

PERTH CANOE CLUB

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP (To end of Feb 2011)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ POST CODE _____

E-MAIL _____

Home Tel _____

Mobile Tel _____

DATE OF BIRTH (IF UNDER 18) _____

* All applicants under the age of 18 must produce a letter of consent from a parent or guardian.

MEMBERSHIP FEES	JUNIOR/STUDENTS	£10.00
	ADULT	£18.00
	FAMILY *	£25.00

*(Couple plus any number of children)

CANOEING QUALIFICATIONS (IF ANY) _____

SCA MEMBER Yes/No SCA NUMBER (if applicable)

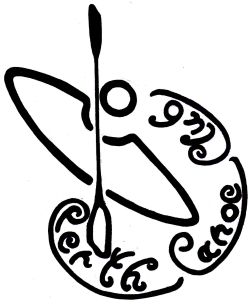
IMPORTANT INFO

- I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF PERTH CANOE CLUB AND SIGN THE PADDLERS AGREEMENT.
- (all members age 18 plus) I AGREE TO COMPLETE AND SEND OFF A DISCLOSURE FORM.
- TEENAGERS (ages 15 to 17), DISCLOSURE TO BE COMPLETED IF COACHING.
- MEMBERSHIP FORM AND PADDLERS AGREEMENT CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE WEBSITE.
- DISCLOSURE FORM WILL BE SENT OUT ONCE MEMBERSHIP FORM IS RECEIVED.
- I AM AWARE THAT MEMBERS AGED 16 AND UNDER WILL NEED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN IN THE EARLY STAGES OF THEIR MEMBERSHIP (DUE TO LIABILITY ISSUES).
- I AM AWARE THAT ALL CLUB INFORMATION, i.e. MEETING MINS, EVENTS AND TRIPS, WILL BE PROVIDED VIA E-MAIL, ON THE WEBSITE OR ON THE FACEBOOK SITE.
- TOTAL PAYMENT _____ (Cheques Payable to Perth Canoe Club)

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

- Please tick here..... if you are agreeable to have your contact details added to a list of club members which is e-mailed to current club members. This will only include your name and home telephone number. This is entirely voluntary, but can potentially lead to better communication between club members and hopefully result in more paddlers getting on the water.

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**PLEASE RETURN Membership form, Payment and Paddlers Agreement to:
Duncan Davey, Glenalmond College, Glenalmond , PERTH PH1 3RY**



Perth Canoe Club Paddlers Agreement

Section 1: Introduction

For the purposes of this agreement an experienced paddler will be deemed to be a paddler who can consistently roll and rescue on grade 3+ water.

As in most clubs, the voluntary and informal cascade method of passing on skills, knowledge and experience is the most dominant form of instruction. With the exception of open canoes, no paddler will instruct on any water on which they cannot consistently roll and rescue.

Paddlers over 18 years of age

1. All paddlers of 18 years and over will be responsible for making decisions about their own safety in respect of the nature of water paddled throughout its entire length.
2. In the event of coming to water which is beyond an individual's personal limits, it is their responsibility to walk until water within their personal ability is reached.
3. All inexperienced paddlers of 18 years and over **must** walk if experienced paddlers deem any stretch of water to be beyond their personal abilities.

Paddlers of 17 years and under (Juniors)

1. Juniors will only be taken upon the water by experienced paddlers if they are current members of Perth Canoe Club and they have the written consent of a parent or guardian.
2. While experienced paddlers will take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of juniors, the latter, without exception, **must** walk those stretches of water which are deemed by experienced paddlers to be beyond their abilities.
3. If experienced paddlers deem a stretch of water to be **within** a junior's capabilities, all **juniors** have the **right** and **responsibility** to make their own decisions and should not hesitate to walk if they feel that the water which lies before them is beyond their ability.

Section 2: Adult and Child Protection

1. Other than children related to them, or children for whom they are the legal guardian, no club member will paddle or socialise alone in a club context with a vulnerable adult or a young person of 17 years or under.
2. Any club member observing inappropriate behaviour or who has it reported to them should pass the matter on to the club's Child Protection Officer.
3. As investigation of allegations is a highly specialised field and inappropriate questioning can contaminate evidence, the club's Child Protection Officer must not question either the alleged victim or person against whom an allegation has been made. The Child Protection Officer will simply report the information received to the Duty Officer of the Regional Social Work Department, its Out Of Hours Service, or the Police.

All Paddlers

With respect to the protection of Vulnerable Adults and Young Persons of 17 years and under, no club member will paddle alone with persons from either of these groups. The rule of 'less than three there should never be' **will** apply at **all times**. Those members who do otherwise may forfeit legal protection of the club and the Scottish Canoe Association.

This agreement accepts that when paddling or when involved in other club activities we are all required to take care of ourselves and others. We must remember **The Golden Rule of Canoeing** which as previously stated is:-

'Less than three there should never be'

The application and practice of this rule, together with knowledge and respect for different skill levels, is the best and most practical way of ensuring the safety and protection of everyone.

Adult Members

I have read and understood the above and acknowledge that canoeing/kayaking, by its very nature, is a potentially hazardous activity.

Signature

Date

Junior Members

I have read and understood the above.

Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian

I/We have read and understood the above and consent to _____ paddling with Perth Canoe Club in the knowledge that canoeing/kayaking is by its very nature a potentially hazardous activity.

Signature(s)

Date

NOTES:

1. The club's child protection officer is Gary Eggleston (Telephone 01738 632953).
2. In the absence of the child protection officer, concerns should be reported to:
The Duty Social Worker,
Perth & Kinross Social Work Department.
01738 476768
3. All adult members, and all members aged 16 or 17 who wish to be involved in coaching activities must complete an SCRO (child protection) check. Disclosure forms will be forwarded once membership forms are received. Perth Canoe Club member, Jacqueline Anderson must then see proof of address and identity prior to the submission of the disclosure to the Scottish Canoe Association. To complete this verification process, a checking/signing session will take place approximately once a month after one of the pool sessions. This usually will take place at 6.15pm next to the cafe area in the upstairs part of the leisure pool and these verification dates will be confirmed by e-mail in advance. There is no charge to Perth Canoe Club or its members for processing disclosures.
4. The disclosure process is currently being updated and the club will be adopting the new procedures in 2011. These changes will simplify the process for members who have had disclosures done for other organisations.