

The Role of the East Midlands RDT and Development Plan

INTRODUCTION

MANDATORY

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
- 7/. Adopt the Clear Access Clear Waters Campaign

East Midlands Regional Development Plan

Can we do better?

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

What could we do better? Regional/County Paddlefests
Promote & Support Paddle in the Park
Promote value of membership – Insurance, Licence,
Involve Lincolnshire, Rutland more
Tell paddlers, clubs 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 modules

Proposed: Promote Stronger Clubs Conference

What could we do better? Invite all Regional Clubs to nominate a Rep to the RDT
Offer workshops on : Managing Club Finances
: Bid writing Workshops
: Building partnerships with CSP
: Promote CSP Courses
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.

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 trails:
Promote National Go Canoeing Week

Identify what is happen in Region for Sea Kayaking
Identify what is happening in region on Sup Paddling and development

COMPETITION

Do. Promote the Winter WW Race Series both at Soar & Matlock
Promote our Div. 4 Slalom

What Else? Ask Disciplines to appoint a regional Rep
Promote National Go Canoeing Week
Promote and Assist 'Come and Try it' Events
Promote Grass Root competitions e.g. Div. 9/10 Marathon, Local Sprint

Proposed: Discipline Reps Meeting to programme Introductory competitions
Run & Promote All Discipline Specific Modules, annually
Organise Come & Try it inter-club competition's
Sprint, Marathon, Freestyle, Sup Sprint/Marathon

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

What do we do now?

Do. 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? Facebook

What could we do better?

Bring to life a Regional Website

Produce and keep updated a mailing list
Develop & 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
Appoint Web Masters

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

We have Contacts with

Derby and Sandiacre Canal Society
Grantham Canal Society
Melton & Oakham Waterways Society

We need to develop events with the above three

Build contacts and work with the Canals & Rivers Trust

Build contacts with:

Ashby Canal Trust – Extending the Ashby Canal
Chesterfield Canal Trust – Long Term to create a Ring
Friends of Cromford Canal
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.

7/. Take on the Clear Access Clear Waters Campaign

How? Encourage Clubs to take up River Clean Ups.

How? Litter Picks, Report pollution, Clubs to recycle rubbish, Tours to Litter Pick

How? Encourage Clubs to involve their Local MP and Councillors

How? Be polite to other water users and offer to share our facilities

How? Talk to the above societies, encourage them to take up the campaign and put it in place as they open new stretches of water.