



In 2024, we will again host CKO Sprint's High Performance Training Camp in Palm Coast, Florida. While many look forward to the training camp, we recognize that the current situation around 2SLGBTQ+ rights and inclusion in the state may be challenging for members of our paddling community, particularly after the introduction of State legislation that devalues 2SLGBTQ+ and BIPOC community members. CKO Sprint firmly opposes any efforts either at home in Canada or abroad that target groups based on sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, race, religion, or culture.

To combat all forms of hate, we are partnering with social justice leaders and organizations advocating for human rights. This partnership will lead to the implementation of additional measures, including:

- Inclusive training for all camp participants.
- Ensuring all business and services we engage with uphold inclusive practices.
- A professional review and implementation of a new Travel Policy that prioritizes safety, security, cultural sensitivity, and participation well-being during all team travel.
- A professional review of our coach education Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) module.

These measures align with CKO Sprint's Vision of creating a healthy, safe, rewarding, and competitive environment with a commitment to the successful development of high-performance athletes and lifelong paddling.

Beyond these concrete actions as an organization, we encourage all our members to take steps as individuals to support one another in the face of adversity. Let us, together, continue to champion a community where all people feel safe and accepted and can participate to their full potential, regardless of where our sport might take us.