



Royal Canoe Club Code of Conduct, Junior Section – Athletes & Parents

The Royal Canoe Club supports the core values of the sport – Commitment, ownership, responsibility and excellence.

Junior members of the Club have an opportunity to develop both as an athlete and as an individual and improve your sport and yourself. Therefore it is important that you represent yourself, your club and your sport appropriately by behaving responsibly. **Parents** have the responsibility to help the Junior members understand and follow this Code of Conduct.

This **Code of Conduct** is to ensure all junior members know the standards of behaviour expected of them when involved with Club activities. This will help the volunteers, coaches and staff at the Club look after you and make sure that every junior member is able to enjoy paddling and their time at the Club.

- Be considerate and respectful to all people, paddlers and water users - treat everyone with the same respect and fairness as you would want them to show you
- All paddlers should be able to participate in canoeing without fear of ridicule, harassment or restriction. Uphold this value in all that you do
- Control your temper and avoid behaviour which may affect, offend or upset others
- Demonstrate fair play on and off the water. Respect differences in gender, disability, culture, race, ethnicity and religious beliefs between yourself and others
- Challenge discrimination, prejudice and behaviour that falls below the expected standards of the Club,
- Look out for yourself and the welfare of others
- Do not engage in any irresponsible, abusive, inappropriate or illegal behaviour,
- Speak out if you are concerned about anything, your own needs or the needs of others
- Be organised, on time and ready for training sessions and events
- Do not leave a coaching session without the knowledge and permission of the coach
- Follow the Club rules
- Take care of and respect any property and equipment belonging to the club or any club member – be responsible for caring for your own equipment and clothing
- Listen to and co-operate fully, respecting all requests and decisions made by the coaches. They have your best interests and those of the whole group in mind
- Do not smoke, consume alcohol or drugs of any kind whilst on club premises or representing the club at events
- Advise the coach of any medical conditions which may affect your standard of canoeing.

THE AIM IS FOR ALL PADDLERS TO IMPROVE THEIR SKILLS, ENJOY THEIR CANOEING AND HAVE **FUN**

I agree to take responsibility for my behaviour while participating at Royal Canoe Club. I have read and understand the Code of Conduct above and agree to comply with it. I understand that if I breach the Code, I may be subject to action in accordance with Club rules.

Junior Member Signature	Date
Junior Member Name	
Parent / Guardian Signature	
Relationship to junior member	
Parent / Guardian Name (Printed)	