



Ichthus Canoe Club Chesterfield

Child and Vulnerable Adults Protection Policy

Ichthus Canoe Club Chesterfield 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/vulnerable adults lives and to achieve this have the following aims:

- Club coaches should follow the BCU Coaches & Officials Code of Conduct
- All club coaches, helpers and officials working with young people should read and adhere to the BCU child and vulnerable adults policy. The club will follow the guidance of the policy in the event of any concerns or allegations.
- The club will ensure that anyone working with young people and vulnerable adults undertake a screening procedure, namely a Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.
- The club will obtain written medical details of child/vulnerable adult paddlers which will be made known to coaches where deemed appropriate and/or necessary.
- The club will only use BCU qualified/updated coaches — unqualified coaches can only work alongside a qualified coach. The club will encourage and support members to gain qualifications and assist coaches to stay up-dated.
- The club will identify a person whose role it is to deal with any issues concerning child protection and vulnerable adults and notify this person to all members. This person will be elected at each AGM as the Child Protection Officer (CPO).
- **The role of the CPO is:**
 - Receive information from club staff, volunteers, children or parents and carers who have child protection concerns and record it
 - Assess the information promptly and carefully, clarifying or obtaining more information about the matter as appropriate
 - Consult initially with a statutory child protection agency, such as the local Children's Social Care Services department or health board, or the NSPCC, to test out any doubts or uncertainty about the concerns as soon as possible (contact details below)
 - Make a formal referral to a statutory child protection agency, e.g. Social Services department or the police, without delay. It is NOT the role of the club to decide whether a child has been abused or not. This is the task of the Social Services department and the police who have the legal responsibility, or the NSPCC who also have powers to investigate child protection concerns under the Children Act and the Children (N Ireland) Order. It is,

however, everybody's responsibility to ensure that concerns are shared and appropriate action taken

- Report the concerns to the national Governing Body

Anyone with concerns in respect to children or vulnerable adults should then contact the CPO.

*If they are unavailable they can contact the BCU Child Protection Officer on
Tel: 0845 370 4503 or childprotection@bcu.org.uk*

Contact Details:

[Ichthus Canoe Club Chesterfield - Child Protection Officer \(CPO\):](#)

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Walton
Chesterfield, S42 7HF

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[BCU Child Protection](#)

24 Hour Child Protection Contact Number

Mobile: 0777 570 7364 (For use by professionals and people wishing to report incidents outside of office hours)

e-mail: childprotection@bcu.org.uk

[BCU Child Protection, Vulnerable Adults and Harassment Lead Officer](#)

Mike Devlin **Tel:** 0845 370 4503

Postal Address:

Child Protection, British Canoe Union, 18 Market Place, Bingham, Nottingham, NG13 8AP

[BCU Coach Advisor:](#)

Nigel Timmins: 017684 80084

[NSPCC Child Protection Helpline](#)

Tel: 0800 800 500

[Childline](#)

Tel: 0800 1111

[BCU Criminal Records Disclosure](#)

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