

Dereham Canoe Group Safeguarding Policy

Dereham Canoe Group 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 children's and adults lives and to achieve this have the following aims:



- Club coaches, helpers, and all members, should follow the Club Codes of Conduct.
- All Club coaches, helpers and officials working with young people and adults at risk should read and adhere to the 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.
- The Club will make all members 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, 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 role of the Club Welfare Officer and Deputy role is to deal with any issues concerning Safeguarding. Anyone with concerns with respect to the welfare of a club member or participant should contact the welfare officer or deputy. If that person is unavailable they can contact the British Canoeing Safeguarding Team (safeguarding@britishcanoeing.org.uk; 0115 8655354)
- The Club will adopt and regularly review a Health and Safety Policy.
- The Club will review this Policy annually.

Date Policy Agreed: March 2024

Who to contact in Dereham Canoe Group: Welfare Officer/Deputy Welfare Officer

welfare@derehamcanoegroup.co.uk

Dereham Canoe Group is affiliated to British Canoeing, and this policy is in line with national guidance. British Canoeing Safeguarding Team can be contacted:

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*British Canoeing Safeguarding Children Policy and Safeguarding Adults Policy are available here:

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