



GB Freestyle Kayaking Safeguarding Children Policy

This document applies to GB Freestyle Kayaking, its associated events and committee members.

GB Freestyle Kayaking is fully committed to safeguarding the well-being of all its event volunteers and competitors. All volunteers and competitors should show respect and understanding for the rights, safety and welfare of others, and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the organisation.

We believe that taking part in Paddlesport should be a positive and enjoyable part of children's lives and to achieve this have the following aims:

- Team and event coaches and helpers should follow the British Canoeing Code of Ethics.
- All team and event coaches, helpers and officials working with young people should read and adhere to the British Canoeing Safeguarding Children Policy and Safeguarding Adult Policy. The committee will follow the guidance of the policy in the event of any concerns or allegations.
- The committee or event organiser will ensure that anyone who meets the eligibility criteria for a Disclosure check will not be deployed until a satisfactory check has been returned.
- All those involved with events are made aware of the GB Freestyle Kayaking Code/s of Conduct.

- The event organisers will obtain written medical details of young paddlers which will be made known to coaches, where deemed appropriate and/or necessary.
- Any paddler who coaches for events should be a member of British Canoeing. The committee will encourage and support helpers to gain qualifications and assist coaches to stay updated.
- The committee will identify a person whose role it is to deal with any issues concerning Safeguarding (Committee Welfare Officer) and notify this person to all members. Anyone with concerns with respect to the welfare of a event participant should contact that person. If that person is unavailable, they can contact the British Canoeing Safeguarding Officer.
- The committee will adopt and regularly review a Health and Safety Policy.
- The committee will review this Policy annually.

Signed: Alice Shute

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