

# Club Code of Conduct



It is the policy of Blackwater Valley Canoe Club that all paddlers, parents, volunteers, coaches and club officials 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 their performance and have fun in a safe and co-operative environment.

Everyone involved in the Club must abide by the Club rules and policies. The essence of good ethical conduct and practice is summarised below.

## **Paddlers**

- Treat other Club members with respect at all times on and off the water
- Co-operate with and listen to your coach or Club officials
- Control tempers and avoid behaviour which may inconvenience or upset others
- Take good care of all property and facilities belonging to the Club, club members or hired to the Club.

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

- Follow BCU and Club guidelines and policies
- Hold the appropriate, up-to-date qualifications and insurance
- Make sure that all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part
- Consider the wellbeing and safety of paddlers before the development of performance
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with participants, based on mutual respect and understanding
- Encourage participants to value their individual performance and personal paddling skills development
- Encourage and guide participants to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance
- Promote the positive aspects of the sport and never condone rule violations, rough play or the use of prohibited substances.

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## Junior Code of Conduct

All Junior Members are asked to abide by the following rules at all times:

- You must comply with the club rules, co-operate fully, respecting all requests and decisions made by coaches, helpers, officials and administrators and their decisions.
- Control your temper and avoid behaviour which may inconvenience or upset others
- Be considerate and respectful to other paddlers and water users - treat other paddlers as you would want to be treated
- You must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity.
- Be on time for training and courses or inform your coach if you are going to be late or unavailable
- Do not to leave sessions without the permission of the coach or leader
- You must wear suitable kit for training sessions and whilst on club events, as agreed with the coach and you must wear a properly fitting buoyancy aid at all times when on the water.
- Take care of all property belonging to the Club or any club member and be responsible for caring for your own equipment and clothing
- You must pay all club subscriptions, course and competition entry fees promptly on the due date.
- Junior members are not allowed to smoke on club premises or whilst representing the club at competitions.
- Junior members are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the club.

<b>Signed</b>		<b>Date</b>	
<b>PRINT Name</b>			
<b>Signature</b>		<b>Date:</b>	

### *Parents/Carers/Guardians*

- Encourage your child to learn the rules and play within them.
- Discourage unfair play, disruptive behaviour and arguing with officials.
- Help your child to recognise improvements in their own and others performance
- Never force your child to take part in sport if they are unwilling.
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding good performances of all.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept decisions and discipline of Club coaches and officials
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Encourage and guide performers to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.

<b>Signed</b>		<b>Date</b>	
<b>PRINT Name of parent/carer:</b>			
<b>Signature of parent/carer:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	

Copies –1. Signed copy for Club records, 1 for Club Member