



Friends of Allonby Canoe Club Liverpool

Canoeing and Kayaking Merseyside & beyond since 1981

Club Code of Conduct

It is the policy of Friends of Allonby Canoe Club Liverpool that all the 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 improve performance and have fun.

Everyone involved must abide by the club rules and policies. Breaches of the code of conduct should be reported to the general committee which will manage them within the rules of the club.

Paddlers:-

- Take care of all property belonging to the club or its members.
- Treat other club members with respect at all times on or off the water and treat other paddlers as you would want to be treated yourself.
- Control tempers and avoid behaviour which may inconvenience or upset others.
- Co-operate and listen to your coach or club officials.

Junior Members:-

- In addition to the above rules junior members should also abide by the following rules at all times:
 - Be on time for training sessions and events and inform your coach if you are going to be late.
 - Wear suitable kit for paddling as agreed with your coach.
 - Do not leave sessions without the permission of the coach or person in charge.
 - Do not smoke, consume alcohol, or use drugs of any kind whilst on club premises, or representing the club at events.

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.
- Ensure all activities are appropriate to age, ability and experience of those taking part.
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Follow the BCU and club guidelines and policies.
- Hold the appropriate updated qualifications and insurance.
- Encourage paddlers to value their performance and not just their 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.
- Publicly accept the official's judgments.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy sport.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Set a good example by applauding good performances of all paddlers.

Competition Paddlers:-

- In all tournaments all players will uphold the principles of fair play and the reputation of the club.
- Individuals should view club representation as a first priority except when it clashes with international duty.
- Team members when attending tournaments will defer to the direction of the coach in respect of selection, strategy and substitution.
- Club/league places are considered to belong to the club and not individual team members.
- Paddlers are encouraged to discuss with coaches and / or the competition committee any concerns or disagreements.

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- All members of the competition section will be encouraged to assist and support the staging of events. Assistance of parents, supporters and all club members will also be sought in order to promote events.