

MACCLESFIELD & DISTRICT CANOE CLUB

SAFETY POLICY

Introduction

Every Club member is responsible for keeping the activities of the club safe. Neither the Club nor the Trip Leader accepts any liability.

All paddlers take part in club activities and trips at their own risk.

Club Safety Management

The activities the club run are managed by a number of Policies and Risk Assessments. These documents are laid out in the table below. These documents along with the documents laid out in the Operations and Activities Policy give detail to the clubs constitution and guide the club and its members through the activities the club run safely.

Document	Frequency of Review	Last Review By	Last Review Date
MADCC Health and Safety policy	3 years	A Armstrong	May 2019
MADCC Child and Vulnerable groups protection policy	3 Years	P Davison	Dec 2016
MADCC Club Equality Statement	3 Years	A Armstrong	Dec 2016
MADCC Incident Report Form	3 Years	A Armstrong	Jun 2017
MADCC Coaches and Officials Code of Conduct	3 Years	A Millest	Jan 2017
MADCC Code of Conduct	3 Years	A Millest	Dec 2016
MADCC Coach DBS and Safeguarding register	Annually	P Davison	Feb 2017
MADCC Welfare Officer Role Descriptor	3 Years	P Davison	Dec 2016
MADCC Safeguarding Policy	3 Years	P Davison	May 2019
MADCC Risk Assessment Bollington	Annually	A Armstrong	April 2019
MADCC Risk Assessment Brereton	Annually	A Millest	April 2019
MADCC Risk Assessment Gd 1/2 Moving Water	Annually	D Mitchell	April 2019
MADCC Risk Assessment Gd 2/3 Moving Water	Annually	D Mitchell	April 2019
MADCC Risk Assessment Sea Trips	Annually	N Lee-Gallon	April 2019
MADCC Risk Assessment Club Hasler Race	Annually	A Millest	Jun 2018
MADCC Risk Assessment Cheshire Ring Race	Annually	A Millest	Jun 2018
MADCC Risk Assessment Go Canoeing Event	Annually	A Tonge	Jun 2018
MADCC Website Other Club Documents Form	3 Yearly		Mar 2014

Personal Ability

All members must be able to swim 50m in clothing before use of a canoe outdoors. Or bring this to the attention of the coach running the session before getting on the water.

No one should use a small cockpit kayak or a spray deck unless they are familiar with the capsize drill and practiced this with a club coach.

Canoe and Equipment

All members must wear an approved buoyancy aid when engaged in canoeing activities, except paddlers div. 6 or above, over 16 years, whilst undertaking serious training or competing on flat water.

Canoes / Kayaks must be in good condition and checked before use on open water, sea, or river trips, with built in buoyancy and toggles etc.

Trip Leader

The Committee will nominate an appropriate Leader for each trip. All paddlers must follow the Trip Leader's guidance on any matters related to safety.

The Trip Leader may decline to accept any paddler on a trip on the basis of personal ability, kit, equipment or attitude. Paddlers should obtain acceptance before the day of the trip.

The Trip Leader may change decisions or cancel a trip dependent on the conditions on the day.

Health

Paddlers must notify those in charge if you take regular medication or suffer from any disability which could affect your performance whilst with the Club, (e.g. heart condition, asthma, etc.) and the appropriate action to take in an emergency.

Document update record

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