

# Belfast Canoe Club



## CLUB INFORMATION 2023

Northern Ireland charity number:  
**NIC104803**

Our operations in 2023 will be centred on Meteor Waterski Club's facilities at Lough Henney, Bresagh Road, Lisburn. Storage for club boats and car parking are available on site. The lough offers clean, flat water for paddling all year round with a buoyed waterski slalom course 500m+ long which provides lanes ideal for sprint canoeing. We have unlimited access to the lough November-March. From April-October we have two sessions per week, Wednesday 7-9 and Sunday 1030-1230. The membership fee includes use of club equipment for these sessions for juniors: there is a small charge for adults. The club will also organise sessions and travel to competitions elsewhere in Ireland and GB at weekends. The club also has a high performance group who train more often: there may be a small additional charge for these sessions.

**MINIMUM PADDLING STANDARD:** To join our club, paddlers **must** be competent to swim with a buoyancy aid, have previous experience of kayaking, and be confident with support strokes. Paddlers who do not meet this standard are welcome but must complete a beginners course before membership can be confirmed. All ages are welcome, but children under 12 years of age **must always** be accompanied by a parent **member** or older sibling member.

**EQUIPMENT:** The Club provides various types of kayaks, paddles and Buoyancy Aids, and spraydecks and helmets when required. In 'summer' conditions, paddlers should wear light clothing and footwear. Avoid Fleece and other thick absorbent clothing, and trainers with thick soles. Wetsuits are normally too hot for our activities in summertime. All paddlers **must** have a dry change of clothes including footwear and towel **available at all times** in case of capsizes. These should be securely stored inside a vehicle at the paddling site. Valuables should not be brought to paddling sessions: the Club does not accept any responsibility for personal property. **Kayaks and equipment are very specialised and varied and we do not recommend individuals purchase their own until they fully understand the differences.**

### **CLUB INFORMATION:**

Belfast Canoe Club (BCC) has a proud record as the oldest canoe club in Northern Ireland. It was founded in 1960, and had major influence in the setting up and early years of both the Canoe Association of Northern Ireland (CANI) and the Irish Canoe Union (now Canoeing Ireland (CI)). BCC paddlers have had many international competitive honours with paddlers representing GB&NI, Ireland, and N.I. in the disciplines of Sprint racing (the Olympic discipline), Marathon racing, Slalom, Whitewater racing, and Whitewater Rafting. The club registered as a charity in 2016 with the particular objective of promoting canoeing, particularly competitive canoeing, in the Belfast Area. We are now actively recruiting both youth membership and adults with basic kayaking skills interested in competitive or recreational paddling. Since 2016 we have been the only club in Northern Ireland offering tuition in the disciplines of Sprint racing (the Olympic discipline), Marathon racing and Whitewater racing. Our qualified volunteer coaches include a current Irish Masters Champion, a current British International, and 2 former International paddlers.

We also welcome those who wish to develop their skills to undertake canoeing as a purely recreational pursuit, particularly families, and encourage paddlers to obtain progressive awards and coaching qualifications.

The club uses a website, [teamer.net](http://teamer.net), to communicate session details, etc with members.

Once registered, members can receive notifications of all sessions direct by e-mail and/or text to mobile phone. There is a free Teamer 'App' which gives instant notifications on mobile devices. Teamer notices for young people will always be sent to a parent's e-mail: they can also be received on a young person's phone/email if these details are supplied. Please note once registered, teamer details can only be altered from the nominated e-mail/phone: club officials can only delete.

The Club also uses a 'closed' Belfast Canoe Club Facebook group page (members/parents are encouraged to join) and has a publicly visible Instagram account.

The Club has codes of conduct for Coaches, adults, and junior paddlers, and a code of expectations for parents of juniors. All members should read the appropriate code of conduct and accept it: parents should also read and accept the code of expectations for parents. All club policy documents and Codes of Practice can be found on our website [www.belfastcanoeclub.org](http://www.belfastcanoeclub.org).

Data Protection: personal data will only be used as required to administer the Club and communicate with members. As part of our insurance cover all our members are required to be of the Canoe Association of Northern Ireland: we enrol all club members who are not individual CANI members as Affiliated members of CANI and are required to share members personal details with CANI.

### **MEMBERSHIP FEES 2023**

Note: A reduction is allowed for all individual members of CANI, and members of other CANI clubs who are already registered as CANI affiliate members

	<u>CANI Non- members</u>	<u>CANI members</u>
Adult:	£60	£50
Junior:	£60	£50
Family members of Full members	£50	
Non-paddling	£ Nil	
Entrance Fee	£ Nil	
Non member visit (maximum 4 visits)		£12 /session

Forms to be returned to The Treasurer, Malcolm Kerry, 75 Shandon Park BT5 6NY with payment by cash, cheque or (preferred) by direct transfer to the Club's bank account.

### **CLUB RULES**

1. No Junior member may canoe alone.
2. No Junior member may take a boat from the Club storage location unless a responsible adult is present.
3. All novices must wear buoyancy aids. Adults are advised to wear buoyancy aids at all times
4. Juniors must wear buoyancy aids at all times unless exempted at the express permission of their coach on an organised race training or race session on flat water.
5. Juniors may only paddle without a competent adult present when they have reached the appropriate standard of paddling, are capable of rescuing a capsized kayak, have been given specific permission of a qualified Coach and their parent, and in groups of not less than three.
6. Paddlers must have a towel and a complete change of dry clothes suitable for the weather conditions available. Paddlers' personal property is **not** the responsibility of the club or its officials and we recommend you do not bring valuables to paddling or training sessions.

### **SAFEGUARDING**

We at Belfast Canoe Club are committed to good practice which protects children from harm. Coaches and other volunteers accept and recognise their responsibility to provide an environment which promotes the safety of the child at all times. If at any time you have any concerns, please contact our Designated Officer at [safeguarding@belfastcanoeclub.org](mailto:safeguarding@belfastcanoeclub.org)

# *BELFAST CANOE CLUB Application Form 2023*

First Name		Male/ Female
Surname		
Date of Birth (Required for all U-18 paddlers- desirable for others!)		
Address		
Post Code		
Tel No Home		
Mobile Tel No. (parents number for U-18)		
<b>Email Address</b> (parents e-mail for U-18)		
<b>Optional information</b> for Applicants under 18 years of Age:		
Email Address (parents will receive a copy of any emails sent)		
Personal Mobile Tel.No.		
<b>All members: Emergency Contact: Name and Tel Numbers</b>		
Canoeing Experience/ Coaching Qualifications (Confirm whether current)		
<b>If you are a 2023 CANI/BC member, Membership No. or name of other CANI club paying affiliation as member:</b>		
<b>Details of any disability/illness/injury/allergy.</b> The Club programme may involve very strenuous activity and rigorous training. It is important that we have any information on any existing illnesses or injuries.		

I apply for membership of Belfast Canoe Club. I confirm that I can swim and am not afraid of being immersed in water. I confirm that I have read and will behave in accordance with the club's Code of Conduct. I consent to the use of my personal details by the Club and CANI only for the organisation and administration of the club and my canoeing. I enclose the membership fee of £

and (for under 18s) a completed parental consent form (delete if not applicable).

Belfast Canoe Club obtains insurance indemnity cover by registering members as Affiliate members of the Canoe Association of Northern Ireland, the N.I Region of the British Canoe Union. The following declaration is required by CANI. CANI rules etc. can be found at [www.cani.org.uk](http://www.cani.org.uk)

I/We agree to be bound by the rules and regulations of the Canoe Association of N.I. and British Canoeing (a limited company). I/We accept liability for my/our share (£1) in the company in the event of liquidation of the Union.

Signed:

Dated:

**See Overleaf**

## PARENTAL CONSENT SECTION

I consent to my son / daughter\* (Name in full):

taking part in the Activities of Belfast Canoe Club in 2023. I confirm that he/she\* is medically fit to participate.

Their Application Form gives details of:

1. Any current medical condition/any medication being taken relevant to the strenuous activities of the club
2. Any other relevant information which may affect his/her participation in the club activities (including allergy or dietary requirements)
3. Emergency contact numbers.

I have read and accept the Club's code of Expectation for parents and agree to make appropriate arrangements relating to my son/daughter being sent home early for serious or persistent breach of their code of conduct from any of the club events.

In the unlikely event of an emergency, I agree to my son/daughter receiving emergency medical treatment, including anaesthetic, as considered necessary, by the medical authorities present.

I consent to my son/ daughter travelling by any form of public transport, minibus or motor vehicle driven by a club coach or any other parent attending, to any event in which the club is participating.

I agree to be at the pick-up/ drop-off point at the agreed time where applicable.

I understand that the club or organisers accept no responsibility for loss, damage or injury caused by or during attendance on any of the clubs organised activities except where such loss, damage or injury can be shown to result directly from the negligence of the club or the organisers.

I confirm to the best of my knowledge that my son/ daughter does not suffer from any medical condition other than those listed and undertake to inform the club of any relevant conditions which develop during the year.

I consent that photographs taken by authorised personnel of my son/ daughter at BCU/CANI/ICU or club events may be used to promote Paddlesport and confirm that my son/ daughter is not subject to any court order prohibiting publication of their image.

I consent to the use of the personal details I have provided by the Club and CANI only for the organisation and administration of the club and my son/daughter's canoeing.

I/We agree to be bound by the rules and regulations of the Canoe Association of N.I. and the British Canoe Union (a limited company). I/We accept liability for my/our share (£1) in the company in the event of liquidation of the Union.

I agree to provide occasional assistance to the Club and complete AccessNI type child protection process if required.

Signed (Parent/Guardian)	
Name:	Date:

## Gift Aid Declaration

Belfast CC is a registered charity: if you complete the declaration below, you can boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate. Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer. In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below: I want to Gift Aid my donation of £\_\_\_\_\_ to: Belfast Canoe Club. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

My Details

Title \_\_\_\_\_ First name or initial(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Full Home address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please notify the charity if you: • want to cancel this declaration • change your name or home address • no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains. If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.