



Code of Conduct

It is the policy of the **Hayle Canoe Club** that all paddlers, volunteers, coaches and parents show respect and understanding for each other and the wider community, and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the Club. The aim is for all paddlers to improve performance and have fun within the code of conduct.

Everyone involved in the Club should abide by the Club Rules and Policies.

Paddlers

- Treat other Club members, other water users & bystanders with respect at all times — on and off the water — treat other paddlers as you would want to be treated yourself
- Co-operate fully, respecting all requests and decisions made by the coaches, helper's officials and administrators.
- Be on time for training sessions and events or inform your coach if you are going to be late.
- Paddlers must act reasonably with appropriate language and behaviour at all times.
- Paddlers must wear suitable kit for paddling as agreed with their coach.
- Take care of all property belonging to the club, club members and the wider community - and be responsible for caring for your own equipment and clothing.
- Not to leave sessions without notifying the coach or leader.
- No one is permitted to smoke or consume social drugs of any kind whilst on club premises or whilst undertaking club activities.
- On specified social events around the clubhouse, moderate drinking of alcohol is allowable for those aged 18 and over.

Club Officials, Coaches and Volunteers

- Consider the well-being and safety of paddlers before the development of performance
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with participants, based on mutual trust and respect
- Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour
- Follow British Canoeing and Club guidelines and Policies
- Hold the appropriate, up-dated qualifications and insurance
- Encourage paddlers to value their performance and not just results
- Never condone the use of prohibitive substances

Parents/Guardians

- Help your child to recognise good experience, not just results
- Never force your child to take part in sport
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes
- Always respect the club's officers'/coaches'/volunteers' position & responsibilities & never show inappropriate behaviour or use improper language towards them.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy the sport

- Use correct and proper language at all times