

LVPC Code of Conduct

The LVPC Code of Conduct is based on the guidelines of British Canoeing and reflects the principles of the Club. It applies to all paddlers of any age (please note that there is also a Code of Conduct for Juniors which outlines topics specifically relevant for junior members), coaches, club officials, volunteers as well as parents/carer/guardians.

Everyone should always show respect and understanding for others and conduct themselves in a way that helps create and maintain a positive environment.

LVPC's aim is for all members to improve their skills, to value their performance and not just results and to have fun. Accepting and following the rules outlined below contributes to achieving this target.

Everyone involved in the club should:

- Show good behaviour and set a good example on and off the water (including on social media):
 - Treat others as you wish to be treated yourself, respecting their differences;
 - Use respectful, appropriate language;
 - Demonstrate fair play and
 - never condone the use of prohibited substances
- Support, respect and follow advice of others involved in the activity
- Consider the welfare of others and act responsibly when experiencing an issue (verbal, physical, emotional abuse)
 - Look out for yourself and for the welfare of others;
 - Speak out to the Club welfare team or other appropriate Club representatives or use the 'Report a concern' process/system if you consider that you or others have been treated badly and
 - understand that you have the right to be treated as an individual
- Be organised
 - Be on time or inform the people affected if you are going to be late;
 - Ensure you have the equipment needed appropriate to the activity and weather conditions and
 - follow British Canoeing and Club guidelines and policies
- Care for property and equipment
 - Take care of all property belonging to the club or any club member and
 - Be responsible for your own equipment and clothing

Coaches, Club Officials and Volunteers should in addition to the content referring to **everyone**

- Develop an appropriate working relationship with performers, based on openness, honesty, mutual respect and being in a position of trust;
- Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part;
- Display positive safety culture, reporting accidents and near misses to an appropriate club representative and
- hold the appropriate, updated qualifications and insurance

Parents/Guardians should in addition to the content referring to **everyone**

- Support your child's involvement in their chosen sport;
- Never force your child to take part in sport;
- Never punish, belittle or embarrass a child for losing or making mistakes, teach them they can only do their best and
- applaud performances of all paddlers, not just your child's

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