

# SOUTHEND CANOE CLUB

## CODE OF CONDUCT



### **Introduction**

Southend Canoe Club was formed by a group of friends who paddled together. We have always relied on common sense and decency to ensure that taking part in club activities is a positive and enjoyable experience for everyone. This Code of Conduct explains how we aim to continue to achieve this.

### **Policy statement**

It is the policy of Southend Canoe Club that club members, committee, coaches, parents, guardians, carers and visitors. 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 skills and ability and for everyone involved to have fun.

Everyone involved in the club shall abide by the club's rules and policies.

### **Paddlers**

- Express any concerns with regards to the safety and welfare of yourself or others
- Show respect to others when changing in public places
- Take care of all property belonging to the club, club members and others at all times
- On club paddles, for your own safety, do not get on the water until sufficient experienced paddlers have arrived
- Treat everyone as you would want to be treated yourself
- Control tempers and/or over enthusiasm both on and off the water
- Co-operate and listen to club committee, coaches and event organisers
- When using centres providing canoe/kayak facilities ensure you abide by their rules and policies

### **Committee members, Coaches, Event organisers and Helpers**

- Consider the well being and safety of everyone before the development of skills and ability
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with members and guests based on mutual trust and respect

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Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part  
Display standards of behaviour, appearance and discipline that will not bring the club into disrepute

Follow Club guidelines and policies and, where appropriate those of the sport's governing body

Encourage coaches to achieve and maintain the appropriate, updated qualifications and insurance

Never condone the use of illegal substances

Encourage and guide participants to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour

### **Parents, Guardians, Carers**

Support your child's involvement and help them enjoy the sport

Never force your child to take part in sport

Never punish or belittle anyone for making mistakes

Encourage your child to paddle safely whilst having fun

Do not swear or use abusive language at any time

Canoeing & kayaking are "assumed risk" water contact sports which may carry attendant risks

Encourage your child to read and understand the Code of Conduct

Set a good example by encouraging positive achievement of all paddlers

### **On Club Events and Trips**

Park sensibly. Do not cause an obstruction or inconvenience local residents

Respect facilities provided for the event

Co-operate with trip/event organisers and remember that many hands make light work

Please drink responsibly

Accept officials' judgements in competition

Any activity other than that organised by the club is undertaken at the participants own risk.

### **All Members**

Mobile phones or recording equipment must not be used inappropriately

Social media posts should be respectful and sensitive to the welfare of others

Ensure that the poolside has been cleared of all club equipment at the end of each pool session

No poolside photography or videos to be taken without the prior consent of the committee, who shall inform the membership prior to the event

Treat borrowed gear as if it were your own and return it promptly

Help, encourage and guide those less able than yourself

Never criticise anyone who makes mistakes or lacks ability

### **DECLARATION**

Southend Canoe Club hereby adopts and accepts this code of conduct as a current operating practice regulating the expected actions of members.

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**Enjoy paddlesport, develop skills and have fun**