

SCRUTINEERING SELF CHECK GUIDE FOR CRAFT OWNERS

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In October the following revised memorandum was distributed by SLSNSW covering the process for scrutineering for the 2019/2020 season –

[Memo: Superseded 2019-20 Competition Season New Scrutineering Stickers and Requirements](#)

As stated in this document, “The onus of ensuring that all personal or club craft and equipment meeting safety and scrutineering specifications remains with the owner / user of the craft and equipment”.

This memorandum provides some brief guidelines for the most common checks that can be done by all board and ski craft owners to ensure craft is safe for use.

CHECKING BOARDS

HANDLES/STRAPS

Check hand straps to ensure they are firmly secured, and that there are no exposed screw heads.

If screw presents the potential to cause injury, then the screw can be covered with silicon or Sikaflex.



If screws are raised and have the potential to cause injury these must be repaired before use



Damage strap webbing – fingers or hands can get caught in the webbing. Handles need to be replaced.



BODY DAMAGE

Check boards for cracks and dings, especially around the nose and tail of the board which are more susceptible to damage, to ensure there are no sharp edges or damage to the fiberglass shell (for non-foam boards).

If damage is of a minor nature, Ding tape can be used until permanently repaired, but if sharp edges can still be felt through the tape, the board must not be used.



FINS

Sharp edges or excessive wear on fins can be dangerous and cause serious injuries. Fins need to be replaced if they have a sharp edge.

Replaceable fins need to be checked to ensure they are secure within the fin box, and that the fin box fits securely within the main body of the board.



KNEE PADS

Check that knee pads are securely fixed to the main body of the board and are in safe condition.

CHECKING SKIS

Follow the same body and fin checks for skis as mentioned above for boards.

In addition to the above, check the rudder wires for any fraying with sharp ends, either at the connections to the foot pedal or along and into the rear of the main ski body.

Check that the Quick Release for the foot straps works without requiring strenuous effort, to ensure the foot straps can be released in the case of an emergency. Ensure the ski user is familiar with how this operates.