

# BIAC Parent-Child Policy

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BIAC adult members with children who participate in BIAC's affiliated junior programs would like to be able to row or paddle with their children. This policy is to ensure there is a way to do that and account for differences between programs. This can apply to parents of Norcal rowers, Serra rowers, or paddling members. The goal is to encourage and enable families to participate together while still maintaining an appropriate level of safety.

BIAC member parents may row/paddle with their junior program children by meeting the following criteria.

## Organizational

- Both parent and child must be current on all waivers and forms.
- Child must be current BIAC member via their program participation. Norcal or Serra team members or junior paddling members are annual BIAC members, paid via their team participation for that year.
- The BIAC member-parent must be an active member in good standing and have paid any applicable equipment fees that apply to themselves.
- Use of BIAC equipment. The junior rowing programs do not pay BIAC equipment fees - an additional equipment fee of \$100 per year per child will be assessed on the parent to cover equipment costs.
  - This applies annually, but it is assumed that use by the child will be shared use with the parent primarily during summer months and otherwise occasional (holidays, participation in a parent-child race, etc). It does not mean the child may use BIAC equipment for their junior team participation during the year or during a team summer program.
  - Use of Norcal, Serra, or other private equipment by the child must be negotiated with the respective equipment owner
- A qualified parent may allow their child to be accompanied by a friend who is also a qualified junior member meeting the qualifications above, IF the friend has a signed letter from their legal guardian explicitly allowing the qualified parent to supervise the friend for BIAC operations and filed with BIAC.

## On the water

BIAC takes water safety seriously; the guidelines used for adults are in effect as well as the following:

- The parent must have any BIAC certifications or qualifications for the equipment used.
- The child must be qualified by the junior program for the equipment used.
- The parent assumes full responsibility for direct supervision of the child(ren). If more than one boat is used, direct supervision means close contact between boats - no more than 250 meters apart and always in visual and verbal contact.
- Both parent and child shall participate together in a safety review by a designated BIAC representative, for example the Operations Director or another coach so designated.
- The parent may not supervise more than one additional boat and boats must be similar in performance.

Examples:

- A parent in a single may supervise a child in a single
- A parent and child may row together in a double
- A parent in a single may supervise two children in a double if they can maintain contact
- A parent in a single may NOT supervise children in a quad - the quad is significantly faster
- A parent who is qualified as bow in a quad may row with children serving as crew in that same quad.