



TRIPS POLICY

OVERVIEW

All trips advertised by the club on the website, the forum or in the newsletter will be classified according to the following guidelines. Definitions of the various classes of trip leaders are also defined below. Only Coach Led and Club Sanctioned trips can be regarded as “official” club activities – other trips must be regarded as unled and participants are responsible for their own safety and wellbeing.

TYPES OF LEADER

Coaches: these will be people who have current coaching awards recognised by the Sports Governing Body, have Disclosure Scotland and be approved by the Committee to organise and lead Club Trips.

Leaders: Will be people who hold a minimum qualification of White Water Safety Award, have Disclosure Scotland and be approved by the Committee to organise and lead Club Trips

ABILITY OF PARTICIPANTS

Beginners: These will be Club Members who have little or no paddling experience. Beginners can only attend flat water trips and a ratio of 1:2 leaders to beginners shall apply.

Intermediate: These will be Club Members who have gained some paddling experience and skills either in the pool or on previous Club trips or Canoe Courses and will be considered suitable candidates for being led on Club Trips. Intermediate paddlers can attend both flat water and river trips and a ratio of 1:3 leaders to intermediate paddlers shall apply.

DEFINITION OF TRIPS

Coach Led Club Trips: These trips will be lead and organised by suitably qualified Coaches and run in accordance with the Sport’s Governing Body Guide Lines, i.e. where SCA rules apply regarding the level of coach, type of water and ratio etc

Club Sanctioned Trips: These Trips will be organised and lead by Club Leaders and open to all members. Junior members attending must have parental approval and have completed the normal consent forms. They can only be run from 1st of March to October 31st. Venues will be on local Lochs and local grade two rivers approved by the Committee and under normal conditions. In the event of extreme conditions, i.e. storm force wind or spate river conditions then the organiser will find another suitable venue. If another venue cannot be found then the trip will be cancelled.

Unled Trips: This would be where a group of paddlers just went out paddling, as in our ad-hoc Sunday trips. These trips are not official Club Trips approved by the Committee. While these trips are normally well organised and conducted in a safety minded way, people attending these trips should be aware that they are not led by Coaches or Trip Leaders.

CONTACT

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