



Club Code of Conduct

It is the policy of **Paignton 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.

Paddlers

- 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
- Control tempers and avoid behaviour which may inconvenience or upset others
- Co-operate and listen to your coach or club officials
- Take care of all property belonging to the club or club members
- Respect the rights, property and expectations of other water users

Club Officials, Coaches, Volunteers and Helpers

- Consider the well being 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 and experience of those taking part
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance
- Follow BCU and club guidelines and policies
- Hold the appropriate, up-dated qualifications and insurance
- Encourage paddlers to value their performance and not just results
- Never condone the use of prohibited substances

Parents/Guardians

- Ensure that club officials, relevant to the activity being undertaken, have emergency contact details, and that there is a clear understanding of the end of session pick-up
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy the sport
- Use correct and proper language at all times
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results
- Set a good example by appreciating good performances of all paddlers
- Do not punish or belittle a child, for losing or making mistakes
- Publicly accept official's judgments

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