



# TYNE VALLEY CANOE CLUB

## CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

This policy has been formulated and agreed by the General Committee to support the aims of the Club and Section 24 of the Club Constitution. This policy follows closely the guidelines and principle of good practice recommended by the British Canoe Union.

### **PRINCIPLES**

It is the policy of Tyne Valley 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.

The essence of good ethical conduct and practice is summarised below.

#### **All Paddlers must:**

- 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.
- Take responsibility for their performance and behaviour.
- Be suitably dressed for paddling and wearing the appropriate safety equipment as agreed with the coach.
- Do not endanger other paddlers by inappropriate behaviour or actions on or off the water.
- Co-operate and listen to your coach or Club officials.

#### **All Club Officials, Coaches and Volunteers must:**

- 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.
- Promote the positive aspects of the sport.

- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Follow Club and BCU guidelines and policies.
- Hold the appropriate and valid qualifications and insurance cover.
- Encourage paddlers to value their performance and not just results.
- Never exert undue influence over participants to obtain personal benefit or reward.
- Never condone the use of prohibitive substances.
- Encourage and guide participants to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.

### **Parents/Carers and Guardians**

- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding good performances of all.
- Encourage your child to control their temper and to avoid behaviour which may upset others.
- Encourage your child to treat others, as they would wish to be treated themselves.
- Never punish or belittle your child for losing or making mistakes.
- Support your child's involvement and help them enjoy their sport.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Encourage and guide your child to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.
- Encourage your child to treat other club members and their peers with respect at all times.
- Discourage inappropriate behaviour and actions that may cause harm to other paddlers and their peers.
- Encourage your child to take care of all property belonging to the club or club members.

### **JUNIOR CODE OF CONDUCT**

All Junior Members are asked to abide by the following rules at all times:

- Co-operate fully, respecting all requests and decisions made by the coaches, volunteers, officials and administrators.
- Be on time for training sessions and events or inform the coach you are going to be late.
- Paddlers must control their tempers and avoid behaviour which may inconvenience or upset others.
- Be considerate and respectful to other paddlers and water users – treat other paddlers, as you would want to be treated.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Wear suitable kit for paddling as agreed by the coach.
- Take care of all property belonging to the club or any club member – and be responsible for caring for your own equipment and clothing.
- Not to leave sessions without the permission of the coach or leader.

- Junior members are not allowed to smoke, consume alcohol or drugs of any kind whilst on the club premises or representing the club at events.

This Code of Conduct policy is supported by the TVCC General Policy Rules Sections 4, 5 and 6, Conditions for going on the water and the use of club equipment.

This policy is supported by the Club Harassment Policy, which applies to all club members, coaches, leaders, volunteers, parents and visitors.

The Junior Code of Conduct is also set out as a separate policy supporting the Child Protection Policy of the Club. Junior members will be given a copy of the policy on joining the club. Parents and Guardians will be in receipt of a copy of the Club Code of Conduct for Parents/Carers.

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This policy will be reviewed and revised on an annual basis and any changes made will be by the agreement of the General Committee. Members of the club will be informed of the revisions at the Club Annual General Meeting.

Date of last revision: 1:09:2008

Date of next review: On an annual basis or when revisions deemed to be appropriate

Tyne Valley Canoe Club is Affiliated to the British Canoe Union