



Code of Conduct for Members

Members of Portadown Boat club have an important role to play in the life of the Club. The Committee of Portadown Boat Club expect all members to abide by the following rules:

- All members must comply with the rules of the club and individual competitions and respect officials and their decisions.
- All members must comply with the instructions and decisions made by coaches, captains and nominated parent helpers.
- All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Members should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions and inform their coach or captain if they are going to be late or are unable to attend at the earliest convenience.
- Members must wear suitable kit for training sessions and competitions, as agreed with the coach and committee.
- Members must use correct and proper language at all times whilst representing the Club, on club premises or at events. This includes showing respect to coaches and fellow members. Inappropriate language towards coaching staff will not be tolerated and may mean exclusion from club activities.
- Members must pay any fees for membership or events promptly, in accordance with details outlined within the membership pack.
- For health and safety reasons, members are required to support the smoking ban in the clubhouse and boat house.
- Junior members are not allowed to smoke, consume alcohol or take drugs of any kind on club premises or whilst representing the club at competitions.
- Members must respect Club property and equipment at all times. This includes tidying gym equipment after use, keeping changing rooms/shower areas clean and tidy, disposing of all litter in gym and changing facilities appropriately, taking caution when lifting, carrying and launching boats, taking care of blades on and off the water.
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On the water, members have a duty to:

- Act in a manner that will not compromise the safety of themselves, Club members, other water users and the general public.
- Assess risks and base their decisions on such assessments.
- Actively respond to the Club's safety rules.
- Be proactive in warning others of impending danger.
- Inform coaches and other crew/Club members of any medical condition that may present a risk to themselves and/or their crew. In the case of juniors, parents have a duty to advise those in charge.
- Complete and return the Consent Form pertaining to their child's participation with Portadown Boat Club.

Any misdemeanours and breach of this Code of Conduct will be dealt with immediately by Portadown Boat Club Committee. In the case of Junior Members, persistent concerns or breaches will result in the parent/guardian being informed.

The ultimate action, should a Club Member continue to breach the Code of Conduct, may result in the Portadown Boat Club Committee, regrettably asking the Club Member to leave the Club.