



## CONDITIONS OF HIRE/HIRER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The hirer agrees to comply with all current UK Government COVID-19 guidelines.

**ALL** participants whether 'paddling' or a 'passenger' **NEED** to be able to swim a distance of 50m.

The minimum age to hire a Stand Up Paddle Board unaccompanied is 18 years.

Children aged 12 years and above may hire a Stand Up Paddle Board providing that all hirers under 18 years of age are accompanied afloat by a responsible adult and are under their direct supervision at all times.

All equipment is the responsibility of the hirer during the hire period including any loss, damage or theft. To comply with the insurance terms the equipment must not be left unattended at any time. Should the terms of the insurance be broken the hirer will be responsible for the full retail cost of replacing any lost, damaged or stolen equipment. Please note excesses apply to the insurance and, in the event of any claim, payment of the excess is the responsibility of the hirer. Hirers accept and agree to abide by the conditions of the insurance and accept its limitations. Hirers should purchase additional private insurance if they so wish.

Additional human passengers..... are allowed when pre-booked as long as the total weight of the paddler and passenger does not exceed 130kg (20stone) which is the maximum weight limit for all paddle boards.

Dogs..... Sorry not permitted due to the risk of damage to the paddle boards.

Smoking..... Not permitted at any time on or near the paddle boards.

Alcohol and/or drugs..... Not to be consumed at any time before or during the activity. We reserve the right not to hire or recall equipment during a session should we suspect the hirer is under the influence

Care for equipment..... the paddle board and paddle should be carried to and from the water, they should not be dragged over the ground, gravel, rocks or anything sharp or rough. Do not stand or put heavy objects on the paddle board whilst it is on the river/canal bank or on shore. Please do not affix or connect anything to the paddle board other than by the bungy storage system.

Cleaning of equipment..... If hiring via the Pick Up and Go service the hirer will ensure that all equipment is washed down after its use to remove any dirt, debris and waterborne substances that could cause spread of invasive non-native species between waterways. The equipment should be cleaned, dried, packed and returned in the same condition that it was hired, failure to do so will result in the non-return in part or full of deposit monies.

Returning equipment on time..... the hirer agrees to return the equipment on time at the end of their hire period. Late return will result in the non-return, in part or full, of deposit monies equal to the number of hours (or part thereof) the equipment is late.

Waterway licences..... If hiring via the Pick Up & Go service the hirer will themselves arrange and purchase the correct waterway license for all paddle boards hired in their booking.

Checking of conditions..... it is the responsibility of the hirer to check the weather and water conditions for the days preceding and on the day of hire for the location they will be paddling.

THE PADDLE PROJECT acts in good will when hiring out equipment and as such expects the same from the hirer. We reserve the right to withdraw and collect our equipment at any point and for any reason during the hire period.