



Kilcullen Canoe Club

OUR COMMUNITY RULES!

- IN OUR CLUB AND COMMUNITY, KINDNESS IS KEY, FOSTERING RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOR, RESPECTING BOUNDARIES, AND PROMOTING AN INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT WHERE RESPECT FOR ALL IS PARAMOUNT; ANY VIOLATIONS OF THIS WILL BE SUBJECT TO SANCTIONS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMITTEE.
- TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR CLUB, INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NEW TO THE SPORT MUST COMPLETE A MINIMUM LEVEL ONE CANOEING IRELAND SKILLS COURSE OFFERED BY KILCULLEN CANOE CLUB (KCC).
- EXPERIENCED PADDLERS JOINING THE CLUB, OR PREVIOUS MEMBERS REJOINING **WITHOUT** CANOEING IRELAND CERTIFICATION, MUST BE DEEMED COMPETENT BY THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMITTEE, AND/OR SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE OF THEIR CANOEING EXPERIENCE PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE WITH THEIR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM.
- **ALL PADDLERS MUST WEAR BUOYANCY AIDS AT ALL TIMES UNLESS DISPENSATED BY CI RULES.**
- ALL CLUB MEMBERS MUST BE WATER CONFIDENT. BRINGING ALONG A SPARE SET OF CLOTHING IS MANDATORY.
- **SENIOR PADDLERS MUST WEAR HELMETS AT ALL TIMES** WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PADDLING A KBOAT OR OPEN CANADIAN CRAFT.
- JUNIOR PADDLERS (**U/18'S**) **MUST WEAR HELMETS ON ALL CRAFT.**
- **JUNIOR MEMBERS MUST STAY WITHIN THE VALLEY AS VISUAL FROM THE JETTY** OR CLUBHOUSE UNLESS THEY ARE SUPERVISED BY A PROFICIENT CANOEIST OR DEEMED EXPERIENCED ENOUGH TO DO SO, EITHER ON THEIR OWN OR WITH OTHER JUNIOR MEMBERS.
- **NOVICE AND JUNIOR MEMBERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE RIVER IF IN FLOOD.** THIS RULE WILL BE ENFORCED. IF A COMMITTEE MEMBER BELIEVES A NOVICE OR JUNIOR IS CAPABLE OF PADDLING IN FLOOD CONDITIONS, THEY MAY, AT THEIR DISCRETION, ACCOMPANY THEM ON THE RIVER, ENSURING CONSTANT SUPERVISION AND REMAIN WITH THEM AT ALL TIMES.
- JUNIOR MEMBERS MAY TRAIN IN THE VALLEY AREA UNACCOMPANIED BY A SENIOR MEMBER IF DEEMED SUFFICIENTLY COMPETENT BY THE COMMITTEE. THEY MUST, HOWEVER, BE SUPERVISED BY A SENIOR MEMBER FROM EITHER THE CLUBHOUSE OR ITS GROUNDS.
- ALL JUNIOR MEMBERS MUST BE OFF THE RIVER BEFORE DARK, UNLESS SUPERVISED IN THE FLOODLIT AREA OF THE RIVER.
- ALL CLUB EQUIPMENT MUST BE PROPERLY LOOKED AFTER AND ANY DAMAGE REPORTED, IMMEDIATELY, TO A COMMITTEE MEMBER.
- **IF USING EQUIPMENT OUTSIDE THE CLUBHOUSE, ENSURE TO USE THE SIGN IN/SIGN OUT BOOK.**
- EQUIPMENT MUST BE RETURNED TO ITS PROPER PLACE AFTER USE. SENIOR MEMBERS OR GUARDIANS SHOULD ENSURE THAT THIS IS COMPLIED WITH.
- **PRIVATELY OWNED EQUIPMENT MUST NOT BE USED WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE OWNER.**
- THE CLUBHOUSE AND GROUNDS SHOULD, AT ALL TIMES, BE KEPT CLEAN AND TIDY. OCCASIONALLY, A GENERAL CLEAN UP IS MADE AND ANY CLOTHING ETC FOUND LYING AROUND IS DISCARDED. ALL MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO KEEP THE GROUNDS AND PREMISES CLEAN AND TIDY.
- MEMBERS WHO HAVE UNDERGONE GARDA VETTING ARE ELIGIBLE FOR DOOR AUTHORIZATION AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMITTEE UPON SUBMISSION OF THEIR GARDA VETTING CLEARANCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH C.I. GUIDELINES.
- ONLY AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUALS ARE PERMITTED ACCESS TO THE PREMISES WITH APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE.
- MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO BRING GUESTS TO THE CLUB. HOWEVER, REGULAR USE OF CLUB FACILITIES REQUIRES MEMBERSHIP.
- **MEMBERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BRING PETS OR DOGS INTO THE CLUBHOUSE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF GUIDE DOGS.**
- KCC AGREES TO FOLLOW THE CANOEING IRELAND CHILD PROTECTION POLICY. BY JOINING, ALL MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO ADHERE TO CANOEING IRELAND'S CHILD CODE OF CONDUCT, COMMITTING TO ITS PRINCIPLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.
- ALL PERSONS MUST ADHERE TO THE CODE OF ETHICS OF THE SPORTS COUNCIL AND CANOEING IRELAND.
- ANY CLUB MEMBER FOUND USING DRUGS WILL BE PERMANENTLY EXPELLED FROM THE CLUB.
- ALL MEMBERS MUST PRIORITIZE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT WITH PROMPT REPORTING OF ANY INCIDENTS AFFECTING SAFETY, WELL-BEING, OR CLUB OPERATIONS EXPECTED, ENSURING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT AND SWIFT RESOLUTION PER CLUB POLICIES OR AT THE SAFETY OFFICER'S DISCRETION.

ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY OF THE ABOVE RULES IS SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY THE COMMITTEE.