

# **PATHFINDER** **YOUTH CANOE CLUB**

## **Club Code of Conduct**

Pathfinder Youth Canoe Club is fully committed to safeguarding the well-being of its members. All paddlers, volunteers, coaches and parents 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. The aim is for all paddlers to improve performance and have fun.

We believe that taking part in Paddlesport should be a positive and enjoyable part of children's lives and to achieve this everyone 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 yourselves
- Control tempers and avoid behaviour which may inconvenience or upset others
- Co-operate and listen to your coach or club officials

### **Club officials, coaches and volunteers**

- 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**
- Display consistently high standards of behavior and appearance
- Follow BCU and club guidelines and policies
- Hold the appropriate, up-dated qualifications and insurance
- Encourage paddlers to value their performance and not just the results
- Never condone the use of prohibitive 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 coaches/volunteer staff judgements
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy the sport
- Use correct and appropriate language at all times
- Set a good example by applauding good performance of all paddlers

For further information please speak to one of the coaches or go to the Pathfinders website: [www.pycc.wordpress.com](http://www.pycc.wordpress.com).

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"Canoeing and Kayaking are "Assumed risk." "Water contact sports." that may carry attendant risks. Participants should be aware of and accept these risks, and be responsible for their own action and involvement".