



Eastwood and East Kilbride Canoe Club

1. Canoeing and kayaking are assumed risk sports; you participate at your own risk. Even with the correct equipment, good training, personal experience and experienced companions, there is a risk of personal injury or death inherent in canoe sport. By participating in club activities you accept this risk and in participating, EEKCC will assume that you have accepted such risks.
2. The Club shall provide instruction in all types of canoeing, this being subject to the qualifications of the instructors. The accent to be placed on proper training and safety. However the individual's sense of adventure and fun should not be curbed.
3. Any Club member having no prior instruction shall only go on the water accompanied by a club coach... No novice paddler may use a spray deck at any club session or trip until they have satisfied one of the club coaches that they are competent to do so.
4. Every Club member when on the water (other than at the pool) shall wear either a life jacket or a buoyancy aid.
5. All persons using Club boats must be able to swim in paddling clothing.
6. Members who show aptitude shall be encouraged to sit BCU Awards thus ensuring an adequate number of highly trained members within the Club.
7. Club equipment, i.e. equipment purchased by the money raising efforts of Club members shall be available to all Club members but always subject to the fair use policy. Members' guests may use Club equipment twice in any given year, after which they will be required to pay the full membership fee. The Committee reserves the right to introduce a scale of charges for use of club equipment if they feel it is in the interests of the Club to do so.
8. All members are bound by the club disciplinary policy. The committee reserves the right to expel any member whose behaviour is deemed inappropriate and unacceptable. Pro-rata membership may be refunded at the sole discretion of the Committee.
9. In the interests of safety and enjoyment, the advice of the experienced paddlers or qualified leader or coach in charge on the trip or the decisions of the qualified coach in charge of any coaching activity are final. They have the right to change, curtail or cancel any activity at their sole discretion. They can advise any paddler who is not appropriately equipped or who is not sufficiently competent for the proposed activity not to participate in the trip or event. If any member is advised not to paddle any section of a river or similar by a leader or coach, the member should respect that request in the interests of the safety of the other paddlers.
10. Any member who fails to pay their due membership fees in full by the anniversary of their membership plus 28 days shall be liable to pay an additional administrative charge of £5 per member. Any member who fails to pay their due membership and the administrative charge one month after the due date shall be deemed to have resigned from the Club and shall immediately lose all rights and privileges of membership. Such lapsed members shall only be readmitted to membership on submission of a fresh membership application, with all due fees plus the administrative charge and after the application has been considered and approved by the Committee. Until such time as their application has been approved and a new membership card has been issued, they shall not be entitled to participate in Club activities or to use Club equipment.

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