



## **SAFEGUARDING POLICY**

Solihull Canoe Club is fully committed to safeguarding the well being of its members. All members 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 Club.

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

- Club coaches and helpers should follow Paddle UK's Code of Conduct for the Coaching Workforce
- All Club coaches, helpers and officials should read and adhere to the Paddle UK Safeguarding Children and Safeguarding Adults Policies. The Club will follow the guidance of the policies in the event of any concerns or allegations.
- The Club 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 Club members are made aware of the Club Code of Conduct.
- The Club 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 the Club should be a member of Paddle UK. The club will encourage and support helpers to gain qualifications and assist coaches to stay updated.
- The Club will identify a person whose role it is to deal with any issues concerning Safeguarding and Child Protection (Club Welfare Officer) and notify this person to all members. Anyone with concerns with respect to the welfare of a child or a vulnerable adult should contact the Club Welfare Officer. If that person is unavailable they can contact the Paddle UK Safeguarding Officer (Tel: 0115 8968842).
- The Club will adopt and regularly review a Health and Safety Policy.
- The Club will review this Policy annually.

### **Telephone numbers**

The Club's current Club Welfare Officer is Claire Aston and the Assistant Welfare Officer is Mandy Lawton (see posters in club house for telephone no).

Paddle UK Safeguarding Lead	01158 655354
NSPCC Child Protection 24-hour Help Line	0808 800 5000

This policy was last reviewed and approved by the Club's committee on 11 May 2026.

This policy is due for review in May 2027

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