



## Safeguarding Policy

**Fun, inspiring, and inclusive, whilst also being knowledgeable, approachable, and affordable**

Swindon and District 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 people's lives and to achieve this have the following aims:

- All Club coaches, instructors, and officials working with young people should read and adhere to the Paddle UK Safeguarding Children Policy and Safeguarding Adult 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 of Conduct.
- The Club will obtain written medical details of paddlers under the age of 18 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 Paddle UK. The club will encourage and support helpers to gain qualifications and assist coaches and instructors to stay updated.
- 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. Anyone with concerns with respect to the welfare or safeguarding of a club member or participant should contact that person. If that person is unavailable, they can contact the Chairperson or Paddle UK Safeguarding Officer on 0115 8968842
- The Club will adopt and regularly review a Health and Safety Policy.
- The Club will review this Policy annually.

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