



Gailey Canoe Club



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Club Code of Conduct

It is the policy of Gailey Canoe Club that all paddlers, volunteers, coaches and parents show respect and understanding for each other and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles 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 rules and policies.

Paddlers

- Take care of all property belonging to the club or club members.
- **Treat other club members with respect at all times- on and off the water.**
- Control tempers and avoid behaviour which may inconvenience others.
- Co-operate and **listen** to your coaches or club officials.
- **Return all equipment to its correct place and in the same condition that you received it.**
- Wear suitable kit for the circumstances.
- Give **consideration** to other water users.
- Paddler's personal equipment must not be used without their permission.
- While on club property, during club times, you must be taking part in supervised activities. Club times can be found on the website.

Club Officials, Coaches and Volunteers

- **Consider the wellbeing and safety of paddlers before the development of performance.**
- Make sure that all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part.
- Use **positive encouragement** and value all efforts.
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Follow British Canoeing and Club guidelines and policies.
- Hold the appropriate, updated qualifications and insurance.
- Encourage paddlers to **value performance** and not just results.
- Never condone the use of prohibitive substances.

Parents/Guardians

- Never force your child to take part in sport.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly **accept** official's judgements.
- **Support your child's involvement, and help them to enjoy the sport.**
- Set a **good example** by applauding good performance of all paddlers.
- Agree that juniors must paddle in a group of three or more unless agreed with a member of the committee.

All Members (Paddling & Non-Paddling)

- Help paddlers if needed.
- Take an active part in club activities both on and off the water.
- Return all equipment to its correct place.
- **Accept that the club is a voluntary organization and exists as a result of the goodwill of its members.**
- Non-paddling juniors must wear BA's on the towpath unless told otherwise by an official of the club. The committee will have the final decision over the wearing of BA's.