

QUICK REFERENCE REPORTING GUIDE - CONCERNS WITHIN THE SPORT

What to do if you are concerned about the behavior of an individual in Paddlesport towards a child or young person.

If the child requires immediate attention: call an ambulance (999 or 112), and inform the doctor that there is a child protection concern.



Report your concerns to the Club Welfare Officer who will:

- Complete the BCU Recording Concerns Report Form
- Report to the BCU Child Protection Officer – Tel 0777 570 7364

Where urgent concerns (BCU CP Officer unavailable) refer immediately to Children’s Social Care Services / Police and copy Report Form to both them and the BCU Child Protection Officer within 24 hours



British Canoe Union Child Protection Officer



BCU Child Protection Case Management Group Decide which “route” the case should take



Alleged Minor Poor Practice

Referred back to Club with advice on process to be followed

- Complaints procedure
- Disciplinary process
- No further action

Possible Outcomes

- No case to answer
- Complaint resolved with agreement between parties
- Training / Mentoring agreed
- More significant concerns emerged (refer back to Case Management Group)



Appeal Procedure



Serious Poor Practice, Poor Practice with Wider Implications, Alleged Child Abuse

Possible Processes

- Child protection investigation
- Criminal investigation / proceedings
- Investigation under disciplinary proceedings – including possible temporary suspension of person accused

British Canoe Union investigation pending outcome of Children’s Social Care Services / Police investigation

Possible Outcomes

- No case to answer
- Less serious – referred to complaints procedure
- Disciplinary hearing – sanctions
- Civil proceedings