

Gloucester Canoe Club

Code of Conduct

It is the policy of Gloucester Canoe Club that all members and parents/ carers show respect and understanding for each other and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the ethos of the Club. The aim is for all paddlers to improve performance and have fun.

Everyone involved in the Club should abide by the Code of Conduct and Club Policies. If you feel that someone is not following the Code of Conduct then please inform a member of the Committee.

Paddlers

- Take care of all property belonging to the club or club members - and take responsibility for the care for your own equipment and clothing.
- Wear suitable kit for paddling as agreed with your coach.
- Treat other club members and other water users with respect at all times, on and off the water; treat others as you would want to be treated yourself.
- Control tempers and avoid behaviour which may affect or upset others.
- Co-operate fully, respecting all requests and decisions made by club coaches or leaders.
- Be on time for training sessions and events or inform your coach if you are going to be late/not attending.
- Do not leave sessions without informing the coach or leader.

Club Coaches, Leaders and Volunteers

- Consider the well-being and safety of paddlers before the development of performance.
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with paddlers, based on mutual trust and respect.
- Ensure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability, and experience of those taking part.
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Follow British Canoeing and club guidelines and policies.
- Hold the appropriate qualifications.
- Encourage paddlers to value their performance and not just results.
- Never condone the use of prohibited substances.

Parents/Guardians/Carers

- 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 official's judgement.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy the sport.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Set a good example by applauding good performances of all paddlers.

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