

## **SOUTHAMPTON CANOE CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT**

**This Policy applies to all members of Southampton Canoe Club including the parents and carers of junior members. It has been created with support from British Canoeing.**

It is the policy of Southampton 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 Southampton Canoe Club. The aim is for all paddlers to improve performance and have fun.

### **Paddlers:**

- Take care of all property belonging to the club or club members or Woodmill Activities Centre and the environment around us.
- Treat other people with respect at all times - on and off the water - treat other paddlers as you would wish to be treated yourself.
- Control tempers, language and avoid behaviours which may affect or upset others.
- Co-operate and listen to your coach or club officials.

### **Club Officials, Coaches and Volunteers**

- Consider the wellbeing and safety of paddlers before the development of performance.
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with members, based on mutual respect and trust.
- Ensure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability, experience and physical limits of those taking part.
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour.
- Follow British Canoeing and Southampton Canoe Club Policies and Guidelines.
- Hold appropriate and up to date qualifications, insurance and checks.
- Encourage paddlers to value their performance, not just result.
- Do not condone the use of prohibitive substances.

### **Parents / Carers / Guardians.**


- Help your child recognise good performance, not just results.
- Never force your child to participate.
- 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 the sport.
- Use appropriate language at all times.

- Set a good example by applauding good performances of all paddlers.

Breaches of this code of conduct will be dealt with immediately by a Southampton Canoe Club official, persistent concerns or breaches may result in you being asked not to attend club activities or events if your attendance is considered detrimental to the welfare of any member participating.

**Continued issues and repeated breaches may regrettably result in the club asking you or your child to leave the session, event or club.**

The Club will review this code of conduct annually.

Signed:  Chairperson

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