



Stour Valley Canoe Club Club Welfare (including Child Protection)

Stour Valley Canoe Club is 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 kayaking should be a positive and enjoyable part of participant's lives and to achieve this, the club has the following aims:

- Club coaches should follow the British Canoeing Code of Ethics.
- All Club coaches, helpers and officials working with young people should adhere to the British Canoeing Child Protection and Harassment policy. The Club will follow the guidance of that policy in the event of any concerns or allegations.
- The club aims to ensure that coaches working with young and vulnerable people undertake a screening procedure.
- All Club members are made aware of this policy.
- The Club will obtain parental permission and details of any medical conditions before juniors travel on any club trips away from the local area.
- Club events will be supervised by British Canoeing qualified coaches. The Club will encourage and support helpers to gain qualifications and encourage coaches to keep their qualifications up to date.
- The Club committee shall include two Welfare Officers to deal with any issues concerning Child Protection or Harassment.
- The Club Welfare Officers are accessible and approachable for children, young people and adults at risk. Any concerns regarding child protection or adults at risk reported to the Club Welfare Officers will be recorded and responded to, in writing using the British Canoeing Recording Concerns Report Form.
- The Welfare Officers are responsible for implementing recruitment and screening procedures within the club and a confirmation signatory verifying the identity of individuals completing disclosures.
- The club will review this policy and its Safety policies regularly.

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