

Statement of Commitment:

Bromley Canoe Club is fully committed to safeguarding the wellbeing of all 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.

Code of Practice:

We believe that taking part in canoeing should be a positive and enjoyable part of children's/vulnerable adults lives and to achieve this we have the following aims:

- Club coaches should read and consider the guidance given in the BCU Coaches and Officials Code of Conduct.
- All Club coaches and members should read and consider the guidance given in the BCU Child and Vulnerable Groups Protection Policy, BCU Whistle Blowing Policy & BCU Anti Bullying Policy.
- The Club will follow the guidance of the BCU Child Protection and Vulnerable Groups Policy in the event of any concerns or allegations.
- The Club will ensure that anyone regularly working with young or vulnerable people undertake an appropriate screening procedure.
- The Club will ensure that all members are made aware of the Club Code of Conduct.
- The Clubs Guidelines for Young People on Trips should be followed whenever young people undertake canoeing activities outside.
- The Club will endeavour to obtain written medical details of child/vulnerable adult paddlers. This information will be made known to any Coaches working with the paddlers concerned.
- The Club will promote the use of BCU qualified Coaches or members having adequate experience on all trips or coaching sessions.
- The Club will encourage and support members to gain qualifications and assist Coaches to stay updated.
- The Committee will identify a Welfare Officer whose role is to deal with any issues concerning child protection and vulnerable adults and notify this person to all members.
- Anyone with concerns with respect to children or vulnerable adults should contact the Welfare Officer. If that person is unavailable then they should contact one of the elected officers of the Club. In the unlikely event that they should also be unavailable then they should contact the BCU Child Protection Officer (details on following page).
- The Club will review this policy annually and any changes will be formalised through a motion at the Club AGM.

Points of Contact:

Bromley Canoe Club

Welfare Officer: Ben Satchell email: ben@bromleycanoecub.org.uk

Alternative contacts - elected officers of the Club:

Chairman Phil Richardson

Secretary Ed Sumner

Treasurer Tony Manning

Or in the unlikely event that none of the above are available:

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BCU CHILD PROTECTION

24 Hour Child Protection Contact Number 07734453430

BCU Child Protection, Vulnerable Adults and Harassment Lead Officer 08453709503

NSPCC

Child Protection Helpline 0808 800 5000