

Statement of Commitment:

Bromley Canoe Club is fully committed to safeguarding the wellbeing of all its members. All members **must** 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 **must** read and consider the guidance given in the ~~BCU~~ Coaches and Officials Code of Conduct. **provided by British Canoeing**
- All Club coaches and members **must** read and consider the guidance given in the British Canoeing Child and Vulnerable Groups Protection Policy, ~~British Canoeing~~ Whistle Blowing Policy & ~~British Canoeing~~ Anti Bullying Policy. **provided by British Canoeing**
- The Club will follow the guidance of the ~~BCU~~ Child Protection and Vulnerable Groups Policy **provided by British Canoeing** in the event of any concerns or allegations.
- The Club will ensure that anyone regularly working with young or vulnerable people undertakes 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 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 ~~British Canoeing~~ 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.

Primary Points of Contact:

Welfare Officer: Ed Sumner - email: welfare@bromleycanoecub.org.uk

Alternative contacts - elected officers of the Club:

Club Chair: Dave Birkinshaw – email: chair@bromleycanoecub.org.uk

Secretary: Graham Whiting – email: secretary@bromleycanoecub.org.uk

Training Lead: Debbie Bush - email: training@bromleycanoecub.org.uk

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

British Canoeing CHILD PROTECTION - 24 Hour Child Protection Contact Number 07734453430

British Canoeing Child Protection, Vulnerable Adults and Harassment Lead Officer 08453709503

Child Protection Helpline 0808 800 5000

If you are concerned about the immediate safety or welfare of a person, or there is a crime being committed, dial 999 and inform the police / emergency services.