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## Club Code of Conduct

### It is the policy of:

Devizes Canoe 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 improve performance and have fun.

Everyone involved in the Club should abide by the Club Rules and Policies.

**Safety is paramount at all times and the word of any Club Coach or Club Official is final.**

### 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 which may inconvenience or upset others, in particular the general public including those who live on or use the canal
- Co-operate 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 appropriate 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 loosing or making mistakes
- 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

This policy document is based on the British Canoe Union's guide policy.

**Devizes Canoe Club hereby declares that this policy is adopted by the members and Committee of The Club and will implement this policy**

Name (print): KEVIN DOBSON Position in Club: CHAIR

Signed for the Committee: K Dobson Dated: 5/7/2011