

## OCKC SAFEGUARDING POLICY



Oxford Canoe and Kayak Club is fully committed to safeguarding the wellbeing 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.

We believe that taking part in Paddlesport should be a positive and enjoyable part of children's lives and to achieve this have the following aims:

- Club coaches and helpers should follow the British Canoeing Code of Ethics.
- The Club will ensure that anyone who meets the eligibility criteria for a Disclosure check will not be deployed until a satisfactory check has been returned.
- All Club coaches, helpers and officials regularly working with young people will complete a safeguarding course.
- The Club will obtain medical details of young paddlers which will be made known to coaches, where deemed appropriate and/or necessary.
- Any paddler who coaches for the Club should be a member of British Canoeing. The club will encourage and support helpers to gain qualifications and assist coaches to stay updated.
- The Club will identify a person whose role it is to deal with any issues concerning Safeguarding and Child Protection (Club Welfare Officer) and notify this person to all members. Anyone with concerns with respect to the welfare of a child should contact that person. If that person is unavailable, they can contact the British Canoeing Safeguarding Officer.
- The Club will adopt and regularly review a Health and Safety Policy.
- The Club will review this Policy annually.

Approved by: Pete Mandeville, Safeguarding Officer  
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