



Club Equipment - Loans

General terms

Club kit is available for free loan to members for use on Club trips on a first come, first served basis. Members borrowing equipment for club trips have priority over private trips.

See below for an inventory of club equipment available for loan.

Reservation process

To reserve an item of kit please enter your name on the [equipment reservation form](#).

Collection and returns

After reserving, please contact the club Equipment Officer by email on equipment@ibsc.org.uk to arrange collection and return of club equipment. The equipment officer will tell you where and how the equipment can be collected. This will usually be from the Equipment Officer in Inverness.

Kit should be returned within 3 days after the trip has ended to ensure it is available for the next member who has booked it. Failure to return equipment may result in a bar on future loans and further action by the Club.

All kit should be returned in a clean and dry condition.

If you do not live in Inverness you can ask another member to collect/return it for you - use the trip WhatsApp to arrange this.

Do not pass equipment to another club member for them to take on another trip without first agreeing this with the Equipment Officer. You will still be liable for any loss or damage for equipment still booked out in your name.

Cancellations

To cancel a reservation, remove your entry on the spreadsheet and email the Equipment Officer to let them know collection is no longer necessary.

Member use and liability

You are responsible for the correct use of any equipment you are loaned by the Club. You should make sure you have the appropriate knowledge and training in the use of any equipment loaned (e.g self-arrest skills with an ice axe, companion rescue for avalanche safety equipment).

- Club Transceivers. You must familiarise yourself with how the Ortovox 3+ club transceivers work ([manual here](#)) and ensure it has at least 50% battery charge.
- Club Helmets. Should be inspected for damage before use.
- Club Personal Locator Beacons (PLB) may only be loaned and carried by Trip Contacts. They must only ever be used in an emergency when mobile phone coverage is not available

The Club accepts no liability arising from the use of club equipment by members.

Loss and damage

The member is responsible for club equipment and free loan is given expressly on the understanding that if the equipment is lost or broken whilst on loan, the member is responsible for replacement or repair where reasonably possible. Care should be taken with fragile items like club helmets and any damage or loss reported to the club equipment officer at the time of return.

Inventory

The Club has the following items available for loan:

- **6 sets of Avalanche Transceiver, Shovel & Probe (TSP) (Ortovox 3+)**
- **4 sets of touring Ice Axes (Petzl Ride)**
- **3 sets of touring Crampons (Petzl Ivris Hybrid)**
- **4 touring helmets (Salomon MTN, 1 small, 2 medium, 1 large)**
- **4 VHF Radio handsets and 2 x base-station charger units**
- **2 Ice-box igloo making tools**

The club also has 4 'group safety kits'. Each kit contains:

- **1 x Personal Locator Beacon (PLB)**
- **1 x 4 person ultra-light group shelter**
- **1 x First aid kit**
- **1 x blizzard bag**
- **1 x flexible splint**

These are for use on official group trips only and are usually booked out by the trip contact. It is IBSC safety policy for each party on a club trip to carry all of the items in a group safety kit (the individual items can be shared out between the party)

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