



## Club Kit Hire Policy

### 1. Purpose

This policy sets out the arrangements for the hire and use of club-owned equipment ("club kit"). The aim is to ensure safe, fair, and sustainable access to equipment for members while maintaining club resources in good condition.

### 2. Scope

This policy applies to all members of North Somerset Paddlesports Club who hire or use club kit, including boats, paddles, buoyancy aids, helmets, spray decks, and any other items provided by the club.

### 3. Conditions of Hire

- Club kit is available for use only by current paid-up members.
- The kit is primarily for use at club sessions and events. Use outside of these must be approved by the Equipment Officer or Committee.
- Members hiring kit are responsible for ensuring it is used safely and appropriately.
- Kit must not be loaned to non-members without prior approval.

### 4. Booking and Charges

- Members should book equipment in advance via the Equipment Officer
- A hire fee of £10 per day per boat will apply. Paddles, buoyancy aids, helmets, and spray decks hired in conjunction with a boat are included in this fee.
- A deposit may be required at the discretion of the Committee.
- Priority will be given to new members and junior paddlers who may not yet own their own equipment.

### 5. Responsibilities of Members

- Members must check the condition of kit before use and report any damage or faults immediately to the Equipment Officer.
- Kit must be cleaned and returned after use, in a suitable condition for the next member.
- Members are responsible for safe transport of club kit if taken away from club premises.
- Loss or significant damage caused by negligence or misuse may result in the member being asked to contribute to repair or replacement costs.

### 6. Club Responsibilities

- The club will maintain an inventory of all equipment.
- The Equipment Officer will ensure regular safety checks are carried out.
- The Committee will review equipment needs and ensure fair access for all members.



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## 7. Insurance and Liability

- Members using club kit do so at their own risk.
- Club insurance provides limited cover for equipment, but members may be held responsible for loss or damage caused by negligence.
  
- The club accepts no liability for personal injury or loss of property sustained during the use of club kit, beyond that covered by Paddle UK insurance.<sup>7</sup>

## 8. Review

- Reviewed: August 2025
- Next Review: April 2026