

The Role of the East Midlands RDT

MANDTORY

The government has launched a new Code for Sports Governance

For the Discipline Committees and RDT's it will be as if they are in Tier 1 and there are some aspects which are mandatory.

To Summarise they are:

1. You are properly constituted and have a clear purpose and are inclusive and accessible.
2. Your Committee/Region meets regularly and its decisions are recorded.
3. There are no conflicts
4. Skills and Diversity –we know you are all volunteers so it is not mandatory to introduce it but at least consider for the future
5. Regular Elections – Consider 9 year Maximum Term and the idea of a two year break before return. Again this is a long term goal.
6. Proper control of funds, e.g. process for how cheques are issued and signed has proper checks in place.
7. Annual Accounts are produced and made available to your members.

David Joy has stated that English Council **are not aiming to tell RDT's what to do**, and it was agreed that each RDT was likely to be different, and have different priorities due to geographical and local interest, **therefore having a local interpretation**.

Our Role

LINK: The RDT is the Link between BC Head Office and the Regional Club and Member.

The RDT is a facilitator of Regional Activity

Feedback from British Canoeing Strategic Plan.

- 1/. Regional Actions to increase participation, increase & retain Membership
- 2/. Regional Actions to Aid Club Development, good governance and club facilities
- 3/. Regional Actions to Promoting Competition and Events
- 4/. Regional Actions in Developing Coaches, Leaders and Volunteers
- 5/. Regionally - Improving Communications
- 6/. More places to paddle

East Midlands Regional Development Plan (Draft)

Can we do better?

1/. Regional Actions to increase participation, increase & retain Membership

What could we do better? Regional Paddlefest?
Promote value of membership – Insurance, Licence,
Involve Lincolnshire, Rutland more
Tell paddlers about our development plan
Promote National Go Canoeing Week
Promote 'Come and Try it' events

2/. Regional Actions to Aid Club Development, good governance and club facilities

What do we do now? Offer regional Coach Courses and modules

Proposed: Run a Regional Club Update (Sunday 12th Feb)

What could we do better? Invite all Regional Clubs to nominate a Rep to the RDT
Invite OCA to send a Rep
Involve Clubs in writing Regional Development Plan
Workshops on: Managing Club Finances
: Bid writing Workshops
: Building partnerships with CSP
Reach out to non-affiliated clubs
Keep updated mailing list
Promote Volunteer Awards
Assist & Promote Local 'Come and Try it' Events

3/. Regional Actions to Promoting Competition and Events

TOURING

Proposed Clubs to take on running sections of the Bliss Trail
We have agreed to co-ordinate Touring Events. How?

Actions: Appoint a Touring Coordinator
Ask clubs to open their tours to all Paddlers
Run More Regional Tours

What else? BC has asked for more Trails
Propose new trails in support of Canal Society's, Sleaford, Grantham...
Propose new trail: Fosdyke
Promote National Go Canoeing Week
Promote and Assist 'Come and Try it' Events

COMPETITION

Do. Run & Promote & Sponsor the Winter Race Series both at Soar & Matlock
Run & Promote Div 4 Slaloms

What Else? Ask Disciplines to appoint a regional Rep
Promote National Go Canoeing Week
Promote and Assist 'Come and Try it' Events

Proposed: Discipline Reps Get together Meeting (Sat 11th Feb, afternoon at BH)
Run & Promote All Discipline Specific Modules, annually
More Regional Competition events in all disciplines

4/. Regional Actions in Developing Coaches, Leaders and Volunteers

What do we do now?

Do. Run Regional Courses Coach One & Two
Offer Coaching Bursary's
Run Coaching Matters Days
Produce an East Midlands Calendar
Run our own and British Canoeing Modules
Work closely with the RCR/ACR regional network

What else? Tell more paddlers about the above (see 5)
Offer Equality Workshops
Offer Diversity Workshops
Promote or run SCUUK Courses

5/. Regionally - Improving Communications

What do we do now? Web Site
 Facebook

What could we do better? Produce and keep updated a mailing list
 Keep Website updated, especially contacts
 Increase number of Reps on RDT
 Tell people about the RDT and The Region
 Wider Circulation of RDT Minutes
 Wider invite to RDT
 Promote website and Facebook
 Add to Laure's (PDO) occasional Newsletter

6/. More places to paddle Support – Create – Involve

Build contacts and work with the Canals & Rivers Trust

Ashby Canal Trust – Extending the Ashby Canal

Chesterfield Canal Trust – Long Term to create a Ring

Friends of Cromford Canal

Derby and Sandiacre Canal Society

Fens Waterways Link - East Anglian Waterways Association

Grantham Canal Society

Melton & Oakham Waterways Society

Sleaford Navigation Trust

Daventry District Council proposing a new arm from the Grand Union to Daventry (approx. 2 miles)

Louth Navigation Trust

Ancholme, Horncastle & Stanford Canals are under consideration

Where rebuilding is happening, ensure canoe friendly get in/outs and portages.