



## **ACTION OUTDOORS ASSOCIATION INC**

### **CANOE AND KAYAK POLICY**

#### **POLICY AND GUIDELINES FOR USE**

The canoe trailer, canoes, kayak and accessories have been purchased for the enjoyment of AOA club members and it is the club policy that the following management guidelines will be adhered to:

- Priority of use will be given to organised and scheduled AOA club activities.
- Individual club member(s) may hire the canoe trailer for the use of AOA members for non-scheduled activities if available.
- Individual canoes, kayak and accessories (without trailer) may be hired to individual club members providing that they can demonstrate that they have the capacity to safely carry, secure and store canoe(s) and it is for the bona fide use of an AOA member(s) and providing the full package of canoes & trailer are not required at that time. Private loans will not be approved until one (1) month prior to loan date.
- The canoes and trailer will not be hired or loaned to any other organisation.
- Approved hirers must be able to demonstrate that they have a towing vehicle capable of safely towing the loaded trailer. A properly fitted trailer connection point and fully functioning lights must be fitted and tested prior to hire.
- Trailer, canoes, kayak and accessories are to be cleaned, dried and stored in an inverted position on return. Tie-down ropes on the kayak should be slackened off to prevent undue distortion of the hull or superstructure whilst stored.
- No hire charge will be made against the person storing and maintaining the trailer and canoes/kayak on organised AOA activities.
- Any person wishing to hire the kayak must have attended a basic skills or equivalent course with an approved provider prior to loan. The club kayak may be used during a training event with an approved training provider. An approved training provider is one that uses qualified instructors for the delivery of training to trainees.
- Priority of use for the kayak is to AOA club members that do not own a suitable kayak and have not used the kayak previously. Where a member has borrowed the kayak on three (3) occasions, no priority is given and bookings may not be made greater than one week's notice.

**LOAN CHARGES:**

Trailer, five canoes and accessories:	\$50 per day to max of 3 days
Trailer, five canoes and accessories:	\$40 per day for >3 days
Individual canoe with accessories:	\$10 per day
Trailer only	\$10 per day
Individual hire - refundable deposit	\$50 per canoe/kayak
Kayak with accessories	\$20 per day or \$80 maximum

The daily loan period includes the evening before and one day after a hire day; unless the canoes are required on the following day when it will be necessary to return it on the day of hire.

Hire charges may be waived at the discretion of the Committee.

**DAMAGE AND REPAIRS:**

When used on an approved AOA event, the users of the canoes, kayak or trailer shall not be liable for repair/replacement costs, unless the damage is caused by a deliberate or malicious act or by inappropriate carrying or storage (as determined by the Committee), in which case they shall be liable for the full amount.

When used on private trips, the users of the canoes, kayak or trailer shall be liable for the first \$50 of repair/replacement costs, unless the damage is caused by a deliberate or malicious act or by inappropriate carrying or storage (as determined by the Committee), in which case they shall be liable for the full amount.

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