

EQUIPMENT POLICY

Background

Whakatane Surf Lifesaving Club maintains an inventory of equipment for members use in recreation, training and competition. It is valuable equipment, and it is easily damaged when subject to improper use and care.

Use of equipment is a privilege for club members, in recognition of the valuable services that the patrolling (active) members in particular, provide for the community. In many cases, the funding for this equipment has been derived from public sources. It is important that due respect is afforded this equipment at all times, but especially in the public gaze.

Use of club equipment is subject to a range of conditions. Use of the equipment implies acceptance of the policy conditions.

Equipment Categories Equipment Description

Junior Surf Boogie Boards, Foamies, Competition Boards

General Use 'Dunger Rack' Boards and Skis. **Heavy Craft** Non-racing Canoes and Surfboats

Senior Competiton Equipment Racing Boards, Racing Skis, Racing Canoe, Racing Boat

General Provisions (Applies to all Equipment)

No equipment to leave the premises of Club and the immediate beach area, without prior approval of the Gear Steward, or, in the case of canoes and boats, the Heavy Craft Captain.

No equipment is to be used by anyone who is not a member of the Whakatane Surf Lifesaving Club, unless prior approval has been obtained from the Gear Steward, or Heavy Craft Captain as appropriate. (eg Beach Ed, Boat trials)

Craft with sealed compartments (skis, canoes, boats) shall have correct bungs or ports fitted prior to use. Remove these, after washing, for airing in storage.

After use, all equipment is to be cleaned and stored in its correct place in the Club premises. All damage to be reported to Gear Steward, or Heavy Craft Captain, as appropriate, as soon as is practicable.

Any member causing damage to any equipment, through unauthorised, improper or negligent use will be liable for the repairs.

Failure to comply with the above will result in the withdrawal of the use of equipment to any member of the Whakatane Surf Lifesaving Club.



Specific Provisions

Junior Surf

Boogie Boards, Foamies, Competition Boards

A Junior surf coach must be present during club gear use
Must have 200m Safety Badge, to use fibreglass boards
Age 10 -14 must pay Junior Gear Levy
Coaches and gear steward will decide allocation of competition boards according to WSLSC Surfsport
Equipment Allocation Policy

Heavy Craft

Non-racing Canoes and Surfboats

These are team craft, for the use of active members only.

Surfboats shall be used only with the approval of the Heavy Craft Captain, under the direction of a Club sweep

Senior Competiton Equipment

Racing Boards, Racing Skis, Racing Canoe, Racing Boat

Coaches, gear steward, (boats + canoes - heavy craft captain), will decide allocation of competition equipment according to WSLSC Surfsport Equipment Allocation Policy.

Must be an active member and pay senior gear levy.