Youth Section Statement of Participation, HWKC

 (Coach: Means group BC Coach, BC Leader or designated Safe Person)

1. **Parent / Guardian Declaration**
	1. I have completed a consent form for my child.
	2. My child has an appropriate Canoe Wales membership and they will abide by the Canoe Wales Code of Conduct.
	3. My child is am able to swim at least 50m and they are confident in open water wearing paddling clothing.
	4. I am aware that kayaking and canoeing activities are of a strenuous and adventurous nature.
	5. I understand I must sign my child up for a trip on the club website. When I sign them up, I am acknowledging the risk and my child has third party insurance through Canoe Wales membership.
	6. I will ensure my child is taken to and collected from trips on time.
	7. I understand that before my child participates I must disclose to a Coach any relevant medical condition or disability.
	8. I will not let my child participate in a club trip in an unfit state.
	9. I will avoid behaviour which may upset others and use good language at all times.
	10. I will help my child to recognise good performance, not just results.
	11. I will never punish or belittle a youth for losing or making mistakes.
	12. I will publicly accept official’s judgements.
	13. I will support my child’s involvement and help them to enjoy the sport.
	14. I will never force my child to take part in sport.
	15. I will set a good example by applauding good performances of all paddlers
	16. I am happy my child understands their responsibilities.
	17. I understand the club has a Health and Safety policy, Risk Assessments and a Safeguarding Policy.
	18. I know who the current Welfare Officer and Health and Safety Officer are.
	19. I agree to check with the membership secretary before publishing member’s photos.

1. **Youth Declaration**
	1. I understand I must co-operate and listen to coaches and club officials.
	2. I will watch, listen and make sure I understand the safety briefing given before each club trip.
	3. I will take care of all property belonging to the club or club members.
	4. I will treat others with respect both on and off the water.
	5. I will avoid behaviour which may offend or upset others.
	6. I will be on time for trips or inform the coach if I am going to be late.
	7. I will wear suitable kit for paddling as agreed with my coach.
	8. I will only leave a session with the permission of the coach.
	9. If at any time during an activity I feel unwell or concerned I will attract the coach’s attention. I then know I will be able to discuss it confidentially.
	10. I understand that coaches have limits so I may not always be able to join the activity I wish.
2. **Youth Member Criteria**

A member may remain in the Youth section until the August after their 18th Birthday. They may if they wish move to the adult section at their 18th Birthday.

1. **Inappropriate Behaviour**
	1. Coaches may exclude from an activity anyone they consider to be in breach of these rules, after a reasonable opportunity to stop the offending behaviour has been given.
	2. Breaches of the rules will be reported to the Club Chair who will decide on appropriate further action within the constitution of the club.
	3. A member is responsible for the cost of any club equipment damaged through their irresponsible behaviour.
2. **Data Protection**
	1. I agree to committee members and Canoe Wales having confidential access to my and my child’s contact details. I agree to my child’s emergency contact and medical details being shared confidentially with club coaches and leaders.

These Rules were adopted by the General Committee in March 2019, Revised January 2022. Revised October 2023. Next Review January 2026.