



**Appendix 1
PARTICIPATION STATEMENT.**

**Appendix 2
EXAMPLE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK**

The BCU is proposing to issue the following notice to all Paddlesport Participants to draw their attention to the fact we are a risk sport even though statistically the risk is slight.

The proposed Participation Statement currently reads as follows.

“Canoeing and Kayaking are “Assumed risk.” “Water contact sports.” that may carry attendant risks. Participants should be aware of and accept these risks, and be responsible for their own action and involvement”.

It is proposed to use this statement in all appropriate BCU literature (for example entry forms) from January 2003, earlier if print runs and stocks allow.

An abbreviated form as follows could be used as appropriate

“Canoeing and Kayaking are “Assumed risk.”-”Water contact sports.”

The BCU recommends that appropriate literature carries one or other of these statements on all appropriate literature.

e.g. The inside cover of news letters.

In the preamble or introduction to longer documents.

As a “strap line” to the members hand book.

The BCU would like to recommend to the trade that they use one of these two statements on all relevant literature as appropriate at their discretion.

e.g. In product warranties, instructions and in particular in the point of sale literature of safety related equipment.

Under 18’s — Are dealt with elsewhere in literature for example in a note attached to an entry form signature box.

e.g. Signed by Participant or Parent or legal guardian.

A suggested form of indemnity which could be included on entry cards/booking forms for BCU events/courses where appropriate:

I wish to participate in the above activity.

I understand that canoeing can be a hazardous activity, and is undertaken at my own risk.

Signed

Additional References:

- BCU Duty of Care Policy
- BCU Coaches Code of Conduct
- BCU Participation Statement
- BCU Club Operating and Safety Procedures
- BCU Equal Opportunities Policy
- BCU Risk Assessment Guidelines
- BCU Injury Prevention Guidelines
- BCU Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults Policy
- BCU Harassment Policy

