



EAST YORKSHIRE CANOE CLUB

CODE OF CONDUCT

It is the policy of East Yorkshire Canoe Club (EYCC) that all paddlers, volunteers, coaches and parents 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 performance and have fun.

Everyone involved in the Club must abide by the EYCC Rules of the Club, Code of Conduct and policies. These also apply when using EYCC associated social media.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS AND PADDLERS

- Take care of all property belonging to the club or any club member – and be responsible for caring for your own equipment and clothing.
- Be considerate and respectful to other paddlers and water users at all times — on and off the water — treat others as you would want to be treated yourself.
- Control tempers and avoid behaviour which may affect or upset others.
- Co-operate fully, not to undermine or interfere (verbally or in writing), respecting all requests and decisions made by the coaches, helpers, officials and administrators.
- Be on time for training sessions and events or inform your coach if you are going to be late.
- Wear suitable kit for paddling as agreed with your coach.
- Always use correct and proper language.
- Abusive or language likely to offend must not be used.
- In the case of new installations, these are not to be used until the EYCC committee has formally given written agreement in the committee meeting minutes.
- Any damaged equipment, structures or facilities must be reported to a Coach or Club Official to be labelled and set aside to enable suitable repair.
- Damaging club property will not be tolerated and may lead to club membership being revoked for the individual and/ or family, and the club may seek compensation when damage is deemed deliberate.

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 losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept official's judgements.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy the sport.
- Set a good example by applauding good performances of all paddlers.



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JUNIOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Junior members are asked to abide by the following additional rules at all times:

- Not to leave sessions without the permission of the coach or leader.
- Not to smoke, consume alcohol or drugs of any kind whilst on club premises or representing the club at events.

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.
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Follow British Canoeing and club guidelines and policies.
- Hold the appropriate up-dated qualifications and insurance. Insurance must be held by the individual and can be obtained through Canoe England.
- Encourage paddlers to value their performance and not just results.
- Never condone the use of prohibitive substances.

POND SESSIONS AND CLUB TRIPS

Attention is drawn to the points below to enable sessions to be operated legally and safely.

- Suitable clothing and buoyancy aid must always be worn when on or near the water.
- Members attending a coaching session must not go on the facility without a coach already being on the water.
- Paddlers must only participate in an activity once the correct level of authority is given by the correct level coach.
- Members must follow instructions given by coaches
- Paddling around the island must be in a group of at least 3 separate craft and paddlers who are 18 years old and over and must be 'Experienced' paddlers. (Experienced as defined by EYCC.)
- Adult 'Experienced' paddlers to have full access to the Pond (including ramp) as long as they are in groups of three or more.
- Junior (under 18 years old) 'Experienced' paddlers must be accompanied by two 'Experienced adults'.



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- Whilst on the water members should always be seated inside a boat unless instructed/ permitted otherwise by the coach.
- Unless instructed otherwise members must not stand or swim in the water.
- Boats must not be deliberately sunk or held upside down.
- Any boat or kit used by an individual should be emptied of water and returned to the container by the last person to use it.
- No one under the age of 16 may coach (subject to current British Canoeing and club rules).
- Parents are always to take charge of their children, whether in or out of the water.
- Pets must always be on a close lead and are not allowed in the water or adjacent to the two landing areas when paddlers are on or near the water.

Anyone failing to satisfactorily comply with this Code of Conduct or found to be deliberately abusing other paddlers, volunteers, parents or coaches at the club will be asked to leave immediately and their club membership being revoked for the individual and/ or family.

The EYCC Code of Conduct has been set by the EYCC Committee and may be revised by the EYCC Committee in the future if required. Any changes will be issued to all club members via normal club communication methods and/ or at the next annual membership renewal.