

<i>Policy reviewed on</i>	14/3/24
<i>Policy due for review</i>	15/3/25

Llangollen Canoe Club is fully committed to safeguarding the well-being of its members. All members should 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.

Our parent policy can be found on the Canoe Wales website

The committee member with responsibility for Safeguarding and Child Protection is Jonathon Porter who can be contacted by email at [welfare.llancc@hotmail.com](mailto:welfare.llancc@hotmail.com)

We believe that taking part in Paddlesport should be a positive and enjoyable part of children's lives and to achieve this have the following policy:

- Club coaches and helpers should follow the Canoe Wales Coaches Code of Conduct and the British Canoeing Code of Ethics.
- All Club coaches, helpers and officials working with young people should read and adhere to the British Canoeing Child and Vulnerable Groups Protection Policy (adopted by Canoe Wales and all affiliate clubs). The Club will follow the guidance of the policy in the event of any concerns or allegations.
- The Club will ensure that anyone who meets the eligible criteria for a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check will not be deployed until a satisfactory check has been returned.
- All Club members are made aware of the Club and/or Canoe Wales Code of Conduct.
- The Club will obtain written medical details of young paddlers which will be made known to coaches, where deemed appropriate and/or necessary.
- Any paddler who coaches for the Club should be an On the Water member of Canoe Wales. The club will encourage and support helpers to gain qualifications and assist coaches to stay updated.
- The Club will identify a person whose role it is to deal with any issues concerning Safeguarding and Child Protection (Club Safeguarding Officer) and notify this person to all members. Anyone with concerns with respect to the welfare of a child should contact that person. If that person is unavailable they can contact the Canoe Wales Lead Safeguarding Officer.
- The Club will adopt and regularly review a Health and Safety Policy.
- The Club will review this Child Protection Policy annually.
- All Coaches and leaders both paid and volunteer must follow the club safeguarding procedures as below:

Requirements for coaches/leaders (paid/volunteer) with accreditation undertaking regular activity:

1. Provide a copy of qualifications to LCC
2. Undertake a LCC specific DBS check unless signed up to the 'Update Service'
3. Have completed a relevant safeguarding course within the last 3 years

Requirements for club authorised coaches/leaders undertaking regular activity:

1. Undertake a LCC specific DBS check unless signed up to the 'Update Service'
2. Have completed a relevant safeguarding course within the last 3 years (where this has not been completed they must operate alongside a qualified coach/leader)

Requirements for occasional coaches/leader and irregular activity

1. Provide a copy of qualifications to LCC prior to the commencement of session
2. Provide DBS details if coach/leader is signed up to the 'Update Service'
3. Provide evidence of safeguarding training completed within the last 3 years
4. If a coach/leader is unable to provide acceptable DBS and/or safeguarding training they must operate and remain within earshot of the club leader who has received enhanced DBS check and completed appropriate safeguarding training.

Signed: Date: 14/3/24

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