



# Gailey Canoe Club



Croft Lane, Gailey, ST19 5PY

[www.gaileycc.co.uk](http://www.gaileycc.co.uk)

## 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.
- Familiarise yourself with club policies, particularly those around safeguarding.

### 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.