

Gear Policy for 2019/20

Date: There is no limit on how long gear can be borrowed for, but you need to be able to return it within three days of being asked to unless otherwise agreed with gear sec or exec.

Borrowing: Gear can always be borrowed during club time or outside of club time if notice is given at least 48 hours before providing gear sec or exec is available.

Trad Gear: Requests to borrow trad gear are subject to approval, and they are conditional and revocable.

Tents: Tents are the exception and must be returned within three-four weeks. Before returning a tent, it must be cleaned and aired out for 24 hours so it can dry completely.

Ropes: When returning a rope, it needs to be dry and cleaned if necessary.

All Gear: Any borrowed gear should be treated with respect and returned without undue damage or wear. Dirty gear will be returned to the borrower to be cleaned and returned within a week. Failure to do so could result in a gear suspension. Destroyed gear will need to be replaced or an appropriate amount paid towards its replacement.

Responsibility: Whoever borrows gear is *ultimately* responsible for its return and replacing/repairing/cleaning where necessary. And if they didn't damage the gear its up to them to make sure the appropriate person returns the gear, explains what happened and if necessary repairs/replaces/cleans the gear. When it is reasonable and right the gear sec will assist the original borrower in making sure gear is replaced/cleaned/repared by the second and actually responsible person.

Any gear damaged by non-club members is the responsibility of the borrower.

Basically, I want the gear back and I want the responsible person replacing damaged gear, but at the end of the day someone's going to be paying for it.

Repeated failure to treat gear with respect, to properly sign it out, handing gear to members not approved by the committee for its use, or anything else equipment related which might deserve it will result in a gear suspension and potentially a ban.

For the Committee:

Only the Exec can loan out gear, and it must be written down; anyone can accept returned equipment, but it must be recorded in the book with the committee member who accepted the gear, writing in their name, as well.

All returned gear must be placed in the 'returned gear area' to be checked. Do not 'put it away'. (including ropes, helmets, and tents)

The gear sec is exempt from any terms of this policy which would make their job difficult or impossible and under exigent circumstances may bend the rules.