



SAFEGUARDING & WELLBEING DURING WORLD ROWING PARA ROWING CLASSIFICATION

Despite the numerous well-recognised benefits of participating in sport, evidence indicates that harassment and abuse occurs in all sports and at all levels.

World Rowing believes that it is a fundamental right of all individuals involved with World Rowing to be able to participate in a non-violent, safe and respectful environment.

World Rowing is committed to creating and supporting an environment and a culture free from harassment and abuse, where the wellbeing of all individuals involved with World Rowing is paramount.

As such, all forms of harassment and abuse constitute a violation of the World Rowing Safeguarding Policy and Code of Ethics. Thus, all behaviours and actions that constitute harassment and abuse will not be tolerated.

World Rowing recognises that some athletes or individuals may have particular vulnerabilities, such as juniors, para-athletes, minorities.

During Para Rowing Classification Sessions all individuals involved, including classifiers, para-athletes, coaches, support personals, officials, chaperons, volunteers, classifier trainees...etc. should fully understand and implement the **World Rowing Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, Code of Ethics** and any event-specific safeguarding policies and procedures (including codes of conduct, mandatory safeguarding education and reporting duties, among others). They should refrain from any behaviour that constitutes any form of discrimination, abuse or harassment to others. They have a duty to report any concerns about or allegations of discrimination, abuse or poor practice via proper reporting channels.

Prior to taking part in any World Rowing Para Rowing Classification Session, all individuals involved must understand and abide by the World Rowing Safeguarding Policy and Procedures available on the World Rowing Website [Safeguarding - World Rowing](#)

Violation of the World Rowing Safeguarding Policy and Code of Ethics can result in formal disciplinary sanctions.