



Safeguarding Policy

Dorset Disabled Canoe Unit is fully committed to safeguarding the well being of all of its members. All members should show respect and understanding for the rights, safety and welfare of others and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the Club.

This policy covers safeguarding both children and Vulnerable groups. The club will specify the categories of membership which apply at any time.

We believe that taking part in Paddlesport should be a positive and enjoyable part of our member's lives and to achieve this, we have the following aims:

- Club coaches and helpers should follow the British Canoeing Code of Ethics as well as the DDCU Code of Conduct.
- All Club coaches, helpers and officials working with young people should read and adhere to the British Canoeing Child and Vulnerable Groups Protection Policy, including the safeguarding training requirements. The Club will follow the guidance of the policy in the event of any concerns or allegations
- The Club will ensure that anyone who meets the eligibility criteria for a Disclosure check will not be deployed until a satisfactory check has been returned.
- All Club members are made aware of the Club Code of Conduct.
- The Club will obtain written medical details and support needs of paddlers which will be made known to coaches, where deemed appropriate and/or necessary.
- To protect our helpers and our members, we will not be carrying out any form of personal care for our members. If this is required, a carer will need to attend the paddle to perform these duties.
- A parent/guardian will need to attend with any member under 18 years old.
- Any paddler who coaches or is a leader for the Club should be a member of British Canoeing. The club will encourage and support helpers to gain qualifications and assist coaches and leaders to stay updated.
- The Club will identify a person whose role it is to deal with any issues concerning Safeguarding and Child Protection (Club Welfare Officer) and notify this person to all members. Anyone with concerns with



respect to the welfare of a child or other member should contact that person. If that person is unavailable they can contact the British Canoeing Safeguarding Officer.

- The Club will adopt and regularly review a Health and Safety Policy.
- The Club will review this Policy annually.