



Data Protection Policy

Data Protection Statement

The Pentland Canoe Club has adopted the principles of Paddle Scotland Data Protection Policy. The Club is committed to ensuring that personal information about Club members, volunteers, employees or others personal data is used properly and fairly. This policy applies to all Pentland Canoe Club members, volunteers or employees.

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Purpose of Policy

This Policy is to support Pentland Canoe Club in meeting its legal obligations under the Data Protection Act 2018.

Introduction

As individuals, we want to know that personal information about ourselves is handled properly, and we and others have specific rights in this regard. In the course of its activities, the Pentland Canoe Club will collect, store and process personal information, and it recognises that the correct and lawful treatment of this information will maintain confidence in the organisation and will provide for successful operations.

The types of personal information that Pentland Canoe Club may be required to handle include information about:

- members and prospective members of Pentland Canoe Club;
- where applicable, guardians of those listed above;
- Board and committee members, coaches, leader, volunteers, advisers, consultants, contractors and agents; employees. These maybe current, past and prospective;



- Organisations (and their representatives) the Pentland Canoe Club is affiliated to;
- Other Paddlesport Clubs;
- External coaches and course providers registered with Pentland Canoe Club;
- suppliers and sponsors;
- others with whom the Pentland Canoe Club communicates.

The personal information, which may be held on paper or on a computer or other media, is subject to certain legal safeguards.

Status of the Policy

This policy sets out Pentland Canoe Club's policy on data protection and specifies how Pentland Canoe Club will comply with the current legislation regarding the receiving, storage, processing, retention and disposal of personal information.

This policy applies to all those who process data within Pentland Canoe Club. For employees it is a condition of employment.

Any breach of the policy will be taken seriously and may result in disciplinary action. Negligent or deliberate breaches could also result in personal criminal liability.

Any employee, board or committee member, volunteer, Pentland Canoe Club representative, adviser, consultant, contractor or agent who considers that the policy has not been followed in respect of personal information about themselves or others should raise the matter with the Pentland Canoe Club Data Protection Officer in the first instance.

The meaning of Data Protection Terms

Personal data means any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person (a data subject)



- For example, name, address, date of birth or email address of members, athletes, coaches, participants, employees, volunteers or parents

Processing means any operation performed on personal data (including automated operations), including collecting, storing, consulting, using, disclosing, amending, deleting, etc.

- For example, asking individuals to complete a form online, inputting their information into a database, sending communications, etc.

Special categories of personal data means data revealing a natural person's:

- Racial or ethnic origin
- Political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs
- Trade union membership
- Genetic or biometric data for the purpose of uniquely identifying a natural person
- Data concerning health
- Data concerning a natural person's sex life or sexual orientation

Controller means the person who determines the purposes and means of processing personal data – this is Pentland Canoe Club. Where an organisation is required by law to process personal data, it must retain controller responsibility

Processor means the person who processes personal data on behalf of the controller. For example, any suppliers who administer any systems for the SGB – such as IT/other service providers

Data Protection Principles

Anyone processing personal data must comply with the eight principles of good practice. These provide that personal data must be:



1. Processed fairly and lawfully
2. Processed for limited purposes and in an appropriate way
3. Adequate, relevant and not excessive for the purpose
4. Accurate
5. Not kept longer than necessary for the purpose
6. Processed in line with data subjects' rights
7. Secure
8. Not transferred to people or organisations situated in countries without adequate protection

Dealing with Subject Access Requests

Data subjects can raise a Subject Access Request in respect of data that an organisation holds concerning them. The UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) allows a month to comply with this request and there is normally no charge although there is a right to refuse or charge for requests that are manifestly unfounded or excessive. Data subjects can request information to be supplied electronically in a commonly used format rather than in printed form.

If a request is refused the individual must be told the reason for refusal.

Dealing with requests to be forgotten

Under the UK GDPR, subject to certain conditions being met, an individual has the right to have their data erased. If such a request is received from an individual, Pentland Canoe Club as the Data Controller, must assess the request in the context of the personal data that is held and the needs that exist to retain data including legal, commercial, contractual and other factors. In some circumstances, whilst it will be possible to erase some data it may not be possible to erase all data about an individual due to these considerations.



Dealing with breaches of personal data

Under the UK GDPR, Pentland Canoe Club, as a Data Controller, is under obligation to maintain a breach register where all data breaches, no matter how trivial, are recorded and monitored.

For serious data breaches, where the breach is likely to result in a 'risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals', the breach must be reported to the ICO within 72 hours of becoming aware of the breach and the data subject notified without undue delay.

If a volunteer or employee becomes aware of a loss of personal data or a potential breach of security of data they have a legal responsibility to report this to the Pentland Canoe Club Data Protection Officer immediately:

- This can be reported to the Pentland Canoe Club Data Protection Officer by emailing: dpo@pentlandcanoeclub.org.uk
- The volunteer/employee should try to get the data back:
 - If they have e.g. sent data in error via email they should contact the recipient and request deletion/safe return of the data
 - If they have e.g. mislaid paper/documents containing personal data they should retrace their steps and do what they can to recover the missing documents
 - If they suspect that someone has accessed data through unauthorised access to an electronic device (computer/tablet/smartphone/online system) they should pass as much information to the Pentland Canoe Club Data Protection Officer as possible
 - If an electronic device (computer/tablet/smartphone) has been stolen this should be reported to the Police as well as to the Pentland Canoe Club Data Protection Officer

The Pentland Canoe Club Data Protection Officer will:

- Log the breach in the Pentland Canoe Club Data Breach Register
- Investigate the circumstances that gave rise to the breach



- Quantify the data that has been breached and the likely impact of the breach
- Notify the ICO of the breach within 72 hours (as required by law)
- Where there is “a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals” notify the data subject(s) concerned without undue delay
- Investigate how the breach occurred and review/revise procedures and/or arrange additional training in order to reduce the risk of future data breaches

Complaints

Any complaints arising concerning Pentland Canoe Club’s handling of data should be raised via the Pentland Canoe Club by contacting the Pentland Canoe Club Secretary.

General

- This policy will be reviewed every three years or more frequently should circumstances require in order to maintain its currency and relevance with periodic reports to the Pentland Canoe Club Board on the implementation and operation of the policy.
- Any questions or concerns about the interpretation or operation of this policy should be taken up in the first instance with the Pentland Canoe Club Secretary.

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