



NEW FOREST KAYAK AND CANOE CLUB

Policy for Under 18s at Oaklands pool sessions

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Only a few children attend our pool sessions, but when they do it is important that the following safeguarding precautions are taken to ensure their safety and well-being at all times.

- 1. There should always be a supervising coach or other member present at pool sessions who has a valid certificate for the Basic training course 'Safeguarding and protecting Children'*
2. No NFKCC paddler (adult or under 18) should enter the changing rooms at **Oaklands** pool until any of the previous users (e.g. children attending swimming lessons) have all left the changing rooms.
3. Children (under 18s) attending pool sessions **must** be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to the pool session. The under 18 must be accompanied at all times by the parent who should remain at poolside within earshot and visual line of sight or in the pool closely supervising their activity for the whole session whether they are practising independently or receiving coaching advice.
4. 'When an under-18 member gets changed, they should do so:
 - with their accompanying parent or legal guardian **present in the changing room**

This reduces any risks and potential vulnerability associated with mixing adults and children when changing and showering.

5. Coaching activity at pool sessions with any under-18 club member MUST be **supervised (this means the DBS checked supervisor is in the pool area and closely observing activity) by a coach/club member who has:**

a) had a DBS Enhanced Disclosure and Barred List check for the Child workforce

b) has completed the **British Canoeing Basic Training 'Safeguarding and Protecting Children'.** (see link below)

<https://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk/uploads/documents/G29-DBS-Guidance-Flowchart-010719.pdf>

Any member carrying out coaching activity with under-18s at pool sessions more than once must have:

a) had a DBS Enhanced Disclosure for the child workforce

b) taken the **Introductory safeguarding training**

6. If an under-18 member is practising independently in the pool the parent must be closely supervising their activity at all times in the pool or at the poolside within earshot and visual contact.
7. If we are made aware that a child or adult self-identifies as a gender that differs from the gender they were assigned at birth, we will work with them and their parents/carers (where it relates to a child) to make reasonable adjustments to changing arrangements to suit their needs.
8. Mobile phones, cameras and other electronic devices must not be used in changing rooms under any circumstances.
9. This policy will be reviewed every year.