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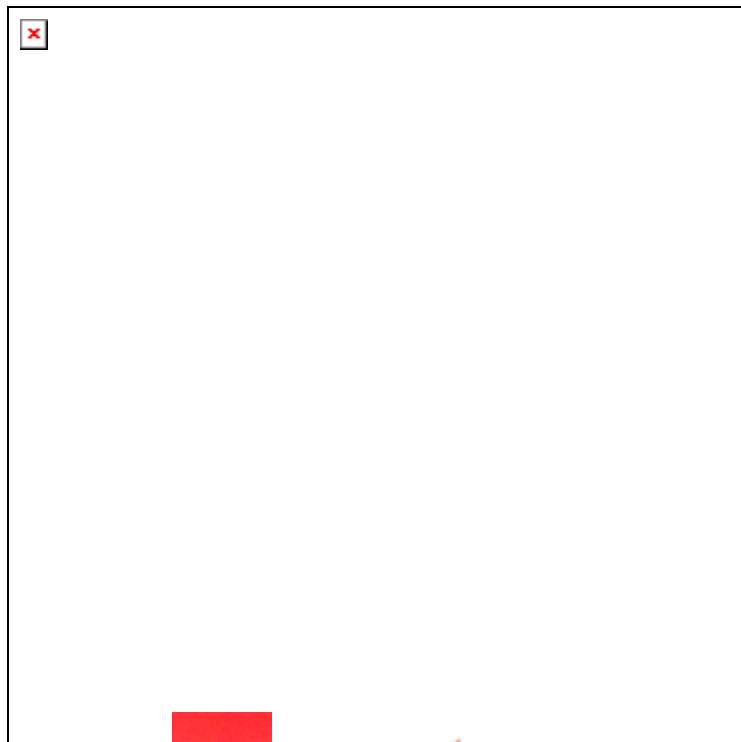


Dragon Paddlers Canoe Club

Heath & Safety

Policy

Fitzalan School Pool





Health and Safety Policy Document (Pool)

Introduction:

Fitzalan High school pool is the venue for kayaking and canoeing activities for Dragon Paddlers Canoe club to carryout water based activities. In order for us to successfully manage a safe environment we have introduced the following H & S guidelines at Fitzalan Pool;

1. Supervision

An appropriate qualified person will conduct each session. (WCA/BCU Level 1 coach or above. ASA Bronze Award) This individual will have the committee's endorsement to decide upon appropriate activities and behaviour within the pool session.

Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian while partaking in a pool session. The exception to this rule is a child taking part in an organised development session under the direct supervision of a coach.

Coaches and club members have a responsibility to ensure that conduct within each pool session is both courteous and in keeping with the activity. Members need to be aware that inappropriate behaviour will not be entertained.

- The following behaviour will not be tolerated:

1. Running
2. Shouting (without due cause)
3. Swearing
4. Spitting
5. Inappropriate behaviour
6. Diving
7. Bombing
8. The playing of games at the poolside
9. Misuse of equipment
10. Smoking

Any person identified breaking the above stated guidelines may, if deemed appropriate be reported to the committee for disciplinary or cautionary action.

All users of the Pool facilities are to make themselves familiar with these guidelines, which are to be handed to each person who wishes to use the Pools facilities while under the jurisdiction of Dragon Paddlers Canoe club.



2 . M edical Conditions

Individuals who use the pools facilities while under the supervision of Dragon Paddlers Canoe Club who are taking medication or have a medical condition that may result in required assistance should they become ill or unconscious, will need to make this known to the session instructor or life guard. This will ensure a speedy reaction to your situation and possible precautionary measures being in place to aid recovery.

We understand that medical conditions are a confidential matter and will be treated with the utmost respect and confidentiality. Having outlined this, we are dealing with a potential hazard in the form of Water. This should be taken in to account prior to partaking in a kayaking activity.

3 . S afety

Dragon Paddlers promotes a policy of good practices both on the water and off. The pool can be a hazardous area if not managed appropriately. Coaches and members are requested to make themselves aware of the potential risks at Fitzallan Pool. A risk assessment has been completed and is available on request from the committee.

Kayaks and **Swimmers** are not to occupy the same areas unless under direct control of a coach involved in an organised activity. A cordon is to be established to mark a swimming area at the shallow end of the pool on occasions where it is appropriate to do so. Kayaks are not to paddle within this area and swimmers are not venture in to the area set a side for kayaking.

A commonsense approach is adopted by Dragon Paddlers to allow for flexibility and greater enjoyment to exist. If individual's actions cause a safety issue or fail to be aware of other water users then committee members have the ability to, in the first instance, point out the failing and in extreme circumstances request that individuals leave the pool.

Kayak users are not to ram other kayaks or swimmers. Care should be taken not to ram the pool sides, as cracked tiles are costly to replace in both man hours and time. In addition to this cracked tiles could pose a hazardous threat to health if left jagged. Please report all cracked tiles.

If you have any questions regarding Pool Health and Safety issues, or you wish to raise a particular mater please make this known to the club committee who will be pleased to listen and offer their views. Alternatively, you may wish to submit your query to the committee at one of the regular meetings.

An accident book is available to record all incidents, whether minor or major. The accident book will be reviewed by the committee on a quarterly basis or if deemed necessary, brought to the chairman's attention at the next available opportunity.



4 . Security

The pool is run and maintained by Fitzalan High School. We are privileged to be allowed the use and freedom of this facility. To this end we should try and safeguard the Clubs property and the pool building while in use by ourselves. We should endeavour to report any breakages or damage to a member of the committee.

Dragon Paddlers accepts no responsibility for personal possessions brought in to the pool environment which are lost or stolen. This includes Kayaks and associated equipment.

5 . Cleanliness

All persons using the pool facility should ensure that no litter or dirt, is unnecessarily brought in to the pool.

All Kayaks are to be dirt free prior to entering the pool. Any sand, mud or grit could potentially put the pools filters out of operation and therefore leave us without a place to paddle.

Individual litter or rubbish is to be disposed of correctly and not left in changing rooms or at the poolside.

6 . Summary

In conclusion, we have covered as much as possible to try to ensure your safety and not infringe on your enjoyment of the sport. It is the responsibility of all our Coaches and membership to take ownership of for their actions while interacting with others in the use of the pool facility. If you have any suggestions or comments regarding any aspect of this H&S brief, please feel free to approach any member of the committee to put your point across.

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