



## **Codes of Conduct**

### **ADULTS**

It is the policy of Cherwell 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, it's members and others.
- Treat others with respect at all times, on and off the water. Treat other people 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.
- Publicly accept official's judgments. Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials.
- Pay any fees for training or events promptly.

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

- Consider the well being and safety of paddlers before the development of performance.
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with participants, 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.
- Never condone rule violations or rough play.

## **Parents/Guardians/Carers**

- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Never force your child to take part in sport.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept official's judgements.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy the sport.
- In competitive disciplines encourage your child to learn the rules and play within them.
- Encourage and guide your child to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Set a good example by applauding good performances of all paddlers.

## **YOUNG MEMBERS UNDER 18**

As a young Paddler taking part in a Cherwell Canoe Club activity, you should:

- Help create and maintain an environment free of fear and harassment
- Demonstrate fair play and apply British Canoeing's standards both on and off the water
- Understand that you have the right to be treated as an individual
- Respect the advice that you receive
- Treat others as you would wish to be treated yourself
- Respect other people and their differences
- Look out for yourself and for the welfare of others

- Speak out (to your parents or a club representative) if you consider that you or others have been poorly treated
- Tell someone in authority if you are leaving the venue
- Accept that these guidelines are in place for the well-being of all concerned
- Treat organisers and coaches with respect
- Observe instructions or restrictions requested by the adults looking after you
- Be organised and on time, or inform your coach or session organiser if you are going to be late.
- Take care of all property belonging to the club or others and be responsible for caring for your own equipment and clothing. Put kit away after you have used it.

You should not take part in any irresponsible, abusive, inappropriate or illegal behaviour which includes:

- Using offensive language.
- Publicly using critical or disrespectful descriptions of others, either in person or through text, email or social network sites.
- Smoke or consume alcohol or drugs of any kind (except prescribed medication) whilst on club premises or representing the club at events.