

Gloucester Canoe Club

Code of Conduct for Parents, Guardians and Carers

Sport can play a huge role in children's lives and the benefits are vast. It is good for children's physical health and mental well-being and can help children build self-confidence and make new friends. Most importantly sports should be safe and fun for the children taking part.

As a parent, guardian or carer you play an essential part in encouraging, supporting and influencing your child's participation in canoeing. Gloucester Canoe Club we welcome your positive involvement and the following highlights a few things to consider.

Set a good example:

- Celebrate effort and good performances of all paddlers, not just your child's.
- Behave responsibly.
- Show appreciation and support for the coaches, staff and volunteers.
- Publicly accept judges or official's decisions.
- Use appropriate language at all times.
- Use social media responsibly when talking about that goes on at the club.

You should:

- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy the sport.
- Promote playing sport for fun.
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Positively reinforce your child and show an interest in their chosen activity.
- Encourage your child to follow the rules of the sport and any codes of conduct for the activity and the club.
- Teach them that they can only do their best.
- Avoid your child participating if they are injured or ill. It is important for them to give their body time to recover properly from injury or illness.
- When requested, complete and return any registration, medical and consent forms and ensure you update these straight away with any changes.
- Deliver and collect your child punctually.
- Inform the coach/ organiser prior to the activity starting if your child is to be collected early or by someone else.
- Ensure your child has clothing, kit, food and drink appropriate to the activity and weather conditions.

You have the right to:

- Be assured that your child is safeguarded during their participation in the activity.
- Be informed of problems or concerns relating to your child.
- Be informed if your child is injured.
- Have your consent sought for attendance on club trips or photography of your child.
- Contribute to decisions that affect your child.
- Know who the Club Welfare Officer responsible for your child is and have their contact details.
- Know what training and qualifications coaches have.
- Have any concerns about any aspect of your child's welfare, listened to and responded to.



Any breaches of this code of conduct will be dealt with immediately by Gloucester Canoe Club. Persistent concerns or breaches may result in you being asked not to attend club activities or events if your attendance is considered detrimental to the welfare of young participants.

The ultimate action should a parent, guardian or carer continue to breach the code of behaviour may be that Gloucester Canoe Club regrettably ask your child to leave the session, event or club.

Signature of parent, guardian or carer:

Print name of parent, guardian or carer:

Date:

