



## **Club Child and Vulnerable Adults Protection Policy**

**Pathfinders Youth Canoe Club** is fully committed to safeguarding the wellbeing of its members. 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 Paddlesport should be a positive and enjoyable part of children's/vulnerable adults lives and to achieve this have the following aims:

- Club coaches should follow the British Canoeing Coaches & Officials Code of Conduct.
- All club coaches, helpers and officials working with young people should read and adhere to the British Canoeing child and vulnerable adults policy. The club will follow the guidance of the policy in the event of any concerns or allegations.
- The club will ensure that all club coaches, helpers and officials for whom DBS (Disclosure and Barring service) clearance is recommended by British Canoeing or the committee (in accordance with the latest advice) are suitably processed.
- All club members are made aware of the Club Code/s of Conduct.
- The club will obtain written medical details of child/vulnerable adult paddlers which will be made known to coaches where deemed appropriate and/or necessary.
- The club will only use suitably qualified and or experienced staff. The club will encourage and support coaches to gain qualifications and assist coaches to stay up-dated.
- The club will identify a welfare officer (Kate Emeny) whose role it is to deal with any issues concerning child protection and vulnerable adults. Anyone with concerns in respect to children or vulnerable adults should then contact that person (07795 968338 / k\_emeny@yahoo.co.uk). If that person is unavailable they can contact the BCU Child Protection Officer on Tel: 07734 453430.
- The club will adopt and regularly review a Health and Safety Policy
- The club will review this policy annually.

(Reviewed by DS and KE in July 2016)