

SDCC Code of Conduct

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

It is the policy of Swindon and District Canoe Club that all members and parents of youth members show respect and understanding for each other and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles and values of the Club.

The aim is for all paddlers to improve performance and have fun. Everyone involved in the Club should abide by the Club Constitution, Code of Conduct, Code of Practice and all other club policies.

Paddlers:

- Take care of all property belonging to the club or club members.
- Treat other club members with respect both on and off the water.
- Control tempers and avoid behaviour which may affect or upset others.
- Co-operate and listen to the Coach, Instructor, or Club Officials.
- Publicly accept officials' judgements.
- Always use correct and proper language.

Club Officials, Coaches, and Instructors:

- Consider the wellbeing and safety of members before the development of paddling performance.
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with members, based on trust and respect.
- Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability, and experience of those taking part.
- Follow SDCC and Paddle UK guidelines and policies.
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and professionalism.
- Hold the appropriate, up to date qualifications and registrations.
- Encourage paddlers to value their performance and not just results.
- Never condone the use of prohibited substances.
- Publicly accept officials' judgements.
- Always use correct and proper language.

Parents/Carers

- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Never force your child to take part in sport.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept officials' judgements.
- Always use correct and proper language.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy the sport.
- Be respectful to paddlers, Instructors, Coaches, and other parents.