



CLUB CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Stafford Canoeing and Watersports Club (SCWC) 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 Members, coaches and helpers should follow the British Canoeing Code of Ethics.
- All Club Members, coaches, helpers and officials working with young people should read and adhere to the British Canoeing Child Protection Policy available from

<https://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk/guidance-resources/safeguarding/policies-guidance-and-templates>

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 and Friends of the Club are made aware of the Club Code(s) of Conduct.
- The Club will obtain written medical details of young paddlers which will be made known to coaches or Event organisers, where deemed appropriate and/or necessary.
- The Club has a dedicated Welfare Officer. Responsibility for any Child during Club Events is the sole responsibility of the Child's Parent/Guardian. Any child welfare reporting should be addressed to the Welfare Officer. If that person is unavailable, they can contact the British Canoeing Safeguarding Officer.

The Club will regularly review this Child Protection Policy, with an annual review at the start of the Club year.