

Arawa Canoe Club

Club Rules

We have a few rules that all members are expected to comply with.

1. Close the door & windows

For the safety of personal and club gear, the club house must be locked at all times, other than when changing or loading/unloading cars. Take your fob with you when you go paddling, cycling or running. If you don't have one already, keys can be obtained by forwarding a \$25 deposit to the club (PO Box 13-177, Christchurch). Please close the door when you leave the club, even if there are others around. Close the windows and doors upstairs, if you have opened them.

2. Visitors

Visitors are welcome to use the clubhouse and kayaking gear under a members supervision. This hospitality is restricted to three visits (race days excepted). This restriction is in consideration of other club members who pay for use of the facilities and club gear.

3. Gym

The use of the gym is restricted to financial members only. No guests, no visitors. This facility is for the benefit of our members only. There are notices in the gym in relation to the use of this areas – please take note of these and comply.

4. Paddle on the left side of the river

There is an Avon River bylaw in place which directs the kayakers to paddle on the left hand side of the river. The rowers will stay on the right, which means we can see them coming. They are deceptively fast, so move clear well in advance of them.

5. Use lights when training after dark

All members are required to provide their own lights and attached to themselves and/or their boat, when paddling after dark, to avoid being mown down by other waterway users. ALL paddlers using club boats must have lights attached, no exceptions.

6. Payment of Subs, storage, racing fees and uniforms

Following your initial payment when joining the club, your subs will be invoiced annually. Payment for this invoice is required within 30 days of invoice date. Access to the Club is by way of electronic key system, which means we are now able to disable access to the clubrooms. If you don't pay your subs on time, you might find yourself locked out of the club! If you have a storage space, you may also forfeit this. Remember, the club belongs to its members, so please pay your subs on time. Team kayak events, such as National Championships, will also be invoiced along with any contribution you are required to make. These fees must be paid to the Club prior to the event taking place.

7. General conduct

All members are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful manner in and around the Clubhouse and on the river. Please be considerate to other waterway users and use appropriate language.

8. Gear usage

No private gear or property is to be used or moved without the express permission of the owner (committee members may move gear to correct or new storage spots). All Club craft and equipment are clearly labelled and this is the only gear available for all members to use. Please ensure all club gear is returned to the correct storage areas within the Club. Kayaks are not allocated to specific members, and usage is on a “first in, first served” basis – however, priority will be given to financial members, over visitors.

There are notices upstairs in relation to the use of the ergs – please take note of these and comply.

9. Club/Gear Maintenance

Please clean up after yourselves. There are multiple bins provided for rubbish. There are brooms around the club – so feel free to have a sweep from time to time. Please do not leave your gear lying around the club, or you may find that it ends up in the bin. Buckets, bungees, paddles, water bottles, towels, booties, spraydecks etc must be left in a tidy manner with your kayak. Please do not leave kayak socks or boat bags in the club.

1-2 times per year we will have working bees, using club labour to help keep club facilities in good condition, while keeping membership fees down. All members are encouraged to assist with these events.

Please respect our gear/equipment – empty kayaks of water/stones outside the club, take care when using any club equipment, return all kayak and gym gear to its correct spot. Please report any breakages or maintenance required, to a committee member.

10. Insurance

If you chose to store your kayak at the Club, please be aware that Insurance is your responsibility. Each Insurance company seems to have their own way of dealing with insurance for your kayak – some will insure separately, others as part of your contents. Discuss with your insurance company for the different options and best solution.