

Gloucester Canoe Club

Safeguarding Policy

Gloucester Canoe Club is fully committed to safeguarding the well-being 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 positive and enjoyable to all and to achieve this have the following aims:

- Club coaches, leaders and helpers should follow the British Canoeing Code of Conduct for Coaching Workforce. (SPC-G5)
- All Club coaches, leaders and helpers working with young people and adults should read and adhere to the British Canoeing Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy (SPC-P1) and British Canoeing Safeguarding Adults Policy (SPC-P6). The Club will follow the guidance of these policies in the event of any concerns or allegations.
- The Club will ensure that anyone who meets the eligible criteria for a Disclosure check (SPC-G29) will not be deployed until a satisfactory check has been returned.
- All Club members are made aware of the Club Code(s) of Conduct.
- The Club will obtain written parental consent for under 18 years olds to participate in club activities. This will include medical details and ICE details of young paddlers which will be made known to coaches and/or leaders, where deemed appropriate and/or necessary.
- Any paddler who coaches or leads for the Club is advised to be a member of British Canoeing or one of its Home Nation Associations. The club will encourage and support helpers to gain qualifications and assist coaches to stay updated.
- The Club will identify a person whose role it is to deal with any issues concerning Safeguarding (Club Welfare Officer) and notify this person to all members. Anyone with concerns with respect to the welfare of a club member or participant should contact that person. If that person is unavailable, they can contact the British Canoeing Safeguarding Officer (Tel. 0115 8968842)
- The Club will adopt and regularly review a Health and Safety Policy.
- The Club will review this Policy annually.

Signed:Date:

Review date:

