

# Regents Canoe Club Safeguarding Policy

Regents Canoe Club is an adult club, with no members under the age of 18. The club is fully committed to safeguarding the well-being of its members. All members should show respect and understanding for the rights, safety and welfare of others, and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the Club.

The club believes that taking part in Paddlesport should be a positive and enjoyable part of people's lives and to achieve this have the following aims:

- Club coaches, leaders and helpers should follow the British Canoeing Code of Ethics. <https://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk/uploads/documents/British-Canoeing-Code-of-Ethics-2016.pdf>
- All Club coaches, leaders and helpers working with vulnerable adults should read and adhere to the British Canoeing Safeguarding Adults Policy: <https://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk/uploads/documents/Safeguarding/P6-British-Canoeing-Safeguarding-Adults-Policy-2905188.docx.pdf> The Club will follow the guidance of the policy in the event of any concerns or allegations.
- All Club members are made aware of the rules of the Club, club participation statement and club policies.
- Where a member discloses a medical condition, this will be made known to coaches where deemed appropriate and or necessary.
- Any paddler who coaches or leads for the Club will be encouraged to undertake the BC online safeguarding training. The club will encourage and support helpers to gain qualifications and assist coaches to stay updated. The Club Welfare Officer will undertake the BC online safeguarding training.
- The Club will identify a person whose role it is to deal with any issues concerning Safeguarding (Club Welfare Officer) and notify this person to all members. This is a non-committee role but can be carried out by a sitting committee member. Anyone with concerns with respect to the welfare of a club member or participant should contact that person. If that person is unavailable, they can contact the British Canoeing Safeguarding Officer (Tel: 0115 8968842)
- The Club will adopt and review this policy regularly along with the Safety and Liability Policy.

**Approved by RCC Committee**

Date: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July