

# Belfast Canoe Club

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## CODE OF EXPECTATIONS FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

### PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE EXPECTED TO:

- Positively reinforce their child/young person and show an interest in their chosen activity. Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- Do not place their young person under pressure or push them into activities they do not want to do.
- Complete and return the Health and Consent Form pertaining to their child's participation with "**Belfast Canoe Club**" (see parental consent).
- Deliver and collect the child punctually to and from coaching sessions/competitions.
- Ensure their child is properly and adequately attired for the weather conditions of the time. Clothing for canoeing should not absorb water so avoid heavy fleece or cotton. Non absorbent long-sleeved Polyester top and lycra shorts are ideal with a windproof/waterproof top in colder weather. A towel and a complete change of warm clothing **must** be available **at all times** in case of capsizes.
- Ensure that appropriate footwear and protective equipment are worn at **ALL** times in accordance with Health and Safety Regulations. Any child not in possession of the fundamental requirements will not be permitted to participate and must be collected by a parent immediately when notified.
- Detail any health concerns pertaining to the child on the consent form, in particular breathing or chest conditions. **Any changes in the state of the child's health should be reported to the coach prior to coaching sessions.**
- To inform the coach prior to the session if child is to be collected early from a coaching session.
- Encourage their child to play by the rules and teach them that they can only do their best. Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding good performances of all.
- Behave responsibly on the sidelines; do not embarrass your child.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Encourage and guide performers to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.
- Show appreciation and support the coach.
- Ensure their child is punctual.
- Be realistic and supportive.
- Provide their child with proper clothing and equipment.
- Ensure their child's hygiene and nutritional needs are met.
- Accept the official's judgement.
- Acknowledge the importance and role of the club coaches who provide their time free to ensure children's participation in the club.
- Promote their child's participation in playing sport for **fun**.

## **PARENTS/GUARDIANS HAVE THE RIGHT TO:**

- Know their child is safe.
- Be informed of problems or concerns relating to their children.
- Be informed if their child is injured.
- Have their consent sought for activities such as trips.
- Contribute to decisions within the club.
- Complain if they have concerns about the standard of coaching.

Any misdemeanours or breaches of this Code of Conduct will be dealt with immediately by a Club official. Persistent concerns or breaches will result in the parent/guardian being asked not to attend if their attendance is detrimental to the child's welfare.

The ultimate action should a parent/guardian continue to breach the code of behaviour may mean the Club officials regrettably asking the child to leave the club.