Ocean Sports Club Code of Conduct 2025

Introduction

Ocean Sports Club (OSC) asks that all paddlers, volunteers, Coaches, and parents show respect and understanding for each other and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles and ethos of the Club.

The aim is for all paddlers to improve personal skills, enhance health and well being and to develop personal performance in an inclusive setting. To enjoy meeting new challenges - above all to enjoy and share in a mutual respect for the ocean, its ecology and wildlife and to have fun in a safe and mutually respectful environment.

Everyone in the Club should abide by the Club Rules and Policies.

All Paddlers

- 1. Take care of all property belonging to the Club or Club Members
- 2. Treat other Club Members, and other water users with respect at all times (on and off the water); treat all paddlers as you would want to be treated yourself.
- 3. Control tempers and avoid behaviour that may inconvenience or upset others.
- 4. Co-operate and listen to your Coach or Club Officials.

Club Officials, Coaches and Leaders

- 5. Consider the well-being and safety of paddlers before the development of performance.
- 6. Develop an appropriate working relationship with paddlers, based on mutual trust, respect and collaboration.
- 7. Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part.
- 8. Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- 9. Follow Paddle UK and Club guidance and Policies.
- 10. Hold the appropriate, up-dates qualifications and insurance.
- 11. Encourage paddlers to value performance relative to themselves and not just the results.
- 12. Never condone the use of prohibited substances.

Parents / Guardians

13. Help your child recognise good performance, not just results. Work ethic not performance counts

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- 14. Never force your child to take part in sport encourage participation for enjoyment sake. The rest will come later. Liaise with your club coach to develop a personalised session to help.
- 15. Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes. Actively seek the opportunity to encourage making mistakes whereever possible.
- 16. Publicly accept Officials' judgements if in disagreement, discuss the relative merits of your opinion in a manner you would like to be treated at an appropriate time.
- 17. Support your child's involvement and help them enjoy the sport.
- 18. Use correct and proper language at all times
- 19. Set a good example by applauding good performance of paddlers.
- 20. Ensure you collect your child at the correct time and don't use the Club as a baby-sitting service.
- 21. Parents/Guardians are openly welcomed and encourage to take an active role in supporting their child and or the club.