



Dorset Disabled Canoe Unit - Club Code of Conduct

It is the policy of Dorset Disabled Canoe Unit that all paddlers, volunteers, coaches, leaders and parents/carers 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 have opportunities to paddle, develop their skills and have fun.

Everyone involved in the Club should abide by the Club code of conduct, rules and Policies.

Paddlers

- Take care of all property belonging to the club or club members.
- Treat other club members with respect at all times and be mindful of their health and well-being — on and off the water — treat other paddlers as you would want to be treated yourself.
- Control tempers and avoid behaviour which may affect or upset others.
- Co-operate and listen to your coach, leaders or helpers.
- Make sure that they have suitable clothing for the weather and conditions.

Club Officials, Coaches and Volunteers

- Follow British Canoeing operating procedures for coaches/leaders and club guidelines and policies.
- Consider the wellbeing and safety of paddlers before the development of performance.
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with members, based on mutual trust and respect.
- Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability, fitness levels and experience of those taking part
- Be aware of the medical conditions and support needs of the paddlers
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Hold the appropriate, up-dated qualifications and insurance.
- The club will contribute to costs for such qualifications on an ad hoc basis. This will be agreed before the training takes place.
- Encourage paddlers to value their performance and not just results.
- Never condone the use of prohibitive substances.

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