

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

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 the NSPCC and British Canoeing.

As a parent / carer of a child at Southampton Canoe Club, you play an essential part in supporting, encouraging and influencing your child's participation in canoeing. We expect all parents / carers to follow the behaviours and requests set out in this code.

Set a good example and support your child / all children:

- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy the sport
- Ensure your child has appropriate clothing, kit, food and drink appropriate to the activity and weather conditions
- Deliver and collect your child punctually, ensure their coach is aware if they are unable to attend a session or are to be collected by someone else.
- Behave responsibly; try not to embarrass your child.
- Applaud good performances of all paddlers, not just your child's. Let your child know how proud you are of what they are doing. Think about the way you react and behave, this effects not just your child, but other children too.
- Lead by example when it comes to positive behaviour and talk to your child about good sportsmanship and etiquette and to listen to their body.
- Show appreciation and support for the coaches, volunteers and staff at the club and events.
- Publicly accept judges or official's decisions.
- Use appropriate language at all times.
- When requested, complete and return any registration, medical and consent forms and update these straight away with any changes.
- Ensure your child is medically and physically fit for their planned session and has access to any medication they may require.

Listen to your child:

- Try and learn about your child's sport and what it means to them
- Take the time to talk to your child about what you both want to achieve through sport
- Remember that children get a wide range of benefits from sport, like making friends, getting exercise, developing skills. It's not all about wins and losses.

- Listen to your child when they say they do not want to do something, never punish or belittle them for making a mistake or losing.
- Teach them they can only do their best.

Know how the club keeps your child safe, as a parent / carer you have the right to:

- Be assured that your child is safeguarded during their time with the club.
- Be informed of problems or concerns relating to your child.
- Be informed if your child is injured and see any accident reports.
- See any of our policies and procedures at any time.
- Know what training and qualifications our coaches have.
- Be involved and contribute to the towards decisions within the club or activity.
- Have your consent sought for any activities or photographs of your child outside our initial consent form.
- Have any concerns about any aspect of your or any child's welfare listened to and responded to.

The contact details for the Club Welfare Officer are displayed on the club notice board and website, please contact them with any concerns you may have regarding your child or any other child's welfare within the club.

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 child participating.

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

The Club will review this code of conduct annually.

Signed:  _____

Chairperson

Date: 08.03.2021