

Code of Behaviour Policy

Paddle Australia Ltd. expects high standards of behaviour from all people involved in the sport. It is vital that the integrity of the sport is maintained in accordance with the four guiding principles: Fairness, Respect, Responsibility and Safety as outlined in The Essence of Australian Sport's Universal Code of Behaviour.

As a person required to comply with this By-Law, you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during any activity held or sanctioned by Paddle Australia, a State Association or an Affiliated Club and in any role you hold within Paddle Australia, a State Association or an Affiliated Club:

Fairness

1. Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport, promoting fair play over winning at any cost.
2. Encourage opportunities for participants to learn appropriate behaviours and skills.
3. Encourage participation in all aspects of the sport.
4. Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealings with others.

Respect

5. Treat each person as an individual.
6. Be a positive role model.
7. Display control, tolerance and courtesy to all involved with the sport.
8. Value the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
9. Do not use your involvement with Paddle Australia, a State Association or an Affiliated Club to promote your own beliefs, behaviours or practices where these are inconsistent with those of Paddle Australia, the State Associations or the Affiliated Clubs.

Responsibility

10. Ensure interaction with persons under the age of 18 years is appropriate and that unaccompanied and unobserved activities are avoided wherever practical.
11. Adopt appropriate behaviour in relation to the use of alcohol and recreational and performance enhancing drugs.
12. Act with integrity and accept responsibility for your actions.
13. Make a commitment to providing quality service.
14. Understand your responsibility if you breach or are aware of any breaches of this Code of Behaviour.

Safety

15. Ensure your actions contribute to a safe environment.
16. Ensure your actions contribute to a harassment free environment.
17. Do not tolerate violence or abusive behaviours.
18. Show concern and caution towards others who may be sick or injured.
19. Provide aid to those who are sick or injured.

Environment

20. Using minimal impact practises in the environment that you paddle in.
21. Seek permission from landowners to access waterways.

From a club perspective....

From a club perspective, all members (including the committee) are volunteers – please respect this. Offers to help out are always appreciated. Similarly, a simple please/thank you and other common courtesies go a long way.

Let's all work together to make the most of the paddling. If you have any questions, ideas, concerns or similar – please contact the Club's secretary by email at secretary.rivercanoeclub@gmail.com