EVERYONE IN ROWING HAS THE RIGHT TO ENJOY OUR SPORT AT ALL LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION

All interactions between a coach, official, umpire or other representative and an athlete and/or vulnerable individual should be open and observable.

What is an open environment?
An environment that isn’t closed or concealed from others. Interactions should not take place behind closed doors or in secluded locations. Others should be aware the interaction is taking place.

BEFORE INTERACTING WITH AN ATHLETE ASK YOURSELF:
Is this an open interaction?
Are we in a closed or secluded place?
Who knows this interaction is taking place?
Does the individual have an easy and accessible exit path?

What is an observable environment?
A space where others can see or take note of the interaction.

BEFORE INTERACTING WITH AN ATHLETE ASK YOURSELF:
Is this interaction observable?
Is anyone else with us?
Can anyone see us?
Can anyone hear us?

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