

HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

It is the intention of the **PPCA** to ensure its activities are carried out in accordance with Paddle UK guidelines and recommendations.

The **PPCA** will take all reasonably practicable steps to ensure the safety and welfare of its members and other persons affected by its day to day activities, to ensure a safe environment the club will provide the following:

- ☐ Safe equipment
- ☐ Adequate instruction and coaching to its members.
- ☐ A safe and healthy environment including safe access and egress to its activities.
- ☐ Minimize the risk to its members in handling, storage of equipment used in its activities.
- ☐ Only use qualified and updated coaches relevant to their experience.
- ☐ Encourage discussion in any matters regarding health and safety.

All the coaches are responsible for monitoring health and safety in the club and it is their duty to follow PUK guidelines when employed on a club activity, reporting back to the club leader as appropriate.

All Coaches must have read and understood the relevant Risk Assessment's for the activities they are leading which are contained in the section 3 Risk Assessments

Risk assessments have been carried out and are available to all coaches as well as being displayed in the club shed. A copy of this health and safety policy will also be displayed in the club shed.

All members are expected to observe the following:

- ☐ Take reasonable care for the health and safety of themselves and others.
- ☐ Co-operate with the club committee and its officers.
- ☐ Inform an officer of the club or coach of any breach of health and safety.

The club encourages all forms of training to its coaches and members.

All equipment will be maintained in a serviceable and working manner and be fit for the purpose it was designed for, also complying with the relevant British standards. The club sheds are to be kept in a reasonable and tidy manner, all boats stored in the correct way and restrained as required.

It is the policy of the club to operate within the child protection guidelines as laid down by PUK a copy of which is to be displayed in the club shed.

This policy will be reviewed on a regular basis and updated to include any change in PUK guidelines.

This policy will be displayed in the club shed for all members to have access to and it will be deemed to have been read by all members, it needs full co-operation of the members for it to be implemented. All Club policies, rules and procedures are combined in the Club Operating Policy document. A copy is available in the Club shed or on the club website www.pPCA-canoe-club.org.uk/