



Royal Sutton Coldfield Canoe Club

A Canoe England Affiliated Club

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Safety policy statement.

- The club should provide and maintain a safe and healthy environment for all users of the club, and its facilities and equipment.

Equipment and safe operations.

- The chairman is in charge of overall safety at the club. He is also in charge of the maintenance of the buildings, surroundings and equipment.
- The chief coach is responsible for club coaching activities.
- An officer is responsible for C.R.B. clearance, child protection and vulnerable adult concerns.
- A risk assessment policy is in place.
- Insurance cover is provided by the B.C.U, as an affiliated club, for public liability of up to £10 million, as are all registered B.C.U coaches.
- A complaints procedure is in place.
- A maintenance of equipment policy is in place.
- Accidents should be reported in the accident book, and the chairman informed. More serious incidents should also be reported to the B.C.U on a separate form.
- First aid boxes are located just inside the boat store. Qualified coaches are obliged to hold current first aid certificates.
- Fire extinguishers are located just inside each boat store.
- Valuables are left on site at owner's risk. Reasonable care is taken to maintain security whilst activities are taking place.

On water safety.

- Consent for all water activities must be signed and dated by the responsible adult. (River tours by under 18's must be separately consented.)
- The register must be completed and signed.
- All paddlers must wear a buoyancy aid on the water – this is to be checked for size and adjustment by a coach.
- Under 18's are to wear safety helmets.
- Appropriate clothing to be worn – i.e. in the winter wet/dry suits. In wet / windy conditions to wear a cag.
- Secure any spectacles.
- Have suitable footwear.
- Application of sun cream may be advised on a hot sunny day.
- Night time paddling is discouraged.
- At Blackroot pool use of restricted area only.
- On the canal to stay within sight of the coach or leader.
- On a river tour to stay within sight or specified distance of the leader.