

# **BISHOP'S STORTFORD CANOE CLUB**

## **Safeguarding Policy**



BSCC acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of our members and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice and Paddle UK requirements.

Our aim is to ensure that all members regardless of age, ability or disability, sex, race, religion or belief:

- have a positive and enjoyable experience of sport at BSCC in a safe and supportive environment.
- are protected from abuse while participating in canoeing or outside the activity.

### **We will:**

- abide by Paddle UK's Safeguarding Policies for Children (P1) and Adults (P6) which can be found here: <https://paddleuk.org.uk/safeguarding-policies/>
- ensure that all BSCC coaches, helpers and officials read and adhere to the Paddle UK Safeguarding policies.
- commit to on-going training in the area of child protection.
- obtain written medical details of young paddlers and vulnerable adults which will be made known to coaches where deemed appropriate and/or necessary.
- ensure that anyone working unsupervised with young people or vulnerable adults undertakes a DBS check.
- ensure that appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents or concerns of abuse and provide support to individuals who raise concerns.
- ensure that confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns are maintained and securely stored.
- develop and implement an effective online safety policy and related procedures.
- make all club members aware of the BSCC Codes of Conduct and Rules.
- only use PUK qualified coaches – unqualified assistants will only work alongside a qualified coach. The club will encourage and support helpers to gain qualifications and assist coaches to stay up-dated.
- follow the PUK guidelines for photography & video use.
- elect a Welfare Officer and a deputy (where possible of the opposite sex). Anyone with concerns with respect to Child Abuse or Harassment should contact one of those people or the PUK Safeguarding Officer.
- share information about safeguarding and good practice with children and their parents.
- make sure that children, young people and their parents know where to go for help if they have a concern.
- review this Policy annually at the time of the AGM.

**BSCC WELFARE OFFICER:**

**Michael Hussey**

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