Code of Conduct

All paddlers, volunteers, coaches and parents should show respect and understanding for each other and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the club. The aim is for all paddlers to improve their performance and have fun.

Paddlers

- Take care of all property belonging to the club or club members.
- Treat other club members with respect at all times on and off the water and treat other paddlers as you would want to be treated yourself.
- Control tempers and avoid behaviour which may affect or upset others.
- Co-operate and listen to your coach or club officials.

Club Officials, Coaches and Volunteers

- Consider the wellbeing and safety of paddlers before the development of performance.
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with performers, based on mutual trust and respect.
- Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part.
- Promote the positive aspects of sport (e.g. fair play).
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Follow Paddle UK and club guidelines and policies.
- Hold the appropriate, valid qualifications and insurance.
- Never exert undue influence over performers to obtain personal benefit or reward.
- Encourage paddlers to value their performance and not just results.
- Encourage and guide paddlers to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.
- Never condone rule violations, rough play or the use of prohibitive substances.

Parents/Guardians

- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Never force your child to take part in sport.
- Never punish or belittle a child for loosing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept officials' judgements.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy the sport.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Set a good example by applauding good performances of all paddlers.