

Halifax Canoe Club Young Persons Paddling Policy Approval Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____ Telephone No: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

BCU 3 Star Awarded: _____ (Date)

Or Details of Equivalent experience: _____

I wish to be approved to paddle on the club's Home Waters in a group of experienced paddlers without a coach or my parent/guardian being present.

- I hold the BC 3 Star (WW), or have equivalent experience.
- I understand the club's **River Conditions Policy** and river levels that relate to a 'Green' river condition.
- I understand the definition and limits of the club's **Home Waters** that this policy applies to.
- I understand and accept the assumed risks associated with this policy and have the permission of my parent/guardian to paddle without a coach present.

I agree to the following conditions when paddling under the club's Young Persons Paddling Policy:

- To only paddle on the club's Home Waters.
- To only paddle on the river when river conditions are 'Green' as set out in the club's **River Conditions Policy**. I will not paddle on the river in higher water levels without a coach being present.
- To paddle as part of a group of **no less than three** competent paddlers.
- To ensure that all the other members of the group I am paddling in are happy for me to be in the group.
- That if the group is comprised solely of under 18's **all of the group must be approved under this policy** and meet **all** of these conditions.
- To be responsible for any club equipment I borrow and to report any lost or damaged equipment to the club's Equipment Officer as soon as possible

I understand that the coaching panel will keep a record of all under 18's that have been approved under this policy. Approvals will be reviewed regularly and approval will be suspended or withdrawn if the conditions of this policy are not complied with.

Signature of Young Person: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent / Guardian Permission

Canoeing and Kayaking are 'assumed risk' – 'water contact sports' that may carry attendant risks. Participants and their parents should be aware of and understand these risks, and be responsible for their own actions and involvement. Whilst every care is taken to ensure your safety during club activities, Halifax Canoe Club is not responsible for your safety or for loss or damage to property or equipment belonging to any individual.

I, being the parent/guardian of the child named above, have read and accept the conditions under which my child may paddle without a club coach or Parent / Guardian being present. I agree that Halifax Canoe Club and its agents accept no responsibility for my child taking part in these activities.

Name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Note: If you require further clarification / information on the activities that are within the remit of this policy or the risk associated with canoeing activities please speak to one of the Club's coaches.

Club Coaching Panel Approval

_____ is approved by Halifax Canoe Club's Coaching Panel to paddle without a coach or parent /guardian present, subject to the conditions of the Club's Paddling Policy for Young People.

Signed: _____ (Club Coaching rep)

Name: _____

Date: _____