

## Child & Vulnerable Groups Protection Policy



Stafford and Stone Canoe Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members.

We believe that taking part in the sport of canoeing with this club should be a positive and enjoyable experience and to achieve this have the following aims:

- All club coaches, volunteers and officials working with young people and vulnerable groups\* will adhere to the Stafford and Stone Canoe Club **Child & Vulnerable Groups Protection Policy**. The club will follow the guidance of the policy in the event of any concerns or allegations.
- All club coaches, volunteers and officials should adhere to British Canoeing Safeguarding policies and guidance.
- The club will ensure anyone over 16 working regularly with young people and vulnerable groups undertake a screening procedure - Regularly is defined as once a month or six times in a period of three months.
- All club members are made aware of the club Code 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.
- The club will only use BC qualified/updated coaches as lead coaches. Unqualified coaches can only act as assistant coaches. The club will encourage and support helpers to access training and assist coaches to stay up-dated.
- The club will identify a Welfare Officer whose role it is to deal with any issues concerning Safeguarding children and vulnerable groups and notify this person to all members. Anyone with concerns with respect to child or vulnerable groups abuse or harassment should contact that person. If the Welfare Officer, or Secondary Welfare Officer, are unavailable they can contact a lead club coach or the British Canoeing Safeguarding Officer.
- The Welfare Officer will issue advisory guidelines for coaches and other officials, who have direct or indirect involvement with young people aged 18 and below and vulnerable groups, relating to communication and other areas of essential practice.

### Child & Vulnerable Group Protection Contacts

- **Stafford & Stone CC Welfare Officer**  
For anyone wishing to report a Safeguarding incident or concern. Contact: Pete Willett, Tel: **07595 658045**, Email: [pete.willett@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pete.willett@hotmail.co.uk)
- **Stafford & Stone CC Secondary Welfare Officer**  
For anyone wishing to report a Safeguarding incident or concern. Contact: Louise Croome, Tel: **07736 351257**, Email: [louise@yogamania.co.uk](mailto:louise@yogamania.co.uk)
- **British Canoeing Safeguarding Lead**  
For anyone wishing to report a Safeguarding incident or concern. Urvasi Naidoo Tel: **0115 8968842** Email: [safeguarding@britishcanoeing.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@britishcanoeing.org.uk)
- **British Canoeing Lead Safeguarding Officer- England**  
For general enquires and guidance about Safeguarding policies, documents and processes. Email: [safeguarding@britishcanoeing.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@britishcanoeing.org.uk)
- **British Canoeing Safeguarding Support Officer**  
For British Canoeing coaches, volunteers and staff who have received an allegation against them with respect to Safeguarding and require support. Keith Hampton Tel: **07594 090269**

\*A person who is, or may be, in need of community care services by reason of mental or other disability, age or illness and who is or may be unable to take care of him or herself, or unable to protect him or herself against significant harm or exploitation"