

BISHOP'S STORTFORD CANOE CLUB

Codes of Conduct



Bishops Stortford Canoe Club is committed to providing a safe, positive and welcoming environment in which everyone has an opportunity to take part in paddlesport. The following codes of conduct apply to all members, whether paddlers, coaches or officials. Parents of young members, where not themselves members, are required to observe them also

Paddlers (Juniors & Seniors)

- Be considerate and respectful to other paddlers and water users – treat other paddlers as you would want to be treated.
- Co-operate fully, respecting all requests and decisions made by the coaches, helpers, officials and administrators.
- Be on time for training sessions and events, or inform your coach if you are going to be late.
- Do not leave sessions without informing the coach or leader.
- Wear suitable kit for paddling as agreed with your coach – you may not be allowed on the water without it!
- Take care of all property belonging to the club and respect property and equipment belonging to other club members. Ensure items are returned to their proper place after use. Be responsible for caring for your own equipment and clothing.
- Control your temper and avoid behaviour which may inconvenience or upset others. Abuse, victimisation or bullying are not tolerated in the club.
- Do not smoke or take drugs (except where medically necessary) whilst on club premises or representing the club at an event.

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 officials' 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.

Coaches, Helpers and Club Officials

- Follow British Canoeing and Club guidelines and policies.
<https://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk/uploads/documents/Code-of-Conduct-Coaching-Workforce-March-2019.pdf>
- Consider the wellbeing and safety of paddlers before the development of performance.
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with performers, based on mutual trust and respect.
- Encourage paddlers to value their performance and not just results.
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour.
- Hold the appropriate qualifications and insurance, and (for those working unsupervised with juniors or vulnerable adults) have completed a DBS check.
- Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part.
- Never condone the use of prohibited substances.
- Ensure that all written communication is appropriate and is copied to parents of juniors.