# **BLACKWATER VALLEY CANOE CLUB**



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It is the policy of Blackwater Valley 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**

- Take care of all property belonging to the club or club members.
- 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 affect or upset others.
- Co-operate and listen to your coach or club officials. Club Officials, Coaches and Volunteers
- Consider the wellbeing and safety of paddlers before the development of performance.
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with performers, 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 British Canoeing 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.

### **Volunteers/Parents/Carers/Spectators**

- Help participants to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Never force your participants to take part in sport.
- Never punish or belittle a participant for loosing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept official's judgements.
- Support participants involvement and help them to enjoy the sport.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.