



THE COACH'S CODE OF CONDUCT OF THE VIKING CANOE & KAYAK CLUB

A Viking Canoe & Kayak Club coach is expected to:

- Act with integrity and respect in performing all duties owed to the athletes, the parents, other coaches, and the sport, both on and off the water
- Act in the best interest of the athlete's development as a whole person.
- Strive to maintain the present and future health and well-being of the athlete
- Strictly respect and observe all Club procedural and safety regulations
- Be organized and on time
- Communicate changes to training schedules and coaches, if any, in a timely manner
- Plan, execute and assess outstanding training programs for all levels of athletes
- Identify and recruit potential competitive paddlers from summer camps
- Provide appropriate communication/notice of regatta schedules, team boat crews, etc.
- Monitor and maintain all Club equipment, reporting to the Board any inadequacies and recommendations for follow-up
- Ensure training and racing sites are safe.
- Be prepared to act appropriately in case of emergency
- Avoid placing athletes in situations presenting unnecessary risk or beyond their level/ability
- Make wise use of the authority of the position and make decisions in the interest of the athletes
- Ensure that everyone is treated equally, regardless of athletic potential, ethnicity, sex, language, religion or age
- Always ensure decisions are taken equitably
- Honour commitments and agreed objectives
- Maintain confidentiality and privacy of personal information, and use it appropriately.
- Maintain dignity in all circumstances and exercise self-control
- Avoid situations that may affect objectivity or impartiality of coaching duties
- Abstain from all behaviors considered to be harassment or inappropriate relations with an athlete
- Ensure that no other family member interferes during training or coaching.
- Respect race officials
- Respond to all Board requests and emails in a timely matter, where and when appropriate.
- Be accessible, approachable and available for parents to discuss any training, attendance or other issues relating to their child
- Take steps to resolve any outstanding issue with an athlete, a parent or a board member in an open-minded and respectful way.