

CODE OF CONDUCT



Matlock Canoe Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with the club's Secretary whose details can be obtained from any member of the committee or the club's website.

All paddlers have a responsibility to themselves and others to promote the core values of paddle sport and conduct themselves responsibly and safely when engaging in a club activity or acting as ambassadors of the club.

All members must:

- Follow all club guidelines and operating procedures.
- Treat all paddlers with respect on and off the water.
- Look after your own belongings and take care of club property.
- Have the confidence and forethought to not get into a situation that could compromise yours or others performance, wellbeing or safety.
- Seek advice on appropriate equipment and comply with recommendations.

All coaches, officials and volunteers must:

- Consider the well-being and safety of participants 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.
- Promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play).
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Follow all guidelines laid down by the national governing body and club.
- Be up to date with current NGB best practice and be aware of recent changes.
- Never exert undue influence over performers to obtain personal benefit or reward.
- Never condone rule violations, rough play or the use of prohibitive substances.
- Never engage in an activity or adopt responsibility without first being confident that you are able to fulfil the necessary requirements safely and appropriately and to the guidelines set out by the BCU and the club.
- Hold appropriate and up to date qualifications and insurance.
- Assist members, where possible to be suitably equipped for each activity.