

SOP – AQUAGLIDE LANDING EQUIPMENT (DRAFT)

PURPOSE

To outline guidelines for the use of the Aquaglide Landing Equipment (ALE) during the Hampton Life Saving Club (HSLC) programs.

POLICY

All Eligible Participants using the ALE must be current registered members of HLSC.

All Eligible Participants' guardians must sign a waiver stating that they understand the inherent risk, dangers and hazards of using the ALE and waiving certain rights they have against the club if injury is sustained as a result of their child using the equipment.

All Eligible Participants using the ALE must have passed the JPSE appropriate for their age group and be wearing a club or Nipper age group cap and hi visibility top.

PROCEDURE

Setup

The decision to setup the ALE will be made by the relevant program coordinator after approval from Patrol Captain. Risk assessment must be completed prior to deployment.

Weather conditions

- Forecast to be fine with no chance of rain or thunderstorms
- Wind speed forecast to be calm less than 10 knots
- Water quality to be good
- Forecast for conditions to remain stable during the entire session and to be monitored by the program Coordinator

Positioning

- The ALE must be positioned within the Nippers water safety area
- **Minimum water depth for platform as marked on equipment. Landing Pad = 1.2 metres; Rebound 12 = 2.44m. Minimum depth is indicated by a red ribbon & knot on the anchor rope.**
- Platform to be anchored using two dedicated anchors specifically for the platform.
- Check area under platform for dangerous objects, rocks or sandbars
- Equipment officer to assign two adult HLSC members to ensure setup and pack up of ALE is carried out correctly.
- **Refer to Landing Platform Setup document for correct setup procedure, care and storage of platform**
- **IRB must be ready for deploy if required.**

Activity

- Water safety ratio as per LSV requirements, with **2 WSO assigned to the ALE** – one positioned on the ocean side of the platform and one positioned on the beach side both directly adjacent to the platform

- **Do not exceed platform weight limit as marked on equipment. Landing Pad = 907Kg; Rebound 12 = 454 Kg.**
- **No diving head first, backflips, bombing or similar from platform**
- **No swimming underneath platform**
- Platform WSO to count on and off platform during activity
- Sign displayed on beach that Landing Platform is for HLSC Eligible Participant use only not for General Public.

Types of Activities

- As a swim goal for younger swimmers to swim to and rest before returning to shore
- As a coaching platform where swimmers can rest and get instruction for the next set/ session
- As a viewing platform where coaches can point out swim or paddle techniques of others in the group
- As a transition zone for team-based events/ races