

GROUP SPREAD – MEMBERS RESPONSIBILITY

Reason for Policy:

- To promote participant safety by minimising group spread.
- To ensure individual members are aware of their responsibility to minimise group spread and are aware of the consequences of not maintaining their position within the group.
- Group spread has a major impact on safety, communication and the ability of participants to assist each other in the event of a safety incident or emergency

Policy Guidelines:

1 General

- **It is the responsibility of the co coordinator, leader and tail end Charlie/s to minimise overall group spread by ensuring an appropriate and suitable speed is maintained for the group**

2. Individual responsibility

- It is the responsibility of individual paddlers to continuously check and maintain their position within the group
- While group spread will vary depending on the paddling conditions, communications must be maintained between an individual paddler and the group (via whistle, horn, sight or other means}

3. Consequences

- Any paddler who leaves the main paddling group or a prearranged smaller group during a club activity and is out of communication range, will be viewed as abandoning the club activity.
- Whilst every effort will be made to assist the participant, if an emergency occurs, this may not be possible and the club, its participating members and officers will take no responsibility for the actions and safety of that individual.