



Code of Conduct for Parents/Guardians

Parents and Guardians of Children and Young people who are members of Portadown Boat club have an important role to play in the life of the Club. The Committee of Portadown Boat Club expect parents/guardians to abide by the following rules:

- Positively reinforce their child/young person and show an interest in their chosen activity. Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.

Do not place their young person under pressure or push them into activities they do not want to do.

Complete and return the Consent Form pertaining to their child's participation with Portadown Boat Club.

Deliver and collect the child punctually to and from coaching sessions/events/competitions as agreed with the Coach. If for any reason your child is going to be late or unable to attend, please inform your child's coach at the earliest convenience.

Ensure their child is properly and adequately attired for the weather conditions of the time, including wearing of recommended Club kit for Competitions.

Detail any health concerns pertaining to the child on the membership and consent forms, in particular breathing or chest conditions. Any changes in the state of the child's health should be reported to the coach prior to coaching sessions.

Encourage their child to play by the rules and teach them that they can only do their best. Help your child to recognise good performance and participation, not just results.

Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding good performances of all.

Behave responsibly whilst spectating; do not embarrass your child.

Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.

Use correct and proper language at all times. This includes showing respect to coaches and committee.

Unacceptable behaviour towards coaches or committee will not be tolerated and may result in you and your child being excluded from the club.

Show appreciation and support the coach and listen to concerns of the Coach.

Accept the Coach's and/or Umpire's judgement.

Acknowledge the importance and role of the club coaches who provide their time free to ensure children's participation in the club.

It is not the responsibility of Portadown Boat Club to transport young people home if a parent is delayed or to provide transport to and from events.

Parents should not tamper with or alter Club equipment.

Portadown Boat Club appreciates any assistance from Parents/Guardians. However, when Parents/Guardians help out at coaching sessions/training, they are there in a supervisory capacity only. Parents are not permitted to operate launches or coach their child or other children.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

Know their child is safe.

Be informed of problems or concerns relating to their children.

Be informed if their child is injured.

Have their consent sought for issues such as competitions and events not held on Portadown Boat Club premises.

Contribute to decisions within the club.

Raise a complaint if they have concerns about the standard of coaching.

Any misdemeanours and breach of this Code of Conduct will be dealt with immediately by Portadown Boat Club Committee. Persistent concerns or breaches will result in the parent/guardian being asked not to attend events if their attendance is detrimental to the child's welfare.

The ultimate action should a parent/guardian continue to breach the code of behaviour may mean the Portadown Boat Club Committee regrettably asking the associated member (child) or members (family membership) to leave the club.