

Dear members

The Whitehorse Canoe Club (WHCC) is committed to safety, both on and off the water, and reminds members of their rights and responsibilities under Paddle Australia's integrity, disciplinary and grievance policies:

- National Integrity Framework
- Code of Behaviour Policy
- Personal Grievances Policy

These policies protect and bind everyone involved in WHCC including paddlers, coaches, officials, volunteers, parents and supporters.

Membership of WHCC is a privilege and comes with a responsibility to contribute to a safe, fair, and inclusive environment. Please always take care to act appropriately, treat everyone with respect and be mindful of the impact of your behaviour on others. WHCC has zero tolerance for abuse (physical or otherwise), bullying, harassment, discrimination or any other harmful behaviour.

WHCC is also committed to providing a safe environment for children and young people, with a strong focus on minimising opportunities for harm to occur. If you are a coach, volunteer, official or any other person whose role involves contact with children and young people, it is essential that you familiarise yourself with your responsibilities in this space, particularly the [Child Safe Practices](#).

WHCC takes these issues extremely seriously and encourages everyone to speak up if they have experienced or witnessed poor behaviour or non-compliance with our Child Safe Practices. Complaints enable action to be taken where people do not meet the expected standards of WHCC.

Members are also reminded to respect the confidentiality of disciplinary matters, to ensure fairness and privacy for those involved, by not making public comment or discussing such matters with others. Failure to respect confidentiality, as well as any form of victimisation (ie retaliation or threats) against someone in a complaint process, is a serious breach of the rules and may lead to disciplinary action.

Please visit the [Paddle Australia sport integrity webpage](#) for further information about your rights and responsibilities under these policies, including how to make a Complaint. The Paddle Australia National Integrity Manager is also available Monday-Thursday to provide assistance: integrity@paddle.org.au.