

# Putney Bridge Canoe Club – Code of Conduct

It is the policy of Putney Bridge Canoe Club (PBCC) that all members, coaches and helpers show respect and understanding for one other and that they conduct themselves in a way which reflects the principles of the club. The club's aims are for all paddlers to improve skills and have fun.

Everyone involved with PBCC should abide by the club's rules and policies, including:

## **Paddlers**

- Take care of property belonging to the club and/or other members
- Treat members with respect at all times, both on and off the water
- Treat other paddlers as you would want to be treated yourself
- Control your temper and avoid behaviours which may adversely affect or upset others
- Listen to and co-operate with the club's trustees, officials, coaches and helpers
- Publicly accept and support the club's officials' decisions and judgments.

## **Trustees, club officials, coaches and helpers**

- Consider and prioritise the wellbeing and safety of members before the development of skills
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with paddlers, based on mutual trust and respect
- Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part
- Aim invariably to display high standards of behaviour and appearance
- Follow British Canoeing's [Code of Ethics](#) and the club's guidelines and policies
- Hold appropriate and up-to-date qualifications
- Encourage paddlers to value their performance and not just achievements
- Do not condone the use of prohibited substances.

## **Parents/guardians**

- Help your child to recognise good performance and not just results
- Never force your child to take part in the club's activities
- Never punish or belittle your child for making a mistake
- Publicly accept and support PBCC's officials' decisions and judgments
- Support your child's involvement in paddlesports and help her or him to enjoy them
- Use correct and proper language at all times
- Set a good example by applauding good performances of all paddlers.

Signed: The General Committee

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