

## Restricted Fleet Allocation & Usage Policy

### Tees Rowing Club

#### 1. Purpose

This policy outlines the criteria for the usage of Tees RC performance racing shells. The aim is to ensure our top-tier equipment is maintained in optimal condition while providing competitive athletes with the resources required for training and racing.

#### 2. Fleet Classification

Boats are classified into two tiers to assist members in selection:

- **General Use:** Robust, stable, or aging shells suitable for all members who have demonstrated a basic competence through their squad or group leaders.
- **Restricted use:** Lightweight, high-modulus carbon shells. Restriction relates to the performance goal.

Current restricted use fleet consists of-

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|------------------------|-------|----------|
| Steel River            | 1x    | 60-75kg  |
| Icarus                 | 1x    | 70kg     |
| Endeavor               | 1x    | 75kg     |
| Duke of Kent           | 1x    | 80kg     |
| Temenos                | 1x    | 80kg     |
| Diamond Jubilee        | 2x    | 80-100kg |
| Penny & Derek Copeland | 2x/2- | 75-80kg  |
| Teesside Polly         | 2x/2- | 80kg     |
| Resolution             | 4x-   | 80kg     |
| Tena (Masters only)*   | 4x-   | 70kg     |
| 1825                   | 4x-   | 75kg     |
| Platinum Jubilee       | 4x-   | 85kg     |

\* Restriction for Tena is not linked to performance.

#### 3. Eligibility Criteria for Restricted Boats

Access to restricted boats is not a right of membership but based on the following:

- **Technical Proficiency:** Members must be signed off by the Captain or Coaching Co-ordinator in collaboration with the squad coach as being able to handle high-performance equipment (e.g., technical rowing ability, launching/landing without striking the hull, proper rack storage, and rig maintenance).

- **Defined Training Goal:** Use of restricted boats must be linked to a specific training goal (e.g., World Masters Championships, British National Championships etc.)
- **Time Limit:** Access to restricted boats will not be granted for more than a 1 year period.

#### 4. Usage Rules & Conduct

- **Priority Access:** Captain of the club will have the discretion of allocating the priority access to the crews 2 weeks prior to the specified event.
- **Booking Protocol:** All restricted boats must be booked through FitClub and the request should be approved by the Captain of the club.
- **Restricted singles:** Crews, which have been granted the use of a bigger boat, are eligible to use restricted singles to support their training for the specified event. This will be agreed in collaboration with Squad leader/squad coach, based on the technical ability of the crew member.
- **Post-Row Maintenance:** Performance shells and its accompanying oars must be washed down and dried immediately after use. Failure to clean the boat and oars or return it to its designated rack is a violation of this policy.
- **Incident Reporting:** Any contact (even minor) with a bridge, pier, or other craft and objects must be reported to the Equipment Manager/Captain within 1 hour of landing. Failure to report damage may result in immediate suspension of access.
- **Conflicting requests:** In the event of conflicting requests for the boats, crew/squad leaders are asked to discuss this and agree a compromise. Should this fail, the Captain will make the allocation.
- **Substitute crew members:** Substitutions to the crews should be requested via Captain's discretion.

#### 5. Suspension of Privileges

The Captain reserves the right to suspend a member's access to restricted equipment if:

- The member consistently fails to follow the maintenance/cleaning protocols.
- The member's technical handling consistently puts the equipment at risk.
- The crew is not following the training plan and are no longer planning to enter the specified event.

#### 6. Transparency

List of authorised users of the restricted boats will be published on the Tees RC website <https://www.teesrowingclub.co.uk/restricted-boats>

The Captain will monitor the use of the restricted boats by discussions with the crew members, squad coach, squad leaders, Coaching Co-ordinator and the Equipment Manager. The Captain will have the final say over any decisions about allocations for the restricted boats.