

# 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