

2017 Safeguarding Policy

As defined in the Children Act 1989, for the purposes of this policy anyone under the age of 18 should be considered as a child.

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

The RS Aero Class Association aims to support event clubs 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.

Please refer to the safeguarding policy of the specific event club which is hosting the Open Meeting.

The RS Aero Class Association recognises that safeguarding children is the responsibility of everyone, not just those who work with children. So if you have any concerns about an under 18 competitor at an RS Aero Class Association organised event please contact Class Manager Peter Barton on +44 (0) 7912 101590 or email manager@rsaerosailing.org

For further information contact the RYA's Safeguarding Manager, Jackie Reid, on (UK) 02380 604104 or e-mail <u>jackie.reid@rya.org.uk</u>

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