



Kerry Canoe Club

Transport & Shuttling Policy

The following procedures and regulations are recommendations provided by the national governing body, Canoeing Ireland, to ensure the safe transportation of children. Kerry Canoe Club is committed to adhering to these guidelines, which outline essential measures for the safety and well-being of junior club members during travel arrangements. By following these established protocols, we aim to maintain the highest standards of care and security for all club members involved in our activities.

Travelling procedures deal with transport arrangements during club activities, that parents may encounter and describes the basic transport regulations that should be observed for the safety of junior club members.

Any transport provided for young people must:

- Be adequately insured
- Have sufficient seats
- Obey all road traffic laws
- Provide booster seats where required by law

Some general points to note are:

- It is best to arrange for central collection and drop-off points. Parents/guardians must be aware of the times and arrive promptly to avoid a child being left on their own.
- Leaders should avoid travelling with a single child. There may be an occasion where this is unavoidable for the child's safety e.g., in an emergency situation. In this instance the adult should contact the parent/guardian to inform them of the situation, and the child should be seated in the rear seat.
- Leaders should avoid offering regular journeys or lifts to a child; this can only be arranged by the parent/guardian and the Club/CI must receive written permission from the parent/guardian taking responsibility for their decision.

The general points are guidance for adults to reduce the chances of young people being in a vulnerable situation.