



# NEW FOREST KAYAK AND CANOE CLUB

## Safeguarding Policy

*Based on the NFKCC constitution and British Canoeing template*

Signed:	Justin Davis (chair) and
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**New Forest kayak and Canoe 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. We believe that taking part in Paddlesport should be a positive and enjoyable part of adults' (and childrens' lives) and to achieve this have the following aims:

- At pool sessions or on club trips, any child (person under 18) should be **accompanied by a parent or legal guardian** who will closely supervise their activity either in the pool or at the poolside at close quarters (within earshot).
- Any email or other contact with children regarding club trips should be made via their parent/carer.
- Any coach, volunteer or member offering coaching advice to children in an unsupervised setting **MUST** have undergone an appropriate **DBS enhanced disclosure check** if their role qualifies as **regulated activity**. See flow diagram in the link below.

<https://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk/uploads/documents/G29-DBS-Guidance-Flowchart-010719.pdf>

- Any coach, volunteer or member offering coaching advice to children in an unsupervised setting MUST have a current certificate for the British Canoeing approved safeguarding 'Basic training' course.

<https://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk/guidance-resources/safeguarding/safeguarding-training>

- All Club coaches, helpers and officials working with young people should read and adhere to the club's safeguarding policies (based on **British Canoeing Safeguarding Children Policy** and **Safeguarding Adults Policy**).

The Club will follow the guidance of the policy in the event of any concerns or allegations.

- 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 members are made aware of the Club Code(s) of Conduct which will be posted on the club webpage and the club forum.
- The Club will obtain written 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 (Club Welfare Officer or their deputy) and notify this person to all members. 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)
- Any contact with under 18s (eg emails, phone calls) will be made through their parent or legal guardian.
- The Club will adopt and regularly review a Health and Safety Policy.
- The Club will review this Policy annually.

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