



**Club Code of Conduct**

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**Intent**

Devizes Canoe Club is affiliated to Paddle UK. This code of conduct supports our efforts to treat everyone equally, regardless of sex, ethnic origin, religion or political persuasion.

This code of conduct follows the Paddle UK template. It supplements our current Club Rules, DCC’s Sport Equality Policy, our club values, other DCC policies and codes of conduct.

**It is the policy of Devizes 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, in particular the general public including our near neighbours and those who live on or near the canal.
- 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 paddlers/performers, based on mutual trust and respect.
- Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, abilities and experience of those taking part.



- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Follow Paddle UK and club guidelines and policies.
- Comply with Paddle UK Standards for Deployment in delivering club activities.
- 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 officials' 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.

### **Local rules applying to all club members and supporters**

- Every club member is individually responsible for raising safety concerns and conducting themselves in a way that ensures their own safety and the safety of others.
- The word of a club coach or any club official is final.
- Visit the club on foot or by bike unless you need to bring a vehicle to load/unload a boat, or you need to arrive by car because your mobility is restricted.
- Use offsite public parking. Do not park at the club, Lower Wharf or the private visitor's spaces at Dundas Court.
- Only use the private parking at Wansborough's Solicitors outside of working hours.

**Breaches of the code of conduct will be addressed using the club's disciplinary, disputes and appeals policy. This policy is published on the club's website.**