.	Low

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boating malfunctions</li> </ul>	Injury/capsize	Unlikely	Moderate/severe	<p>Adaptive boats will be used where required with outrigger pontoons. Outrigger pontoons and strapping will be checked on boating and comply with BR guidance.</p> <p>Safety boat to follow boats at all times once on-water. On water safety and umpires will be advised of adaptive racing.</p>	Low
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medical emergencies</li> </ul>	Collapse	Unlikley	Moderate/severe	Athletes and coaches should advise boating marshals of any specific medical issues which need to be relayed to the safety launches and if buoyancy aid needed.	Low - Medium
<b>During Race</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incidents involving other racing crews.</li> </ul>	Injury to rowers and/or damage to boats.	Unlikely	Moderate	<p>Dedicated Launch will follow adaptive races and adaptive crews proceeding to the start. Other races and crew circulation will be managed carefully when adaptive rowers are on the water.</p> <p>Experienced adaptive coaches in the launch will warn adaptive rowers of any hazards.</p>	Low
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collision with river traffic.</li> </ul>	Injury to rowers and/or damage to boats..	Unlikely	Moderate	Dedicated launch will look out for any hazard from other river users.	Low
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capsize – scull with stabilising pontoons.</li> </ul>	<p>Potential hypothermia.</p> <p>Drowning.</p>	Unlikely	Moderate/severe	<p>2 people to be on safety launch at all times: RYAL2 qualified driver and coach familiar with adaptive rower rescue techniques. If rower becomes trapped coach to enter the river to assist.</p> <p>Launches will carry U shaped float and rescue knives.</p>	Low - Medium

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disembarking Constraints</li> </ul>	Exhaustion	Unlikely	Moderate	After racing, adaptive athletes will disembark at the Club pontoon. Any wheelchairs or other aids will be transferred from the Schools pontoon while the crews are afloat. Support for boating off to be provided by own club / family.	Low
<b>Environmental</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thunder storms &amp; Lightning.</li> </ul>	Severe injury, death or damage to equipment and structures.	Very Unlikely	Extreme	Adaptive racing will follow the Regatta Thunder & Lightning rules.	Low
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>River Conditions.</li> </ul>	Stream excessive and/or unfair.	Very Unlikely	Moderate	Event Safety Adviser and Chairman of Race Committee to monitor water conditions throughout the period of the Regatta with reference to Rules of Racing 2-1-1 and act accordingly. The river level is safe for adaptive rowers up the level at which racing would be cancelled as unfair (c1.3m).	Low
<b>Welfare and Safeguarding</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vulnerable adults</li> </ul>	Rescue issues for individual athletes	Very unlikely	Slight	<p>Umpires to be informed of athletes specific issues which need to be taken into consideration.</p> <p>Safety launch personnel to be aware of issues, and familiar with adaptive boats and strapping prior to boating.</p> <p>Welfare Officer involved at all levels of planning of event, and present during regatta.</p> <p>Coaches and/or friends/family of athletes will be present and assisting during boating and disembarking.</p>	Low