



Isle of Wight Canoe Club



Child Protection & Harassment Policy

Isle of Wight 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 Paddlepower & Paddlesport activities should be a positive and enjoyable part of children's lives and to achieve this we have the following aims:

- All Club coaches, helpers and officials working with young people should read and adhere to the Club's Child Protection and Harassment Policy and BCU Code of Ethics and BCU Child Protection and Harassment Policy. The Club will follow the guidance of these policies in the event of any concerns or allegations.
- The Club will ensure that anyone working with young people undertake a screening procedure (DBS Barred Check) overseen by the Club's Welfare Officer and that anyone who meets the eligibility criteria will not be deployed until a satisfactory check has been returned.
- All Club members are made aware of and should follow the Club's Code of Conduct.
- The Club will obtain written medical details of young paddlers which will be made known to Coaches, where deemed appropriate and/or necessary and stored according to the Data Protection Act (1998).
- Any paddler who coaches for the Club should be a member of the BCU. The Club will encourage and support helpers to gain qualifications and assist Coaches to stay up-to-date.
- The Club's Welfare Officer's role it is to deal with any issues concerning Child Protection and Harassment, their contact details are displayed for members. Anyone with concerns with respect to Child Abuse or Harassment should contact that person. If that person is unavailable they can contact the Club Chairperson or the BCU Child Protection /Harassment Officer. All Club contact details and '**Useful Contacts**' are displayed on Club Website and notice board at West Wight Pool and given to new members on joining.
- The Club adheres to all BCU Safeguarding and Protecting Children Policies and Procedures, including Recording and Reporting concerns (G4). These can all be found on www.bcu.org.uk / www.canoe-england.org.uk

The Club committee will adopt and regularly review (3 years) a Health and Safety Policy.

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