

Code of Conduct for Parents and Carers

As a parent or carer you play an essential part in encouraging, supporting and influencing your child's participation in canoeing. As a result it is important you display positive and supportive behaviours at all times whilst at the club and whilst engaged in paddlesport activities. Your support and encouragement for your children and others is vital in creating a safe and happy paddling environment at Reading Canoe Club

The following code of conduct highlights examples of good behaviour for you to follow

Set a good example:

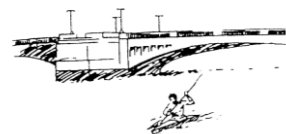
- Applaud good performances of all paddlers, not just your child's.
- Behave responsibly and appropriately at all times
- Show appreciation and support for the coaches, staff and volunteers.
- Publicly accept judges or official's decisions.
- Use appropriate, non-offensive language at all times.

As parents/carers you should:

- Support and encourage your child's involvement and help them to enjoy the sport.
- Never force your child to take part in sport.
- Promote playing sport for fun.
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Not place your child under pressure or push them into activities they do not want to do.
- Encourage your child to follow the rules of the sport and any codes of conduct for the activity/ club or centre.
- Teach them that they can only do their best.
- Acknowledge and engage in discussion about results that may be disappointing for your child and help manage expectations through constructive support by liaising with coaches/leaders on performance reviews.
- When requested, complete and return any registration, medical and consent forms and ensure you update these straight away with any changes.
- Deliver and collect your child punctually. Confirm attendance (or not) when requested.
- Inform the coach/ organiser prior to the activity starting if your child is to be collected early or by someone else.
- Ensure your child has clothing, kit, food and drink appropriate to the activity and weather conditions.
- Support the club through volunteering in a variety of roles/events.

As a parent/carers you have the right to:

- Be assured that your child is safeguarded during their participation in the activity.
- Be informed of problems or concerns relating to your child.
- Be informed if your child is injured.
- Have your consent sought for attendance on club trips or photography of your child.
- Contribute to decisions that affect your child.



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- Have any concerns about any aspect of your child's welfare, listened to and responded to.

Any breaches of this code of conduct will be dealt with immediately by a Reading Canoe Club official. (*In line with club policies and procedures*) . Persistent concerns or breaches may result in you being asked not to attend club activities or events if your attendance is considered detrimental to the welfare of young participants. The ultimate action should a parent / guardian continue to breach the code of conduct may be the Reading Canoe Club officials regrettably asking your child to leave the session, event or club.

Signed

Signature of parent/carer:

Print name of parent/carer:

Date:

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