



Tamworth Canoe club (TCC) members advise for using individual kit at the Snow Dome pool venue and in addition best practice to use when moving kit from one water venue to another

Following advice given during a webinar hosted by members of the British canoe club, canoe England and the environment agency attended by Mark Daniels Tamworth canoe club chairman 24/11/2022

It has been decided that advice should be shared with all members of TCC to mitigate any risk of cross contamination when using personnel equipment used and or stored away from the snow dome pool environment but brought into the pool environment to use during pool sessions

Risk

Flora and Fauna can be a risk of cross contamination from bacterial agents or spores from one location to another

Types of kit

All externally used kit that can come into contact with any bacterium or spores that may exist in or on the water that can cause a cross contamination risk

Risk mitigation

Please ensure the following steps are taken before moving kit from one river / canal external water source to another and in particular the Snow dome pool venue

- a) Please remove any items that may cause a trap hazard withing the boat IE buoyancy bags, dry bags, foam buoyancy
- b) Any additional personal equipment from boat and in cag pockets IE whistles, throw lines, tow lines first aid kits, boat repair kits, group shelters, split spare paddles
- c) Any kit used that may have come into contact with water or bacterial material from fauna or spores from fauna should be cleaned prior to relocation at another location
- d) Clean using a disinfectant solution of 1000mg/l chlorinated water solution and allowed to air dry alternatively for non-porous surfaces wipe down with 60% v/v ethanol or 70% v/v isopropanol and again allowed to air dry **this should apply to all kit including for example canoes, paddles and helmets**
Disinfection should be in accordance with the latest version of the PAWTAG code of practice page 64

Justification for control measures

To reduce and mitigate any risk from cross contamination from flora and fauna including bacterial infection from several vectors that can include but not limited to

Bird flu

Weil,s disease

Japanese knot weed

Blue green algae

Bacterium that can be held active in water and particularly stagnant water

Cryptosporidium

General statement

Tamworth Canoe club is passionate about protecting the environment and ensuring no harm is done or by actions or inactions damaging the very special opportunities we have to enjoy our sport

Please help the environment and do all that you can individually to ensure that all paddling sites are protected by our activities by following these guidelines.

Please speak to me directly for any further information

Inspections and spot checks on equipment will be made prior to allowing into the pool personal kit

Any evidence of contravening these guidelines will involve refusal of entry into the pool of personal kit on that occasion

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