Devizes Canoe Club

DCC Safeguarding Policy

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This policy applies to all members of Devizes Canoe Club.

Devizes Canoe Club (DCC) recognises the need to promote the welfare and interests of its members in all circumstances and is fully committed to safeguarding the wellbeing of all. Safeguarding is a collective responsibility, all members should show respect and understanding for the rights, safety and welfare of others, and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the Club.

We believe that taking part in Paddle sport should be a positive and enjoyable part of children's and vulnerable adult's lives and to achieve this have the following aims:

- All Club members are to be made aware of DCC's Club Code of Conduct.
- All Club coaches, helpers, volunteers and officials working with young people and vulnerable adults should read and adhere to Paddle UK's Safeguarding Children Policy and Safeguarding Adults Policy. The Club will follow the guidance of these policies in the event of any concerns or allegations.
- The Club will ensure that anyone working regularly with young people and/or vulnerable adults undertake an enhanced DBS check.
- The Club will obtain written medical details of all paddlers and emergency contact details (ICE) which will be made known to coaches via SPOND where deemed appropriate and/or necessary.
- Any paddler who coaches for the club must be an On the Water member of Paddle UK. The Club will encourage and support helpers to gain qualifications and assist coaches to stay up-dated through Continual Professional Development (CPD) gaining 20 points over a 3 year period.
- Club coaches working with children and/or vulnerable adults must complete UK Coaching Safeguarding and Protecting Children training and safeguarding refresher training every 3 years.

- All Club coaches must complete Paddle UK's Code of Conduct for coaches elearning.

- The Club will identify persons, Welfare Officer and deputies whose role it is to deal with any issues concerning Safeguarding and notify these persons to all members.

- Anyone with any concerns with respect to Safeguarding should speak to the Club Welfare Officer (Jenny Jones) or a deputy or fill in the online form on DCC website. If that person is unavailable they can contact the Club Chair or contact the Paddle UK Designated Safeguarding Lead, Joy Johnston on 01158655354 or safeguarding@paddleuk.org.uk

- The Club will adopt and regularly review a Health and Safety Policy.

- The Club is essentially a family club and parents and carers are encouraged to accompany and support their children at Club events or trips. Where children are not accompanied, the club will require a consent form to be completed before the child may participate.

- The Club will review this Policy annually.

This document is based on the Paddle UK's Safeguarding Policies and Standards of Deployment.