



Macclesfield and District Canoe Club

Club Code of Conduct

Macclesfield & District Canoe Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents associated with the club should, at all times, show respect, be encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with any committee member.

It is the policy of this club that all paddlers, volunteers, coaches and parents show respect and understanding for each other and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the club. The aim is for all paddlers to have fun and improve performance.

Everyone involved 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 yourself.
- Control tempers and avoid behaviour that may inconvenience or upset others.
- Cooperate 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 behaviour 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 results.
- Never condone the use of prohibited 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.
- Encourage fair play and publicly accept official's judgements.

- 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.

Junior Members:

As a member of Macclesfield & District Canoe Club you are asked to abide by the following junior club rules at all times:

- Cooperate fully, respecting all requests and decisions made by the coaches, helpers, officials and administrators.
- Be on time for coaching sessions and events or inform your coach if you are going to be late.
- Paddlers must control their tempers and avoid behaviour which may inconvenience or upset others.
- Be considerate and respectful to other paddlers and water users – treat other paddlers as you would want to be treated.
- Paddlers must wear suitable kit for paddling as agreed with your coach.
- Take care of all property belonging to the club or any club member – and be responsible for caring for your own equipment and clothing.
- Not to leave sessions without the permission of the coach or leader.
- Junior members are not allowed to smoke, consume alcohol or drugs of any kind whilst being on club premises or representing the club at events.

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