

Club Child Protection Policy

Devizes 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 Paddlesport should be a positive and enjoyable part of children's lives and to achieve this have the following aims:

- Club coaches should follow the British Canoeing Code of Ethics
- All Club coaches, helpers and officials working with young people should read and adhere to the British Canoeing Child and Vulnerable Groups Protection Policy. The Club will follow the guidance of the policy in the event of any concerns or allegations.
- The Club will ensure that anyone working with young people undertakes a screening procedure.
- All Club members are made aware of the Club Code/s 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.
- Any paddler who coaches for the club should be a member of British Canoeing. The Club will encourage and support helpers to gain qualifications and assist coaches to stay up-dated.
- The Club will identify a person whose role it is to deal with any issues concerning Safeguarding and Child Protection (Club Welfare Officer) and notify this person to all members. Anyone with concerns with respect to the welfare of a child should contact that person. If that person is unavailable they can contact the British Canoeing Safeguarding Officer.
- The Club will adopt and regularly review a Safety and Operating Policy.
- The Club will review this Policy annually.
- The Club is essentially a family club and parents and carers are encouraged to accompany and support their children at Club events or trips. Where children are not accompanied, the club will require a consent form to be completed before the child may participate.
- On Club evenings or during training, children may be under the direct control of a coach, and out of site of accompanying parents or carers. The Club may require generalised consent for these activities.

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