



## **Code of Conduct for Young People**

Tullamore Canoe Club wishes to provide the best possible environment for all young people involved in the sport. Young people deserve to be given enjoyable, safe sporting opportunities, free of abuse of any kind. These participants have rights, which must be respected and responsibilities that they must accept. Young people should be encouraged to realise that they have responsibilities to treat other paddlers and leaders with fairness and respect.

### **Young paddlers are entitled to:**

- Be safe and feel safe
- Be listened to
- Be believed
- Be treated with dignity, sensitivity and respect
- Have a voice in the club
- Participate on an equal basis
- Have fun and enjoy sport
- Experience competition at a level at which they feel comfortable
- Make complaints and have them dealt with
- Get help against bullies
- Say No
- To protect their own bodies
- Confidentiality

### **Young paddlers should always:**

- Treat all instructors, referees, leaders and helpers with respect
- Play fairly at all times, do their best
- Respect team members, even when things go wrong
- Respect opponents, be gracious in victory and defeat
- Abide by rules set by trip organisers when travelling to rivers or to events
- Behave in a manner that avoids bringing the sport of canoeing into disrepute
- Talk to children's officer if they have any problems

### **Young paddlers should never:**

- Cheat
- Use violence or physical contact that is not allowed within the rules
- Shout or argue with instructors, trip leaders, helpers, teammates or opponents.
- Harm team members, opponents or their property
- Bully or use bullying tactics to gain advantage
- Take banned substances
- Keep secrets, especially if they have been caused harm
- Tell lies about adults / young people
- Spread rumours

## **Guidelines for Parents**

Tullamore Canoe Club believes that parents should

- Be a role model for your child and maintain the highest standards of conduct when interacting with children, other parents, with instructors, leaders, helpers and organisers.
- Always behave responsibly and do not seek to unfairly affect the paddler.
- Never intentionally expose any young participant to embarrassment or disparagement by the use of flippant or sarcastic remarks.
- Always recognise the value and importance of the volunteers who provide sporting/recreational opportunities for your child. Do not publicly question the judgement or honesty of instructors, leaders, helpers or organisers. Respect instructors, leaders, helpers and organisers.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules. Teach your child that honest endeavour is as important as winning and do all you can to encourage good sportsmanship.
- Set a good example by applauding achievements by everyone. Encourage mutual respect for other paddlers and leaders.
- Parents should support all efforts to remove abusive behaviour and bullying behaviour in all its forms.

## **Parents' Code of Conduct**

1. I will respect the rules and procedures set down in Tullamore Canoe Club Code of Ethics for Children in Sport
2. I will respect my child's peers, instructors, leaders and parents as well as players, participants and coaches from opposing teams. I will encourage my child to treat other participants, instructors and leaders with respect.
3. I will give encouragement and applaud only positive accomplishments whether from my child, his/her peers, their opponents or leaders.
4. I will respect my child's instructor and support his/her efforts
5. I will respect the officials and their authority during trips, sessions and events
6. I will never demonstrate threatening or abusive behaviour or use foul language

Signed (by parent)

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Signed by Child (ren)

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Date \_\_\_\_\_