



CODE OF CONDUCT

HORSHAM CANOE CLUB



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Horsham Canoe Club is committed to fostering a respectful, supportive, and inclusive environment for all paddlers, volunteers, coaches, and parents. The club's goal is for everyone to enjoy paddle sports, improve their skills, and have fun in a safe atmosphere. All members and participants are expected to abide by the club's rules and policies.

For Paddlers

- Membership Requirement: Only current members can participate in club training sessions or events due to insurance regulations. The only exception is approved "taster sessions."
- Respect and Consideration: Members must act responsibly and considerately towards fellow paddlers and lake users. Treat others as you would like to be treated.
- Follow Coach Instructions: Cooperate with coaches and helpers. Failure to follow instructions may result in removal from an activity.
- Care for Property: Respect and take care of club and personal property. Club equipment is for members only.
- Equipment Usage: You must present a current membership card to use club equipment, and all kit should be used responsibly.
- Positive Behavior: Set a positive example by acknowledging the achievements of others.
- Health Information: Make coaches aware of any medical conditions or other factors that may affect your participation.
- Lake & Pool Conduct: Adhere to both the Lake Code of Conduct and the Pool Code of Conduct (available on the HCC website).

For Club Officials, Coaches, and Volunteers

- Paddler Well-being: Prioritize the well-being and safety of paddlers before focusing on performance.
- Trust & Respect: Develop relationships with paddlers based on mutual trust and respect.
- Appropriate Activities: Ensure that activities are suitable for the age, ability, and experience of participants.
- Role Model Behavior: Maintain high standards of conduct and appearance, setting a positive example for others.
- Follow Guidelines: Abide by British Canoeing and club policies and guidelines.
- Qualifications: Keep qualifications up to date and maintain current club membership.
- Encouragement: Encourage paddlers to value participation and personal growth, not just results.

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For Parents/Guardians

- Support Your Child: Help your child recognize the value of participation and effort, not just results.
- Respect Coaches' Decisions: Accept the decisions made by coaches or volunteers, as their word is final.
- Encouragement not Criticism: Support your child's involvement in paddle sports and avoid pressuring them to participate or perform.
- Appropriate Language: Always use respectful and appropriate language.
- Positive Role Model: Set a good example by recognizing and supporting the performances of all paddlers.
- Health Information: Ensure that any medical or other relevant conditions are communicated to coaches.
- Parental Supervision: If your child is under 16, a parent or guardian must be present during club activities.

This Code of Conduct ensures that Horsham Canoe Club maintains a positive, respectful, and safe environment for all members, participants, and spectators. We thank you for your co-operation in helping us achieve this.