



St. Albert / Greater Edmonton Canoe Kayak Club

Summer Camp / Field Trip – Safety Rules

To ensure a safe, respectful, and enjoyable environment for all paddlers, the following rules must be followed at all times:

Dock Safety

- The **boat docks are not a swimming area.**
- **Rough play is strictly prohibited** on the docks, in the boats, or anywhere on club grounds.

Life Jackets / PFDs

- All paddlers aged **16 and under must wear a PFD (Personal Flotation Device)** at all times while on the water.
- The club provides PFDs, but paddlers are welcome to bring their own.

Valuables

- The club is **not responsible for personal items** brought to or left at the club.
- Please **do not bring valuables.**

Coach Authority

- **Coaches are the designated paddling authorities** at the club.
- All paddlers, regardless of age or experience, are expected to **follow the coaches' instructions** both on and off the water.

Respect in Sport

- All paddlers must show **respect to coaches, staff, and fellow participants.**
- **Bullying, swearing, or any unpleasant behavior** will result in disciplinary action ranging from a warning and parent notification to **dismissal from the camp without refund.**

Supervision Limits

- Coaches are responsible for supervising paddlers **only during scheduled program hours** and **while on club premises**.
- The club is not responsible for paddlers **before or after program hours**, or if they leave the premises unless extended care arrangements have been made in advance with a coach.

Equipment Responsibility

- Each paddler is expected to **put away their own equipment** after use.
- Coaches will assist those who need help.

Equipment Care


- All boats and paddling equipment must be **handled with care**.
- Participants will be taught proper handling techniques.
- **Purposely damaging or abusing** the equipment will result in consequences, including possible **suspension from the program** and other disciplinary actions as determined by staff and the Head Coach.

Inclement Weather Policy

- If conditions are **unsafe due to thunder, lightning, or severe rain**, paddlers will **not go on the water**.
- If poor weather continues throughout the day, **parents may be contacted for early pickup**.
- If alternate arrangement with the parent is not available, paddlers **may remain at the club**, though **indoor space and activity options are limited**.

Cleanliness & Responsibility

- All participants are expected to help keep the venue **clean and organized**:
 - Place all garbage in provided bins.
 - Take all food, containers, and wet items home daily.
 - Do not write on walls, tables, or any club property.

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