



RS Aero UK Class Safeguarding Policy - 2024

As defined in the Children Act 1989 anyone under the age of 18 should be considered as a child for the purposes of this policy. The term 'young people' may also be used in recognising that older teenagers may prefer not to be referred to as 'children'.

The RS Aero Class Association is committed to safeguarding children from physical, sexual and emotional harm.

The RS Aero Class Association aims to support host clubs of our event in their creation of a safe and welcoming environment, both on and off the water, where children can have fun and develop their skills and confidence.

A child competitor and their parent/guardian/legally responsible adult must complete an RS Aero Class Association Under 18 Consent Form and hand this into the event race management team at event registration. The Class' form may be found here;

<https://www.rsarosailing.org/docs/1037195935.pdf>

Please refer to the safeguarding policy of the specific host club of the RS Aero event.

The RS Aero Class Association recognises that safeguarding children is the responsibility of everyone, not just those who work with children. If you have any concerns about an under 18 competitor at an RS Aero UK Class Association organised event please contact the UK Class Association Safeguarding Officer, Emily Davis, by email; rsaerosafeguarding@gmail.com . Alternatively contact the RS Aero Class Manager, Peter Barton by email; manager@rsarosailing.org or on +44 (0) 7912 101590

For further information contact the RYA's Safeguarding Team, by email; safeguarding@rya.org.uk or on +44 (0) 2380 012796, Ext 1.

The RS Aero UK Class will follow the RYA's reporting procedures, the form link to make a referral can be found on the website [rya.vissro.com/rya/forms.nsf/concernSafeguarding\(rya.org.uk\)](https://rya.vissro.com/rya/forms.nsf/concernSafeguarding(rya.org.uk))

Any member of the Association failing to comply with the Safeguarding Policy or any relevant Codes of Conduct may be subject to disciplinary action.

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