

Macclesfield and District Canoe Club

Child/Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy

Aim

The aim of this policy is to help protect junior (under 18 years) and vulnerable adult members of MADCC, and to protect coaches and adult helpers who train and assist these groups of paddlers.

Policy

All club coaches, helpers and officials should read and adhere to the MADCC child and vulnerable adult's protection policy, and should read and adhere to the BCU child protection and vulnerable adult's policy.

All club coaches and trainee coaches must complete a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) disclosure and provide evidence of disclosure to the MADCC Safeguarding of Children Coordinator

Adult helpers are recommended to complete a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) disclosure or a BCU disclosure form and provide evidence of disclosure to the MADCC child protection officer

Coaches and adult helpers should avoid, whenever possible, being alone with juniors or vulnerable adult paddlers.

If a paddler requires physical support, coaches/helpers should ask the paddler's permission and, if appropriate, explain what they are doing to the paddler and to their parent or carer.

Whenever possible, parents/carers will be asked to take responsibility for their children in changing rooms. If this is not feasible, coaches/helpers should, whenever possible, supervise such situations in pairs.

Whenever possible, a male and a female adult coach/helper should supervise mixed sex groups of juniors/vulnerable adults participating in club trips/events.

Coaches and adult helpers should not allow physically inappropriate games, talking or physical contact to take place during club activities or events.

Parents/carers of juniors/vulnerable adults who are taking part in club activities such as those involving paddling during the night, or other circumstances deemed appropriate by the club committee, will be asked to complete a consent form before such activities can be undertaken.

MADCC will review this policy at intervals as deemed appropriate by either the committee or by the club Safeguarding of Children Coordinator.

MADCC will investigate any claims concerning inappropriate behavior made by any member of the club.

Any issues relating to child/vulnerable adult protection should be discussed with the MADCC Designated Safeguarding of Children Coordinator or with the club chairman.

Club members who feel that issues cannot be resolved within MADCC are advised to contact the BCU or Social Care Access Team.

If abuse is suspected the first point of contact is the:

Social Care Access team 01625 534700

Other contact numbers include:

- Public Protection Unit referral Unit 01244 613606/05
- Police Child Protection Unit 0845 4580000