

Code of Conduct



Stafford and Stone Canoe Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members and for all paddlers to improve performance and have fun. All members, coaches and parents associated with the club should show respect and understanding for others and are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have with either a member of the club committee, one of the club coaches or the club's Welfare Officer.

Everyone involved with Stafford and Stone Canoe Club is expected to abide by all club policies and procedures.

All Members should:

- Actively contribute to the running of the club, its activities and events.
- Pay any fees for membership, training or events promptly.
- Ensure security of the clubhouse at all times.
- Treat club facilities and equipment with respect and ensure correct usage. Any damage or loss must be immediately reported.
- Enter competitions to value performance not results, have respect for opponents, participate within the rules and respect officials and their decisions.

All Junior Members should:

- Keep to agreed times for training and competitions or inform your coach if you are going to be late or absent.
- Wear buoyancy aids and helmets for training sessions and competitions on the river. Helmets may be omitted for sessions on canals, lakes etc. if agreed with your coach.
- Not smoke, consume alcohol or drugs of any kind whilst on club premises or representing the club at events.
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All Officials and Coaches should:

- Promote the importance of members and parents/guardians actively contributing to the running of the club, its activities and events.
- Consider the wellbeing and safety of paddlers before the development of performance.
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with paddlers based on mutual trust and respect.
- Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part.
- Hold appropriate, up-dated qualifications and insurance.
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Encourage paddlers to value performance and not just results.
- Never condone the use of prohibited substances.

All Parents/Guardians should:

- Support your child's involvement with the club and help them to enjoy the sport.
- Actively contribute to the running of the club, its activities and events.
- Help your child to recognise good performance not just results.
- Never force your child to take part.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept official's decisions.
- Always use correct and proper language.
- Set a good example by applauding good performances of all paddlers.

Any serious breach of the Code of Conduct will be referred to the Club Committee who will consider the matter and decide on appropriate action to be taken.