

Proposed BCCC moving water trip guidelines.

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Very sheltered water.

Level 1 Coach (or a peer group of 2 star paddlers with CST)
Paddler ratio 1:8 kayak and 1:6 open canoe.

Sheltered water.

Level 2 Coach (or a peer group of 3 star paddlers with CST)
Paddler ratio 1:8 kayak and 1:6 open canoe.

Moderate inland water.

The river of known grade and familiar to the leader (Grade 1 to 2).

Paddler ratio 1:6 and 1:4 open canoe.

The leader should be at least a Level 3 coach and at least one other paddler with leadership skills and 4 star CCK. Recommendations are that paddlers join at the discretion of the leader. If under 18 year old paddlers join the group, they only join at the discretion of the leader and the appropriate 'loco parentis' forms are completed.

A leader may also be a member of a 'peer group' of 4 star and above paddlers with CST, those under 18 join at the discretion of the leader and the appropriate 'loco parentis' section of the BCCC trip form is completed.

If the water is unfamiliar to the leader it is recommended that only paddlers over 18 years old join the group and are 'competent paddlers' at this grade and only join at the leaders discretion.

Advanced inland water

The river of known grade and familiar to the leader (Grade 3 +).

Paddler ratio 1:4 kayak and 1:4 open canoe.

The leader should be at least a Level 3 coach with experience on this water at this grade and at least one other paddler with leadership skills and 4 star CCK. Recommendations are that paddlers join at the discretion of the leader are over 18 and/or are known to the leader as 'competent paddlers'. If under 18 year old paddlers join the group, they only join at the discretion of the leader and that the appropriate 'loco parentis' section of the BCCC trip form is completed.

If the water is unfamiliar to the leader it is recommended that only paddlers over 18 years old join the group and are 'competent paddlers' at this grade and only join at the leaders discretion.

The club will follow the BCU guidelines that paddlers make their own decision to join a trip and that 'informed consent' be arrived at on the day regarding the conditions and river levels.

Further reading see: BCU publication 'Check list for the guidance of relevant authorities.'
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