

## **THE EYOT CENTRE CODE OF CONDUCT – February 2024**

It is the policy of The Eyot Centre that all paddlers, volunteer, coaches, parents and guests show respect and understanding for each other and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the Centre.

### **Paddlers**

- Take care of yourself - wear suitable kit for paddling.
- Other paddlers need to look after you on the water - keep them informed of your intentions.
- Take care of all property belonging to the Centre and other members.
- Treat other Centre members with respect at all times - on and off the water - treat other paddlers as you would want to be treated
- Control tempers and avoid behaviour which may inconvenience or upset others.
- Co-operate and listen to your coach or official

### **Club Officials, Coaches and volunteers**

- Consider the well-being and safety of paddlers before the development of performance.
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with participants, based on mutual trust and respect.
- Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part.
- Promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play).
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Follow Centre policies and guidelines
- Hold appropriate valid qualifications and insurance cover
- Never exert undue influence over performers to obtain personal benefit or reward.
- Never condone rule violations, rough play or the use of prohibited substances.
- Encourage participants to value their performances and not just results.
- Encourage and guide participants to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.

### **Parents/Guardians**

- Paddlesports are “assumed risk” water contact sports that may carry attendant risks.
- Encourage your child to read and understand the Code of Conduct.
- Encourage your child to paddle safely whilst having fun.
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with coaches or officials
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Never force your child to take part in sport.
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding good performances of all.

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- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept coaches and officials judgements.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Encourage and guide paddlers to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.