

Stafford and Stone Canoe Club

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/caregiver 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(s).

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

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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.
- Treat other Club members with respect at all times on and off the water - treat other paddlers as you would want to be treated yourself.
- Speak out to Coaches or a Club representative (eg Club welfare Officer or Coach) if you consider that you, or others, have been poorly treated.
- Control tempers and avoid behaviour which might upset others.
- Co-operate and listen to your Coach or Club officials.

All Junior Members should:

- Help maintain an environment free of fear or harassment.
- Demonstrate fair play and demonstrate Paddle UK and Stafford and Stone CC standards both on and off the water.
- Keep to agreed times for training and competitions or inform your coach if you are going to be late or absent.
- Respect the advice you receive from Coaches and Club officials.
- Tell someone in authority (Coach or parent/caregiver) if you are leaving the venue/water/bankside.
- Observe the instructions or restrictions requested by the adults looking after you.
- 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.

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

All Officials and Coaches should:

- Promote the importance of members and parents/caregivers 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 in line with the Standards for Deployment.
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Encourage paddlers to value performance and not just results.
- Never condone the use of prohibited substances.
- Follow PaddleUK and Stafford and Stone CC policies and guidance at all times.

All Parents/Caregivers should:

- Set a good example by supporting or applauding good performances of all paddlers.
- Support your child's involvement with the club and help them to enjoy the sport.
- Children should always have a parent/caregiver present on the bank during group training unless agreed with the Coach or you have agreed with another parent that they will have responsibility for your child in your absence.
- A parent/caregiver should always be present during one to one sessions in-line with PaddleUK Rule of Two.
- 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 in sports activities
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept official's decisions.
- Always use correct and proper language and consider your conduct.
- Consider your conduct whilst consuming alcohol at Club or representing the Club at events.
- Not to use prohibited drugs of any kind whilst on club premises or representing the club at events.

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