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COVID-19

Club Safety and Social Distancing Procedures

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Displaying Covid-19 symptoms. You must not access the club, attend the site or participate in any club activity if you or someone in your household are displaying any Covid-19 symptoms - *if you have any of these symptoms then you must follow government guidance and self-isolate at home.*

Social distancing. In line with social distancing rules, members must keep 2m apart whilst on site or when participating in a club activity. If the 2m distancing cannot be maintained then please follow the 1m Plus guidance and wear a face covering. Be aware that there may be members of the public also on site when you are who may not follow these rules.

Safety and hygiene. Individual members are responsible for their own safety and hygiene. Although there may be some cleaning materials available at the club do not depend on this and bring your own so that you are content with the level of hygiene both while on the premises and while using equipment, particularly if you are using club equipment (i.e. it is your responsibility to wipe/clean gates/padlocks/door handles/boats, etc. before use). It is your responsibility to stay safe and the only way you can really do this is by wearing protective gloves/ hand washing or wiping down any surface that you are going to touch.

Hand sanitiser. Although hand sanitiser is available when borrowing club equipment, members should bring their own hand sanitiser when participating in any club activity.

Borrowing and Cleaning Club Equipment. [Loan of Club Equipment](#)

Club equipment may be used by members. It is your responsibility to clean beforehand and afterwards. Paddle shafts must be cleaned and wiped, as should cockpit rims and carry handles of kayaks, seats and handles of canoes. Buckets, cleaning detergent and paper towels are provided in the storage containers.

Large and heavy equipment. If you need help to carry a canoe, then you will need to agree a plan with the member on site to move it. If the 2m distancing cannot be maintained then please follow the 1m Plus guidance by wearing a face covering and using either hand sanitiser or protective gloves.



Group sizes. Paddlers must not paddle in groups of more than 6 people. This does not mean no more than 6 on the water, just no more than 6 in any one group. For example there could be a group of fast paddlers, a group of slower paddlers and a beginners group in clearly separate parts of the river. While waiting to get on the water or getting equipment, please give your fellow paddlers space.

Lone Paddling. As always this is not recommended.

Club Paddles / Trips. Online pre-booking only. The minimum number of paddlers for a club paddle to take place is three.

Paddlers are reminded that they are entirely responsible for their own safety at all times and that currently the resources of the waterways authorities and the emergency services are very limited. Paddlers should take care to make responsible decisions, paddle in familiar locations, and favourable conditions.

On the water you should paddle well within your capabilities and be able to self-rescue to ensure that you do not put yourself or others at risk.

If paddling on whitewater please consider in advance how you will do this in circulating eddies and flows. You may want to consider paddling in smaller groups.

BCC Covid-19 Policy and Risk Assessments.

Step 1: [Covid-19 Policy](#)

Step 2: [Risk Assessment \(Covid-19\) Club Facilities](#)
[Risk Assessment \(Covid-19\) Club Equipment](#)

Step 3: [Planning for the future](#)

Members are requested to familiarise themselves with the above policy and risk assessment prior to coming onto site.

Litter. Please use any bins provided or simply take all your litter home.

British Canoeing guidance. British Canoeing are regularly updating their website to provide advice and guidance for individuals as well as clubs. Please follow this link for further details

<https://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk/news/2020/a-return-to-paddling-in-england?fbclid=IwAR2RdkNdBJy5RHPoKiX8mTBZQR2YktGZ6VoNJKFYcNqbWbWZukGXoOAjCTo>