
Emergency Contact Procedure – Junior Members

On applying to join the club and as part of the annual membership renewal all junior members are required to provide emergency contact telephone numbers. The membership forms have to be checked and countersigned by a parent/carer as appropriate.

A centrally-held register of emergency contact details is on the membership data base where information is secure but access is restricted. This is updated annually, maintained with data collected when memberships are renewed or with additional information supplied during the year by carers or club members.

A copy of junior members' names and emergency telephone contacts is kept securely at the clubhouse.

All junior members are assigned to squads and all coaches are provided with a list of emergency contacts for the athletes in their squad.

Recognising that real emergencies don't always happen in the immediate vicinity of the club buildings all coaches are required to enter emergency contact numbers for athletes into the contact list on their personal mobile phones. All coaches carry mobile phones at all times and, in the event of an emergency involving any individual, the relevant number may be retrieved immediately.

In a real medical emergency the first call would probably be 999, followed by a call to the emergency contact. In a more predictable case- someone capsizing up the river in winter – the emergency contact can be called immediately in order for them to be on hand at the clubhouse to ensure the athlete is taken home immediately.

When attending events at other locations an additional list of emergency contacts is carried in the trailer.

