

Eton Dorney 2012 Safety Advisory Group – 2012 Olympics Terms of Reference

Overview

The Eton Dorney Safety Advisory Group (SAG) is the body that will monitor the safety management preparations for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games to be held at Dorney Lake, Buckinghamshire.

Scope

The SAG will focus on the geographic area of:

- the curtilage of the Dorney Lake venue including the canoe training area on the River Thames and the area of the PSAs over the River Thames and into the venue proper,
- the Windsor race course transport hub, and
- the “Big Meadow” transport hub.

This combined area is known as the Eton Dorney (ETD) venue. As with normal sports ground SAGs, areas outside of this geographic area will be considered inasmuch as they impact on the safety of those within the ETD area of operations.

The ETD venue is not a designated sports stadium as defined by the Department of Culture, Media and Sports (DCMS) therefore no formal safety certificate is therefore required. LOCOG have accepted that they will self-certificate to the appropriate standards or higher.

The temporary stands are not identified as regulated stands under the Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987. LOCOG have accepted that the stands will meet all required standards.

Under Section 10 of the Safety at Sports Ground (1975) Act the Local Authority has the power to limit the capacity of any sports ground if it is not satisfied that there are satisfactory safety management practices.

The focus of the SAG is safety management – security and other external issues (e.g. arrival at / departure from the venue) will only be raised in so far as they impact the safety of those on the site.

The SAG will use the Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds (2008, 5th edition) – the “Green Guide” - unless superseded by a later edition or Guidance specifically published for the 2012 Olympics.

LOCOG will be responsible for identifying the appropriate licences required and ensuring that all legislation is complied with.

Purpose of the SAG

The purpose of the Eton Dorney 2012 Safety Advisory Group (SAG) is to ensure that there are suitable safety management systems in place to assure as far as reasonably practicable, the safety of spectators, participants and staff at the Dorney Lake venue during the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games in accordance with national legislation and guidance.

Objectives of the Eton Dorney 2012 SAG

The objectives of the SAG are:

- To confirm the safe capacity of the venue.
- Monitor the development of the venue and transport hub.
- Monitor the development of safety management systems and plans to be assured of their effectiveness and appropriateness.

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- Monitor the development of the LOCOG contingency plan and be assured of its scope and effectiveness.
- Develop a multi-agency emergency plan to respond to emergencies beyond the scope of the LOCOG contingency plan.
- Provide advice on safety management if appropriate.
- Advise LOCOG of concerns.
- Provide local points of contact for LOCOG / ODA in their planning, if required.

Background legislation

The following legislation and statutory guidance will form the basis of the work of the Eton Dorney 2012 SAG.

- Safety at Sports Ground Act (1975).
- Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act (1987).
- Licensing Act (2003).
- Health and Safety (Enforcing Authority) Regulations (1998).
- Health and Safety at Work Act (1974).
- Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds (2008, 5th edition).

General

The Chair of the SAG will be provided by Buckinghamshire County Council. The SAG will meet at regular intervals as decided and adapted to meet the circumstances.

Membership of the Eton Dorney 2012 SAG:

Organisation	Role
Buckinghamshire County Council	Chair
Buckinghamshire County Council	Transportation
South Bucks District Council	Environmental Health / Emergency Planning
South Bucks District Council	Health and Safety
South Bucks District Council	Building Control
RBWM	EPO
Slough Borough Council	EPO
Thames Valley Police	Olympics planning
Thames Valley Police	Local Policing Area
Thames Valley Police	Operations (Buckinghamshire)
Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service	
Berkshire Fire & Rescue Service	
South Central Ambulance Service	
LOCOG	Operators; Safety Management
ODA	Infrastructure
Dorney Lake Services	Venue owners
Royal Windsor Race Course	Transport hub owners
HSE	
South Central Strategic Health Authority	
Wexham Park Hospital	
Environment Agency	
Joint Local Authority Regulators	

Observers:

Organisation	Comment
Bucks 2012 Coordinator	Chair, Nationwide Operations Group
Government Olympic Executive	