



Code of Conduct

It is the policy of:

Basingstoke Canal Canoe Club that all paddlers, volunteers, coaches and parents show respect and understanding for each other and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the Club. The aim is for all paddlers to improve performance and have fun. Everyone involved in the Club should abide by the Club Rules and Policies.

Adult Paddlers

- All members must take responsibility in ensuring they are up to date with the rules, understand and adhere to them.
- All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity.
- Members should recognise the valuable contribution made by coaches and officials who are usually volunteers.
- All members must respect officials and publicly accept their decisions.
- All members should be a positive role model, treat other players and officials with the same level of respect you would expect to be shown to you.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Members are not allowed to smoke, consume alcohol or drugs on club premises or whilst representing the club.
- Members should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach if they are going to be late.
- Members must wear suitable kit for training and competing, as agreed with the coach.
- Members must pay any fees for training or events promptly.
- Bullying of any sort will not be tolerated. Encourage everyone to enjoy sport and understand that people have different motivations for taking part.
- All members must take care of all property belonging to the club or club members.
- All member must treat other club members with respect at all times — on and off the water — treat other paddlers as you would want to be treated yourself.
- All members control tempers and avoid behaviour which may affect or upset others.
- All members must cooperate and listen to their coach or club officials.

Junior Paddlers

- All members must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions.
- All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity.
- Members should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late.
- Members must wear suitable kit for training and competitions, as agreed with their coach.
- Members must pay any fees for training or events promptly.
- Junior members are not allowed to smoke on club premises or whilst representing the club at competitions.
- Junior members are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the club.
- Bullying of any sort will not be tolerated.



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Club Officials, Coaches and Volunteers

- Consider the wellbeing and safety of paddlers before the development of performance.
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with performers, based on mutual trust and respect.
- Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part.
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Follow British Canoeing and club guidelines and policies.
- Hold the appropriate, updated qualifications and insurance.
- Never exert undue influence over paddlers to obtain personal benefit or reward.
- Never condone rule violations, rough play or the use of prohibited substances.
- Encourage and guide paddlers to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.
- Encourage paddlers to value their performance and not just results.

Parents/Guardians

- Encourage your child to learn the rules and play within them
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials.
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Never force your child to take part in sport.
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding good performances of all.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept official's judgements.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Encourage and guide performers to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.
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- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Set a good example by applauding good performances of all paddlers.