

WBC Safeguarding Policy

Wargrave Boating 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 boating activities should be a positive and enjoyable part of children's lives and to achieve this have the following aims:

- Club coaches and helpers should follow the Paddle UK (formerly British Canoeing) Codes of Conduct SPC-P1-P6 (<https://paddleuk.org.uk/safeguarding-policies/>)
- All Club coaches, helpers and officials working with young people should read and adhere to the Paddle UK Safeguarding Children Policy (<https://paddleuk.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/shared-files/british-canoeing-central-documents/P1-Paddle-UK-Safeguarding-Children-Policy-January-2023.pdf>). The Club will follow the guidance of the policy 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 Wargrave Boating Club Bylaws.
- The Club will obtain written medical details of those under 18 participating in courses. These details will be made known to coaches, where deemed appropriate and/or necessary.
- Anyone who coaches in kayaking/canoeing for the Club should be a member of British Canoeing. 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 should contact that person. If that person is unavailable they can contact the Paddle UK Safeguarding Officer on 0115 896 8842.
- The Club will adopt and regularly review a Health and Safety Policy.
- The child safeguarding officer will review this policy annually.

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