# Junior Code of Conduct

Based on British Canoeing template dated 26.02.15 and updated 28.07.16

Junior members are asked to abide by the following rules at all times:

* Co-operate fully, respecting all requests and decisions made by the coaches, helpers, officials and administrators.
* Be on time for training sessions and events or inform your coach if you are going to be late.
* Control your temper and avoid behaviour which may affect or upset others.
* Be considerate and respectful to other paddlers and water users - treat others as you would want to be treated.
* Wear suitable kit for paddling as agreed with your coach.
* Take care of all property belonging to the club or any club member – and be responsible for caring for your own equipment and clothing.
* Leave sessions only with the permission of the coach or leader.
* Junior members are not allowed to smoke, consume alcohol or drugs of any kind whilst on club premises or representing the club at events.

THE AIM IS FOR ALL PADDLERS TO IMPROVE THEIR SKILLS AND HAVE FUN

# Parents and Carers Code of Conduct

Based on a BC template dated 05.05.15 and updated 27.07.16

As a parent or carer you play an essential part in encouraging, supporting and influencing your child’s participation in canoeing. Sometimes, despite best intentions, parental behaviour can have a negative impact on your child’s (or other children’s) enjoyment of the sport- often without the parent even realising! The following highlights a few things to consider.

**Set a good example**

* - Applaud good performances of all paddlers, not just your child’s.
* - Behave responsibly; try not to embarrass your child.
* - Show appreciation and support for the coaches, staff and volunteers.
* - Publicly accept judges or official’s decisions.
* - Use appropriate language at all times.

**As parents/carers you should**:

* Support your child’s involvement and help them to enjoy the sport.
* Never force your child to take part in sport.
* Promote playing sport for fun.
* Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
* Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
* Positively reinforce your child and show an interest in their chosen activity.
* Not place your child under pressure or push them into activities they do not want to do.
* Be realistic and supportive.
* Encourage your child to follow the rules of the sport and any codes of conduct for the activity/ club.
* Teach them that they can only do their best.
* When requested, complete and return any registration, medical and consent forms and ensure you update these straight away with any changes.
* Deliver and collect your child punctually.
* Inform the coach/ organiser prior to the activity starting if your child is to be collected early or by someone else.
* Ensure your child has clothing, kit, food and drink appropriate to the activity and weather conditions.

**As parents/carers you have the right to:**

* Be assured that your child is safeguarded during their participation in the activity.
* Be informed of problems or concerns relating to your child.
* Be informed if your child is injured.
* Have your consent sought for attendance on club trips or photography of your child.
* Contribute to decisions that affect your child.
* Have any concerns about any aspect of your child’s welfare, listened to and responded to.

Any breaches of this code of conduct will be dealt with immediately by a Shrewsbury Canoe Club official. Persistent concerns or breaches may result in you being asked not to attend club activities or events if your attendance is considered detrimental to the welfare of young participants.

**Continued breaches of this code of conduct could lead to Shrewsbury Canoe Club officials regretfully asking your child to leave the session, event or club.**