

Cleveland Canoe Club

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

As a responsible club, we are fully committed to safeguarding the well being of all our members. In particular, we have an extra duty of care towards the children that are members of our club. To this end we have adopted the set of policy documents produced by the British Canoe Union aimed at protection of children and vulnerable adults that take part in paddle sports.

In addition, all sports organisations that seek grants or funding are now expected to have an active child protection policy.

The intention of these documents is to define the conduct expected by all members of the club and the points covered in the documents are mostly common sense and what any reasonable person would expect. The intention is not to stop any reasonable behaviour or tie the club up in red tape but the committee do take the adoption of this policy seriously and requires a number of actions that are summarised below.

1. Implementation of policy and availability of documents

The policy documents are available on the club website under a new Child Protection section:

<http://www.clevelandcanoeclub.org.uk/protection.html>

A number of documents are aimed at club coaches, officials and helpers and one document, the Code of Conduct, is aimed at all club members. A copy of the Code of Conduct is attached at the bottom of this document.

2. Child Protection officials

The Club already has a Youth Section Leader - Nigel Barnes, but has also appointed a new Welfare Officer - Steve Holland to help support the Child Protection policy. Any concerns regarding children or vulnerable can be reported to them or to the BCU Child Protection Officer.

- Steve Holland - Welfare Officer - 01275 874090
- Nigel Barnes - Junior Section Leader - 01275 794 852
- BCU Child Protection Officer on Tel: 0115 9821100

Contact details for the above people are also on the website and will be added to the club notice board in the Strode Road swimming pool along with photographs of Steve and Nigel so you can recognise them easily.

3. Criminal Record Bureau checks

The Club will conduct a screening process and obtain Criminal Records Bureau checks on all committee members and any other members who want to help in running the club.

If you would like to help, we need to include volunteers in our CRB checks. So we can do this, please contact Lynne Lamb (lamb40@blueyonder.co.uk).

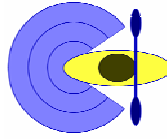
4. Photographs and video activities

We sometimes take photographs at club events and publish them on the website. However, we recognise that some people may not want their children's photograph published in this way or taken at all. In future, we will endeavour to inform parents when we are taking photographs and obtain their consent before publication. If you do not want yours or your child's photograph taken or published, please contact Lynne Lamb (lamb40@blueyonder.co.uk).

If there are any questions or concerns about the Child Protection policy please contact myself, Lynne, or Steve or Nigel.

Gavin Price
Chair, Cleveland Canoe Club

CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT



It is the policy of **Clevedon 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 inconvenience or upset others
- Co-operate and listen to your coach or club officials

Club Officials, Coaches and Volunteers

- Consider the well being 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 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

- 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
- Use correct and proper language at all times
- Set a good example by applauding good performances of all paddlers

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