

## **Chippenham Sailing and Canoeing Club: CODE OF PRACTICE FOR PARENTS/CARERS**

### **Practicalities & Paperwork**

- Provide the club with your (not your child's) phone and email contact details and an alternative phone contact for emergencies. Notify the club if these change. See consent form.
- Provide the club with information regarding any potentially relevant medical conditions or disabilities of your child. Notify the club if these change. See consent form.
- Ensure that you have provided consent for all the activities in which your child participates. This can be done on a single consent form (e.g. for all trips) provided you are clear which you are approving.
- Ensure that you are aware of the appropriate contact details in case you need to make urgent contact with the club. For activities at the club, the number is **07528 704163**. For trips, the phone number of the appropriate leader is on the website
- Arrange for prompt and safe arrival and departure of your child from the club or nominated rendezvous points.

### **It should be FUN**

- Never force your child to take part in sport.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.

### **Good Sportmanship**

- Encourage your child to learn the rules and play within them.
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials.
- Publicly accept officials' judgments.
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding good performances of all.

### **Top Performance**

- Encourage your child to try all different aspects of water sports on offer in order that they may find the one(s) that they most enjoy and that brings out the best in them. Whether it be competitive or recreational canoeing, kayaking or sailing.
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results. "As long as you did your best then no one can ask for more"
- Encourage and guide young boaters to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.

### **Ps & Qs**

- Please use correct and proper language at all times.

### **Lending a Hand**

- Support the club by acting in a volunteer capacity for a minimum of two hours a year. For example: Help us out by being an Officer of the Day for a club coaching session.
- Attend a Working Party day when you can. There are always jobs around the club compound that need doing.