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Policy and Procedures



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1. Definitions

The following definitions apply for the purpose of this document:

Activity

Any process or procedure that is undertaken.

All Practicable Steps

The meaning of "all practicable steps" as defined in the HSE Act.

Clients

Non-instructing participants of the course, regardless if they have paid to attend or not.

Contractors

Any person contracted to provide a service for the NZAC relating to one of its courses.

Course

Any instructional event organised by the NZAC for the purpose of conveying skills or knowledge.

Course Leader

The lead instructor as defined by the Programme Coordinator, with overall responsibility for risk management on that course.

Guide

An individual who has gained endorsement by an internationally-recognised guiding association (e.g. NZMGA, IFMGA) as having gained the qualification of a guide.

Hazard

Anything that causes or could cause harm or damage, including a situation where a person's behaviour may be an actual or potential cause of harm to themselves or another person.

Incident (or Accident)

Any event that causes or could cause harm or damage.

Instructor

Qualified guides and instructors who are contracted to deliver the NZAC professional instruction courses. For required qualifications see section **7.1 Instructor Qualifications and Scope.**

Notifiable Event

A notifiable event is when any of the following occurs as a result of work: a death, notifiable illness or injury, a notifiable incident.

Participant

Anyone in attendance on an NZAC course.

Professional Instruction

Instructional courses organised directly either through the National Office of the New Zealand Alpine Club or through a NZAC Section and run by professional guides and instructors. Not inclusive of any course run by a club affiliated to or endorsed by the NZAC.

Risk

The effect of uncertainty on safety objectives.

Serious Harm

Any event that has a major impact on an individual causing injury, illness or psychological damage classified as 6 or higher on the Incident Severity Scale. Reference NZAC Incident Plan.

Staff

Employees of the New Zealand Alpine Club, for example the Programme Coordinator.

Technical Advisor (National)

A technical expert who holds extensive knowledge, skills and experience of rock climbing, alpine climbing and alpine skiing and local areas as well as the IFMGA Certification.

Acronyms used in this document:

DOC The Department of Conservation (New Zealand)

MBIE The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (New Zealand)

NZAC The New Zealand Alpine Club

PIPP Professional Instruction Policy and Procedures

RMP Risk Management Plan

TA Technical Advisor (National)

PC Programme Coordinator

2. Introduction

The New Zealand Alpine Club was formed in 1891 and aims to promote and support climbing at all levels within New Zealand. The club has over 4500 members, and five full-time staff based at its National Office in Christchurch. The scope of its activities are broad, including publishing, the provision of 17 alpine huts and base lodges, instruction, advocacy, insurance and support for overseas climbing expeditions.

NZAC Professional Instruction is defined in 1.0 of this document. These courses are led by professional guides and instructors, and can be categorised as either:

- Mountaineering skills courses
- Rock climbing skills courses
- Back-country skiing/snowboarding skills courses

2.1 NZAC Safety Policy

- The New Zealand Alpine Club is committed to:
 - The delivery of safe, high-quality instruction programmes and with continual improvement of safety performance
 - Providing our clients with a set of skills which will allow them to venture into the high alpine environments in a way which minimises risk to themselves as well as others, and minimises impact on the environment.
 - Taking all practicable steps to ensure the health and safety of the clients, instructors and general public
 - Identifying, monitoring and complying with relevant legislation, standards, activity guidelines and industry codes of practice
- Our safety objectives will be met through good leadership, commitment and continual updating and review of policies and procedures.

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2.2 NZAC Professional Instruction Safety Goals

Goals - 2017/2018 Financial Year	Responsible	Achieve By	Signed as complete	Date
Zero serious harm incidents on professional instruction courses in 2017/18 FY	All	30/06/2018	Complete	30/06/2018
Yearly review of PIPP	CIC.	30/06/2018	Complete	01/12/2018
Yearly review of 2017/18 FY PIPP operations based on course reports	CIC.	30/06/2018	Complete	01/12/2018
Safety goals for 2018/19 defined	CIC.	30/06/2018	Complete	01/12/2018
External audit of field practices	CIC.	30/06/2018	Complete	28/02/2018
Purchase a second field communication device	CIC	30/06/2018	Complete	01/11/2018

Goals - 2021/2022 Financial Year	Responsible	Achieve By	Signed as complete	Date
Zero serious harm incidents on professional instruction courses in 2021/22 FY	All	30/06/2022		
Yearly review of PIPP	PC / TA	31/03/2022		
Yearly review of 2021/22 FY PIPP operations based on course reports	PC / TA	31/03/2022		
Safety goals for 2022/23 defined	PC / TA	31/03/2022		

2.3 NZAC Professional Instruction Policy and Procedures

- The purposes of the NZAC's PIPP is to:
 - Define NZAC's management of its professionally-led instruction courses
 - o Provide guidance to contractors on the NZAC's obligations under the relevant legislation
 - Assure interested parties that the NZAC is fulfilling its obligations regarding this legislation
 - Set down the frequency and responsibilities for management review of this document

2.4 NZAC PIPP Documents

- The NZAC Professional Instruction Policy and Procedures consists of the following:
 - NZAC Professional Instruction Policy and Procedures
 - Instructional Scope of Qualified Guides and Instructors (Appendix A)
 - Terrain Assessment Guidelines (Appendix B)
 - Approved Course Locations and Frequency (Appendix C)
 - Programme Coordinator Safety Management Induction Procedures (Appendix D)
 - Programme Coordinator Course Checklist (Appendix E)
- The NZAC PIPP is part of the NZAC Safety Management System

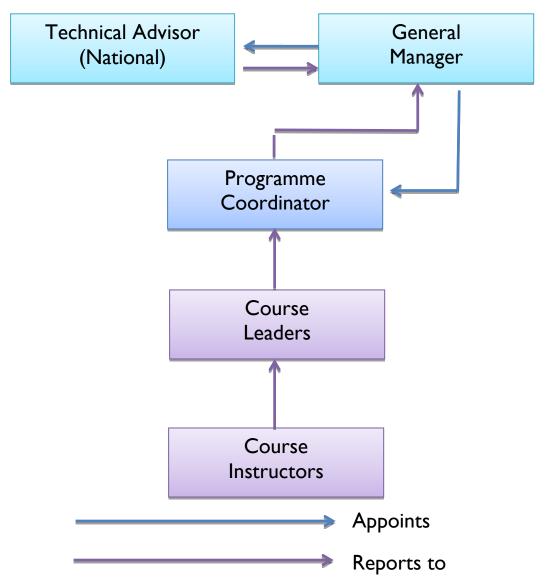
2.5 PIPP Compliance

The NZAC will:

- Assess risks and plan its courses to eliminate or control foreseeable hazards or risks
- Comply with relevant legislation and regulations
- Consult with staff and contractors and actively disseminate safety management information
- Make this Policy and Procedures document available to all staff and contractors
- Take steps to ensure staff and contractors comply to the standards set out in the PIPP
- Provide a system where staff, contractors and clients can give feedback or place complaints
- Undertake to use this feedback to constantly improve safety management systems
- Provide sufficient resources to achieve all the above

3. Leadership and Management

NZAC Professional Instruction Safety Management Structure



3.1 NZAC Technical Advisor (National)

 The NZAC will contract a Technical Advisor (National), responsible for the review and development of this document.

- The Technical Advisor (National) is responsible for:
 - Ensuring the PIPP complies with the requirements of applicable regulations and legislation
 - Engaging with relevant organisations to ensure alignment with standard industry practice
 - Reviewing and evaluating the performance of the PIPP
 - Reviewing incidents
- The Technical Advisor (National) will meet with the Programme Coordinator at least every six months, and minutes of all meetings will be distributed to interested parties and logged at NZAC HQ.

3.2 Programme Coordinator

- The NZAC Programme Coordinator is in charge of logistical and communication needs of the course.
- The Programme Coordinator is responsible for:
 - Assigning and contracting instructors using a Independent Contractors Agreement to work on the courses
 - Ensuring instructors are competent and qualified for the appropriate course as per section 7.1 Instructor Qualifications and Scope
 - Pre-season briefing of contractors
 - Ensuring emergency procedures are practiced
 - Ensuring appropriate field communications devices are available
 - Monitoring the performance of instructors
 - o Compiling feedback from clients, instructors and NZAC staff
 - o Reporting to the Technical Advisor (National) every 6 months.
 - Review and circulation of course reports
 - Co-ordination of internal & external field reviews in consultation with the Technical Advisor (National)
 - Ensure Appendix E Programme Coordinator Course Checklist is completed for each course

3.3 Course Instructors

- The NZAC will utilise professional guides and instructors on all its professional courses.
- On all courses there will be a course leader identified by the Programme Coordinator. Where there is only one instructor this person will be the course leader.
- The course leader has overall responsibility for risk management on that course.
- All instructors must have access to and be familiar with the PIPP and take part in pre-season brief facilitated by the Programme Coordinator
- When required, instructors are to provide advice to the Programme Coordinator or Technical Advisor (National) on
 - Amendments to course information pack and course related resources
 - Suitability of participants in line with the course pre-requisites
 - General course related queries
- During their courses, instructors are responsible for:
 - Ensuring course compliance checklists have been completed
 - Delivery of course content
 - Taking all practicable steps to ensure the health and safety of the clients, instructors and general public
 - o Identification, assessment, management and documentation of hazards
 - Ensuring appropriate equipment and clothing is carried and used by all participants

- Course leaders and instructors have the authority to
 - o Cease or modify an activity if they feel that the safety of the participants is at risk
 - Refuse a participant if they are not correctly prepared for the course (e.g. missing clothing or equipment)

3.4 Staff Induction and Training

- The General Manager is to ensure that incoming Programme Coordinators are inducted into the safety aspects of the role specific to professional instruction as per Appendix (D) Programme Coordinator Safety Management Induction Procedures
- The Programme Coordinator is to take steps to ensure that the course instructors are aware of and practice NZAC incident plans and emergency procedures.

4. Relevant Legislation, Standards and Guidelines

The NZAC has identified the following legislation, standards, activity safety guidelines and codes of practice as relevant to the safe management of its National Instruction Programme:

- Health And Safety at Work Act 2015
- MBIE Health and Safety in Employment (Adventure Activities) Regulations 2011
- MBIE Safety Audit Standard for Adventure Activities 2013
- MBIE Health and Safety at Work (Adventure Activities) Regulations 2016
- Crimes Act 1961
- Land Transport Act 1998
- DOC Concessionaire safety plans

The following certifying associations are identified as providing qualifications suitable for evaluating instructor competencies:

- New Zealand Mountain Guides Association
- New Zealand Outdoor Instructors Association
- Skills Active
- New Zealand Qualifications Authority (Avalanche Risk Management)

Refer to Appendix (A): Instructional Scope of Qualified Guides and Instructors

It will be the duty of the Programme Coordinator to monitor these and to update the PIPP as is necessary to ensure compliance.

5. Document Control and Review

5.1 Document Availability

The NZAC PIPP will be made available to all interested parties, including NZAC staff, instructors, contractors and clients.

• The current version of the PIPP will be made available in .pdf or printed form on request to clients and NZAC staff or to contractors who are not guiding or instructing.

- The current version of the PIPP will be supplied to all contracted instructors, and verification of familiarity with the current PIPP will be included in the Duties as set out in applicable contracts.
- Notification of any revisions to the PIPP will be made to any instructor under contract to the NZAC involved in the PIPP.
- All copies will be distributable in non-editable format to protect from unauthorised modification or publication.
- Previous copies of the PIPP will be marked as obsolete and archived at NZAC National Office.

5.2 PIPP Review Process

- Technical Advisor (National) and Programme Coordinator will conduct an internal review on an annual basis which will take into account:
 - o Client and instructor feedback as collated by the Programme Coordinator
 - o Any complaints lodged through the formal complaints process
 - o Any incidents or accidents
 - Assessment of any changes of risk factors, including hazards involving drugs or alcohol
 - o Any changes to pertinent legislation or safety guidelines
 - Standards of best practice as defined by relevant organisations
- When necessary, the Programme Coordinator will update the PIPP to ensure it is as relevant and up-to-date as possible, and notify of revisions as detailed in section 5.1

5.3 Activity Review Process

- The Programme Coordinator and Technical Advisor (National) are to conduct or commission a yearly internal review of professional instruction procedures and report findings to the General Manager.
- The New Zealand Alpine Club is to conduct a periodic review by engaging externally nominated Technical Advisor(s) at a minimum every three years to ensure field practices are up-to-date and comply with the PIPP.
- The Programme Coordinator and Technical Advisor (National) will review reports made by the Mountain Safety Council and:
 - o Identify if we have met our health and safety targets and standards
 - Review the PIPP if necessary
 - Make necessary changes, notifying of revisions as detailed in section 5.1

5.4 Audit

As a Club the NZAC currently suits outside the Adventure Activity Regulations and therefore do not have to register as an adventure activity operator and are exempt from audits conducted by an audit body recognised by Worksafe. However, NZAC will engage with an auditor, that is recognised by the Department of Conservation to audit non-registered bodies, to audit the PIPP based on the Safety Audit Standard for Adventure Activities 2016, and renew audit certification at least every three years.

6. Hazard Management

6.1 Identified Hazards

An Course Risk Management Plan (RMP) will be created for each course, this will include a location-specific hazard section to be completed by the Course Leader. Course RMPs will be made available to all parties involved.

6.2 Identification and Recording of New Hazards

If a new hazard is identified during a course it will be the responsibility of the Course Leader to take steps to assess and mitigate the risks presented. Following the completion of the course an Incident Report and New Hazard Evaluation Form will be completed and submitted to the Programme Coordinator. If necessary, the Programme Coordinator will be responsible for making this hazard known to subsequent courses until such a time as the Programme Coordinator and Technical Advisor (National) convene and assesses it's inclusion to the appropriate Course Risk Management Plan(s).

6.3 Drug and Alcohol Use

Activity Risk:

Due to the multiple risks inherent in an alpine environment which can only be minimised, the reliance on other participants for mutual safety, and the reliance on the instructor's personal judgement to keep the group safe, the NZAC has identified the activities involved in the professional instruction programme to be high-risk.

Safety-sensitive roles:

The roles of course leader and course instructors have been identified as safety-sensitive, as well as any participants involved in operating a motor vehicle to access a course location. The tasks of Programme Coordinator and Technical Advisor (National) are completed before the commencement of the course (with the exception of off-site support in the event of emergency procedures) and are not identified as safety-sensitive. However, any NZAC staff listed as an emergency contact during the course term would be expected to adhere to the drug and alcohol policy.

Workforce risk:

The NZAC has assessed its workforce risk as medium:

- Course leaders and instructors are contractors only working for short terms, so any current trends of alcohol or drug use may not be known to the NZAC
- o Currently over 80% of the workforce is male
- Most contractors are over 25 years old
- o All are very skilled guides with high-level qualifications

Drug and alcohol policy:

The NZAC has a zero-tolerance for anyone involved in the course being under the influence of illegal drugs, and/or whose ability to participate is impaired in any way by the consumption of alcohol or drugs.

 The NZAC strictly prohibits the use, making, sale, purchase, transfer, distribution, consumption, or possession of illegal drugs during courses. Any person found using illegal drugs will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment (in the case of an instructor) or suspension from the course (in the case of a client).

- Only responsible consumption of alcohol is permitted by any person during courses and is to occur only during designated down-time where no high risk activity is taking place or about to take place.
- Clients or instructors who are prescribed medication are expected to ask their doctor if the
 medication will have any potential negative effect on their ability to participate in the
 activities included in the course. They are required to report to the Programme Coordinator
 if there is any potential risk, limitation or restriction for whatever reason that may require
 modification of the course, or preclude them from safely participating.
- Any violation of this drug and alcohol policy will be treated as an incident and will be responded to and logged as per Section 9 Incident Plans.

• Implementation of the policy:

Course leaders and instructors have the authority to cease or modify an activity if they feel that the safety of the participants is at risk, and this may include the impairment of a client or instructor.

Monitoring of impairment:

Due to the fact that the staff of the NZAC co-ordinate the professional instruction courses remotely, direct monitoring for signs of impairment may not be possible. For this reason, the clients and instructors of each course will be supplied with this drug and alcohol policy and encouraged to help monitor each other for signs of impairment.

- The most likely cause of impairment is fatigue an important skill in the mountains is keeping an eye out for your companions, and the NZAC encourages all participants to discontinue an activity, if it is safe to do so, if their level of fatigue is likely to significantly increase the risk.
- Reasonable cause to suspect drug or alcohol related impairment include being involved in an accident or near-miss incident, having difficulty focussing, making decisions or communicating with the group, or reduced reaction times.

Response

If a client or instructor has reasonable cause to believe that a participant is impaired, they should consult with the course leader, a course instructor, or another participant and approach the participant with their concern. They should be given the chance to comment. If they have strong reason to believe that the participant is impaired due to drugs or alcohol, and provided that is safe to do so, the course instructor may refuse that participant continued involvement. If the course leader feels that the participant may cause risk to the group they are authorised to arrange for the participant to be returned to a safe location or medical facility if appropriate. The participant may be liable for any costs incurred.

- If the person suspected of impairment is the course leader, another course instructor is authorised to take the above action as required. If there is only one instructor, a course client is authorised to take the above action. It is strongly recommended that the client consults with the other course participants before taking action.
- All participants, including instructors and clients are to be briefed on this policy including
 how to operate communications equipment needed to effect the removal of an impaired
 participant or to request assistance if the removal of an impaired instructor has affected the
 safety of the group.

Testing

Due to the small size of the professional instruction programme, the NZAC has assessed that

a testing programme would not be appropriate. In the event of an incident, if the police are involved they may test at the scene.

Review

Any changes in the drug and alcohol hazard are to be assessed as part of the PIPP Review Process as detailed in section 5.2

6.4 Prolonged Exposure to Known Hazards

All instructors and guides spend a large amount of time in the outdoors, and experience multiple associated hazards. Some of these hazards can be compounded over time and can become significant. Identified prolonged exposure hazards include muscular and joint damage caused by carrying heavy packs or chronic illness caused by exposure to direct sunlight or extremes of temperature. The NZAC encourages instructors to:

- Use equipment and clothing which is suitable for the activity environs.
- Have access to suitable safety equipment
- Only commit to a workload which allows for recovery between operations and minimises the risk of chronic overuse injuries
- Seek medical advice if problems occur

7. Operations

7.1 Instructor Qualifications and Scope

- The NZAC will only contract instructors who hold current qualifications from the
 - New Zealand Outdoor Instructors Association
 - New Zealand Mountain Guide Association
 - New Zealand Qualifications Authority (Avalanche Risk Management)
 - o or an equivalent internationally-recognised body.
- Registration requirements under the Adventure Activities Regulations 2016 will be monitored and only instructors who meet current requirements will be contracted.
- Instructors qualified by the NZMGA must have completed a minimum of 10 days instruction per season per discipline to remain current
- Instructors qualified by the NZOIA must have attended the appropriate NZOIA Revalidation course as per the NZOIA Revalidation process.
- Instructors may be requested to provide a logbook of continuous professional development if they are not associated to the NZMGA or NZOIA for approval by the NZAC National Technical Advisor prior to being offered work.
- The syllabus of any professional course will only include elements covered in the instructional scope of the current qualifications held by the instructors on that course.
- All instructors will hold a current and valid first aid certificate, appropriate for the nature of the course
- The locations covered on any professional course will only include terrain defined as suitable in the instructional scope of the current qualifications held by the instructors.
- Refer to Appendix (A) Instructional Scope of Qualified Guides and Instructors

7.2 Client Ratios

- All Alpine Skills courses will have a maximum of 24 clients, in a minimum 1:4 instructor to client ratio. An exception is available for:
 - Avalanche awareness courses which will have a maximum of 12 clients, in a minimum
 1:6 instructor to client ratio, as per best practice outlined by MSC.
 - Basic Instructor Training which will have a maximum of 12 clients, in a minimum 1:6 instructor to client ratio.
 - Basic Instructor Refresher which will have a maximum of 8 clients in a minimum of 1:8 instructor to client ration.
- All Rock Skill courses will have a maximum of 8 clients, in a minimum 1:4 instructor to client ratio.
- All Backcountry Ski/Snowboard courses will have a maximum of 12 clients, in a minimum 1:4 instructor to client ratio.
- If a course is to be run at a ratio and maximum client number outside of the above set ratios and maximum client numbers, the instructor is to get written confirmation from the Technical Advisor (National) confirming that all parties agree that it is safe to run the specific course in the locations specified at the specified ratio and maximum client number.
- All course ratio and maximum client numbers must adhere to any special conditions stipulated in the NZAC approved concession if taking place on Department of Conservation (DOC) land, see Appendix (C) Approved Course Locations and Frequency.

7.3 Clothing

• A clothing list for each course will be supplied to all participants at least 2 weeks prior to the commencement of the course.

7.4 Equipment

- A list of personal equipment required for the course will be supplied to all participants at least 2 weeks prior to the commencement of the course.
- Appropriate equipment in good condition for the activity is to be carried by instructors at all times. As a guideline this includes;
 - Appropriate group first aid equipment
 - o Suitable communication equipment
 - Spare equipment and clothing
 - Emergency equipment
 - Copy of Emergency Management Procedures (to be supplied by Programme Coordinator).
 - Copy of Appendix F (Incident Severity Scale)
- All equipment hired and/or used on instruction programmes should be in good condition and inspected regularly for its fitness for purpose.
- Participant equipment and clothing is to be checked prior to an instruction activity and assessed as suitable for purpose.
- Participants on a professional instruction course should be issued with and use, where
 appropriate, safety equipment deemed appropriate for the activity. An avalanche transceiver,
 shovel and probe must be worn/carried by all participants on courses taking place in Avalanche
 Terrain where the course instructor does not hold the Avalanche Risk Management Level 6
 qualification.

- Instructors who hold the Avalanche Risk Management Level 6 qualification can use their professional judgement to assess the necessity of carrying and using an avalanche transceiver, shovel and probe based upon the terrain and avalanche hazard.
- It is the responsibility of the course leader to ensure that a consistent practice is adopted by all instructors in the use of equipment based on an assessment of the conditions, participant experience and the environment. This includes wearing of helmets at all times where there is a risk of falling and/or objects hitting participants and instructors. Helmets are recommended but not compulsory when skiing. If people are used to wearing helmets whilst skiing, they should do so when skiing downhill.

7.5 Activity Environments

- It is the responsibility of the course leader to ensure that a consistent and current practice is adopted by all other instructors in the selection of terrain to be used for instruction purposes.
- Site specific safety guidelines should be followed at all times
- Terrain that requires the participants to use skills being taught to ensure their safety should not be used for instruction activities.
- Terrain should be assessed for use according to the guidelines set out in Appendix (B) Terrain Guidelines.
- For courses taking place on Department of Conservation (DOC) land, only areas listed in Appendix (C) Approved Course Locations and Frequency, for which the NZAC holds approved concessions are to be used for PIPP courses. Any DOC course location outside of the NZAC concession(s) must be approved by the Programme Coordinator and the appropriate steps required to gain access to the location must be taken. Please note, due to the time and cost of gaining concessions the course location may not be approved in the short-term.
- Courses taking place on council or private land must follow the access agreements in place for that location.

7.6 Field Communications

- The NZAC aims to have immediate contact with rescue services available at all times on all its professional instruction courses.
- Where the course is to be run in a location where cell phone reception is not available, the NZAC will provide a primary field communications device with no known blind spots in the course location (e.g. satellite phone or mountain radio). A Personal Locator Beacon will be provided as a secondary communication device where required.
- All NZAC courses will have two forms of field communication. One will allow two way communication (satellite phone) and one can be used with minimal training (PLB)
- Participants must be made aware of the communication devices and given training on their use where necessary
- The instructor must always carry one form of Field Communication, one participant must carry the other.
- Courses operating in the Aoraki Mt Cook National Park must have a mountain radio unless an exemption is granted by the NZAC National Technical Advisor (e.g rock climbing courses not in the alpine environment). This radio must have the channels listed in Appendix H.



- If the course has more than one instructor, a secondary field communications solution will be made available upon request by the course leader allowing the instructors to communicate while in line-of-sight (e.g. UHF radio).
- The course leader may choose to supply their own field communications equipment and may use it instead of those provided by the NZAC as long as:
 - o The devices meet the criteria outlined in 7.6 above
 - Any communication blind spots are mapped
 - Permission is gained from the Programme Coordinator
- Anyone using the field communications equipment in any way other than ensuring group safety will be liable for any expenses incurred.



- Instructors using their own field communication devices must have the emergency contact set to those specified in the NZAC Emergency Management Plan Document.
- Instructors using their own mountain radio must have the frequencies listed in Appendix H



7.7 Course Procedures

The following tasks are to be completed for all courses:

Phase	Task	Responsibility
Pre-course	Course approved by NZAC	Programme Coordinator
	Accommodation booked	Programme Coordinator
	Venue confirmed:Concessions obtained if applicableBookings made if applicable	Programme Coordinator
	Food / catering arranged: • Dietary needs assessed • Requirements communicated to clients if self-catering	Programme Coordinator
	 Course instructions / info sent to clients: Course info Gear lists Meeting time and travel arrangements Food / catering arrangements Gear hiring information Client registration, consent and risk disclosure form 	Programme Coordinator

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	Client consent and risk disclosure form collected: • Forms must be signed before participation • Client's needs assessed	Programme Coordinator
	Medical information & emergency contacts:	Programme Coordinator
	Safety Management documents, Field communications and Group First Aid Kit ready and available for Course Instructors	Programme Coordinator
Client Brief	 Course briefing undertaken, including: Environmental care expectations Course content overview Weather forecast Avalanche hazards assessment Verbal confirmation that all medical/psychological information supplied pre-course is up to date. What to do if a Guide or participant is injured Where First Aid and Field Communication devices are held. 	Course Leader
	 Equipment Check for participants and instructors: Personal climbing equipment assessed Gear list checked Clothing list checked Group First Aid Kit checked 	Course Leader
Pre-field	Terrain Condition Assessment completed. Gather information, if applicable, from: • Avalanche.net advisories • Department of Conservation • Ski Patrols • Other relevant sources	Course Leader
	Weather Assessment completed Gather information, if applicable, from: Relevant websites Local media sources Field observations Other relevant sources	Course Leader

	 Transport arrangements confirmed: Only licensed drivers operating vehicles Vehicles have current WOF and registration Vehicles are assessed as roadworthy and suitable for terrain as far as is reasonably practicable. Clients briefed on helicopter safety if applicable 	Course Leader
	Course intentions left with third party	Course Leader
	Management Procedures All instructors are familiar with and in possession of a laminated copy.	Course Leader
	Course Risk Management Plan filled and signed	Course Leader
	Course Compliance Checklist completed	Course Leader
Field Phase	Daily morning weather & terrain observations. Collected and recorded	Course Leader
	Daily intentions lodged where suitable	Course Leader
Post- Course	Clients debriefed Risk Disclosure and Medical Information forms returned to the Programme Coordinator at the National Office	Course Leader
	Client feedback and complaints forms: • Made available to clients • Results collated and action taken where necessary	Programme Coordinator
	Field communications devices returned Programme Coordinator notified if damaged, faulty or lost	Course Leader
	Instructors debriefed	Course Leader
	Course Leader Debriefed	Programme Coordinator
	Client medical data destroyed (provided no incident/accident recorded)	Programme Coordinator

 Incident Report Forms completed and lodged reference: Incident Plan & Severity Scale Severity 1-2: If appropriate, complete and send to Programme Coordinator within 2 days of course completion Severity 3+ or significant near miss: Report to Programme Coordinator as soon as is possible. Incidents that cause serious harm must be reported to the General Manager as soon as is possible. 	Course Leader
Notify Worksafe of notifiable events as soon as is possible.	General Manager
Course Report completed and sent to Programme Coordinator within two weeks of course completion	Course Leader
Technical Advisor (National) informed of any incidents 3 or above on ISS or significant near misses.	Programme Coordinator

7.8 Client Feedback and Complaints Procedure

- The Programme Coordinator is to send a Course Feedback Survey form to all clients within 2
 weeks of course completion. NZAC Course Complaints Form is to be made available to all
 clients and instructors.
- Results are to be collated by the Programme Coordinator and reviewed by the Technical Advisor.

7.9 Guide Feedback and Performance Review

- NZAC Instructor Feedback Survey forms are to be sent to all participating instructors within 2 weeks of course completion.
- Results are to be collated by the Programme Coordinator and reviewed by the Technical Advisor (National)

8. Emergency Plans

- An emergency may be defined as
 - Serious injury to a person, physical or mental
 - Fatalities
 - Any requirement for air evacuation
 - Substantial damage to property
 - Severe negative impact on the NZAC image

In the event of an emergency the course leader is to co-ordinate the response using the Emergency Management Procedures, a laminated copy of which is held by each instructor.

Where applicable, the NZAC will assume responsibility for co-ordination of the response until relieved by police, search and rescue services, ambulance medics or locally responsible personnel (e.g. ski patrollers or alpine rescue team).

The NZAC response will be co-ordinated by, in order of availability:

- The General Manager
- President
- The Programme Coordinator
- Course Leader
- Course Instructors

Emergency personnel responsibilities:

Role	Responsibilities	Communicate With
Course Leader and Instructors	 Implement Emergency Management Procedures Contact general manager and Programme Coordinator as soon as is practical Co-ordinate NZAC's response until relieved 	InstructorsClientsProgramme CoordinatorGeneral Manager
Programme Coordinator	 Assure general manager is alerted of situation as soon as possible Co-ordinate NZAC's response in absence of general manager 	InstructorsGeneral Manager
General Manager	 Assume co-ordination of NZAC's response as soon as is practical Handle media communications 	InstructorsProgramme CoordinatorTechnical Advisor
Technical Advisor (National)	 Give guidance to general manager Analyse emergency response Review Safety Management Systems and update if necessary 	General Manager

9. Notifiable Events

9.1 Incident Assessment and Response

Any incident must be assessed by the Course Leader using the Incident Severity Scale Assessment, and action taken as set out in the NZAC Incident Plan.

9.2 Investigation and Reporting

All Incident Report Forms will be collated by the Programme Coordinator, any notifiable events will be reported to the GM who will report to Worksafe as soon as possible. The Technical Advisor (National) will be provided with the Incident Report Forms, along with comments on underlying causes, suggested improvements and analysis of trends.

The Technical Advisor will review all Incident Report Forms on at least an annual basis

Any Incident rated as 6 or higher on the ISS will be trigger a review of the PIPP to be completed by the Technical Advisor within 2 months of the incident date.

Appendix A - Instructional Scope of Qualified Guides & Instructors

The following criteria are based on the most recent information provided by the qualifying organisations.

Abbreviations used: IFMGA: International Federation of Mountain Guides Associations

NZMGA: New Zealand Mountain Guides Association NZOIA: New Zealand Outdoor Instructors Association

SA: Skills Active

MSC: Mountain Safety Council

Qualifying Organisation	Qualification	Terrain Limitations	Instructional Scope
IFMGA	Mountain Guide	There are no specific terrain limitations except those imposed by personal or experience limitations. As new activities emerge, IFMGA Mountain Guides should be able to document their experience before involving clients in such activities.	The highest guide qualification, requiring at least 5 years of assessment. IFMGA recognises the ability of the Guides to use their experience and discretion to choose appropriate terrain and syllabus for climbing or skiing activities.
NZMGA	Climbing Guide	All climbing and mountaineering activities in New Zealand where skiing is not the main objective.	All climbing and mountaineering activities in NZ where skiing is not the main objective.
NZMGA	Ski Guide	All skiing activities in New Zealand, including ascents of non-technical peaks (no harder than grade Seriousness II, Technical 13 in normal winter/spring conditions), as part of a ski tour. Non-technical ski peaks are such that in normal conditions they can be ascended mostly on skins. For short sections client(s) may be safeguarded by belaying, lowering, the use of a fixed line or short roping (1 or 2 clients at a time). Non-technical peaks do not require multi-pitch climbing techniques.	All skiing and snowboarding activities in NZ, including heli ski guiding, ski mountaineering and instruction on glaciated and nonglaciated terrain.
NZMGA	Assistant Guide under direct supervision	As imposed by supervising Guide	As imposed by supervising Guide
NZMGA	Assistant Climb Guide under indirect supervision	Less experienced Assistant Guides should be familiar with the proposed guiding location and have worked there previously under direct supervision. Guiding in unfamiliar or more demanding terrain is only appropriate for experienced Assistant Guides who are ready for the challenges to	As imposed by supervising Guide

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NZQA	NZ certificate of Avalanche Risk Management level 5 or Avalanche Safety I	other outdoor guiding and instruction operations, hunting, trekking, Department of Conservation, alpine search and rescue and education providers. Graduates may be employed to work under (direct or indirect) supervision, in a range of operations actively assisting in the management of avalanche hazard and risk including: ski areas, heli-ski operations, catskiing operations, snowmobile operations, road contractors, alpine and other outdoor guiding and instruction operations, hunting, trekking, Department of Conservation, alpine search and rescue, and education providers.	I day Avalanche Awareness
NZOIA	Rock 2 – Senior Instructor	All non-alpine rock terrain	 All aspects of rock climbing and abseiling including lead and multi-pitch
NZOIA	Sport Climbing Instructor	 Single pitch rock with easy access from base to top and indoors 	 Top-rope, abseiling & bouldering outdoors Bolt Protected Lead climbing
NZOIA	Rock Instructor Level I – Sport Climbing Endorsement	 Single pitch rock with easy access from base to top and indoors 	 Top-rope, abseiling & bouldering outdoors Bolt Protected Lead climbing
NZOIA	Rock I - Instructor	 Single pitch rock with easy access from base to top and indoors 	 Top-rope, abseiling & bouldering outdoors

Appendix B - Terrain Assessment Guidelines

Danger Level	Snowpack stability	Avalanche Probability and Avalanche Trigger	Recommended Action
What	v	√hy	What To Do
LOW (green)	The snowpack is generally well bonded and stable.	Natural avalanches highly unlikely. Human triggered avalanches unlikely.	Travel is generally safe. Normal caution advised.
MODERATE (yellow)	The snowpack is moderately well bonded on some steep slopes, otherwise generally well bonded.	Natural avalanches unlikely. Human triggered avalanches possible.	Generally favourable conditions. Routes should be selected with care, especially on steep slopes.
CONSIDERABLE (orange)	The snowpack is moderately to weakly bonded on many steep slopes.	Natural avalanches possible. Human triggered avalanches probable.	Backcountry skiing and travel should only be carried out by experienced persons able to evaluate avalanche hazard. Steep slopes of the aspect and altitude indicated should be avoided.
HIGH (red)	The snowpack is weakly bonded in most places.	Natural and human triggered avalanches likely.	Backcountry skiing and travel should be restricted to low- angled slopes; areas at the bottom of slopes may also be hazardous.
Extreme (black)	The snowpack is generally weakly bonded and largely unstable	Widespread natural or human triggered avalanches certain	No backcountry skiing or travel should be undertaken

Appendix C – Approved Course Locations

Approved locations NZAC Department of Conservation Concession (Guiding Permit) Schedule 3

SCHEDULE 3

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Concession Activity and Locations - maximum numbers of people

 Activities and locations approved are as follows subject to stated maximum party size, maximum number of clients per guide and frequencies.

Location	Max party Size (Inc. Guides)	Max length of visit	Max Frequency of use.	Max no. of trips/year
Arthurs Pass National Park				
Otira Valley catchment mountainous terrain, Arthurs Pass National Park	10	1-7days	-	12
Temple Basin catchment mountainous terrain excluding ski area facilities, Arthurs Pass National Park	10	1-7 days	~	12
Crow Valley catchment mountainous terrain, Arthurs Pass National Park	10	1-7 days	a	12
Head of White River, catchment mountainous terrain, Arthurs Pass National Park	10	1-7 days		12

Location	Max party Size (inc. Guides)	Max length of visit	Max Frequency of use.	Max no. of trips/year
Aoraki/Mt Cook National Park				
White Horse Hill car park to Mueller Glacier and/or to Mueller Hut; Annette Plateau, Sealy Range; Barron Saddle Hut; access/descent ridges from eastern side of range in vicinity of, Glencoe Stream ('Water Tank Ridge' to Mt Annette, Mt Sebastopol (Red Tarns Track) to Annette Plateau and Sawyers Stream to Annette Plateau Note: trips based at Mueller Hut are limited to a total of 7 persons.	8	1-7 days	ul .	12
Sebastapol Bluffs rock climbing area	8	Day use, based from the Alpine Club's Unwin Lodge	-	-

Location	Max party Size (Inc. Guides)	Max length of visit	Max Frequency of use.	Max no. of trips/year
White Horse Hill car park to Hooker Glacier Lake via Hooker Valley walking track. Hooker Glacier and catchment mountainous terrain and climbing peaks; Ball Pass; Aoraki/Mt Cook National Park	8	1-7 days		12
Stocking Stream and off track approach/descent route to Sefton Bivy; The Footstool climbing routes, Aoraki/Mt Cook National Park	8	1-7 days	-	12
Murchison Glacier catchment mountainous terrain and climbing peaks; Murchison Hut. Murchison Face to Tasman Saddle, Aoraki/Mt Cook National Park.	8	1-7 days	-	12
Godley Glacier and catchment mountainous terrain.	8	1-7 days	-	12
Grand Plateau catchment mountainous terrain and climbing peaks; Plateau Hut; Haast Ridge/Fresh Field Glacier and Cinerama Col/Boys Glacier approach/descent routes, Aoraki/Mt Cook National Park.	8	1-7 days	-	12
Tasman Glacier catchment, neve and alpine climbing routes; Kelman Hut; Tasman Saddle to Murchison Glacier via Murchison Face. Tasman Glacier approach/descent routes from Blue Lakes car park.	8	1-7 days		12

Te Kahui Kaupeka Conservation Park

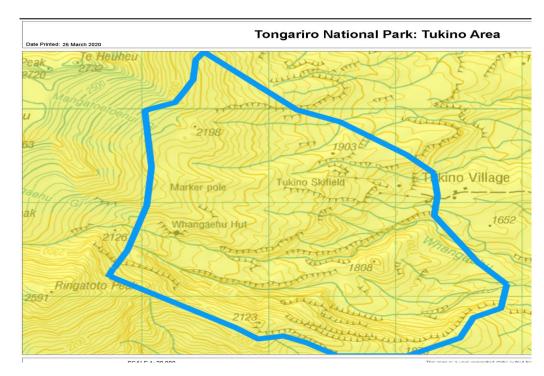
'Castlehill' climbing area	10	Day use only	-	12		
Parts of the Craigieburn Range located within Conservation Area.	10	1-7 days	-	12		

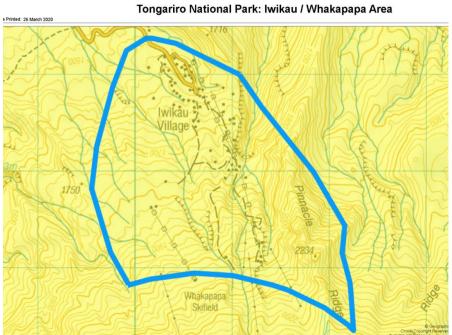
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Location	Max party Size (Inc. Guides)	Max length of visit	Max Frequency of use.	Max no. of trips/year	Location	Max party Size (Inc. Guides)	Max length of visit	Max Frequency of use.	Max no. of trips/year
Mt Cook Station Conservation Area					Wanaka Rock Climbing				
Gorilla Stream Valley approach/descent routes and Nuns Veil climbing route.	8	1-7 days	•	12	Roadside Attraction Recreation Reserve rock climbing routes.	10	1 -7 days	-	12
					Riverside Recreation Reserve rock climbing routes.	10	1 –7 days	-	12
Ruataniwha Conservation Area									
Parts of Ben Ohau and Ohau Ranges	15	1-7 days	-	12	Mt Somers Area				
within the Conservation Area.					Alford Forest, Mt Somers, Sharplin Falls and Woolshed Creek climbing areas,	10	1-7 days	-	12
Climbing areas accessed from Hopkins, Temple and Huxley Valleys located within the Conservation Area	15	1-7 days	-	12	Pinnacle Hut.				
					The Remarkables and Rastus Burn Conserv	ation Areas			
Note: Large parts of these ranges are not within the Conservation Area. In such cases land owner/lessee					Double and Single Cone, Lake Alta, Wye Creek and other climbing areas accessed from the ski area car park.	10	1-7 days	-	12
permission to enter is required.					Fiordland National Park				
 Ohau Ski Area access road – use of the road by vehicle to access Hemi's Basin rock climbing area and the terrain within the Ohau Ski Area is at the concession holder's discretion. 					Mt Moir climbing routes via Homer Saddle and Homer Tunnel environs climbing routes.	7	1-7 days	1 per week	12
					West Coast National Park				
					Fox Glacier lower ice.	7	1-7 days	-	12
Mt Apiring National Park Mt Brewster via Faintail Falls car park, track to Brewster Hut, approach to Mt	7	1-7 days		12	Fox Neve and alpine climbing routes. Pioneer and Chancellor Huts.	7	1-7 days	-	12
Brewster, Brewster Glacier and Mt Brewster climbing routes.					Franz Josef Glacier lower ice.	7	1-7 days	-	12
Mt Aspiring Climbing Region	7	1-7 days	-	12	Franz Josef Neve and alpine climbing routes. Centennial Hut.	7	1 –7 days	-	
Rob Roy, vally access and climbing area.	7	1-7 days	-	12					
Cascade Saddle, valley access and route, climbing area.	7	1-7 days	-	12					
Rees Valley road end car park; Rees Valley and Kea Basin approaches to Mt Earnslaw; Esqualent Bivy; Pluto Peak and Mt Earnslaw alpine climbing routes.	7	1-7 days	-	12					
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District Office	Conservation Area	Description of Location (the Land)	Land Status	Activity	Max. Party Size (inc. Guides)	Max. Frequency	Max. Duration
Tongariro	Tongariro National Park	See maps in Schedule 4	National Park	Instructional courses for rock climbing, mountaineering and ski touring and informal camping associated with these instructional courses.	o1 June to 30 September - Max. of 10 o1 October to 31 May – Max. of 6	1 per day 3 per month 12 per year	7 days
Mahaanui	Otepatotu Scenic Reserve	See maps in Schedule 4	Scenic Reserve	Instructional courses for rock climbing	10	1 per day 3 per month 12 per year	4 days (no overnight stays on public conservation land)

Appendix D – Programme Coordinator Safety Management Induction Prodecures

Details:					
Employer Name:	New Zealand Alpine Club	Position:	Programme Coordinator		
Employee Name:	Enter here	Supervisor:	General Manager		
Employment Start Date:	dd/mm/yyyy	Last document review:	dd/mm/yyyy		

Safety Management Documents						
Document	Location	Current Version	Read	Date		
Safety Management System	N:Drive Server	E01R03				
Professional Instruction Policy and Procedures	N:Drive Server	E01R03				
Volunteer Rock Climbing Instruction Policy and Procedures	N:Drive Server	E01R01				
Volunteer Alpine Instruction Policy and Procedures	N:Drive Server	E01R01				
Instructor Registry	N:Drive Server	E01R01				
NZAC Incident Plan	N:Drive Server	E01R01				
NZAC Emergency Management Procedures	N:Drive Server	E01R01				
New Hazard Identification Forms	N:Drive Server	E01R01				
NZAC Feedback & Complaints Forms	N:Drive Server	E01R01				
Course Instructor Resources	N:Drive Server	Course-specific				
Course Info & Equipment Lists	N:Drive Server	Course-specific				
Course Registration Forms	N:Drive Server	Course-specific				
Course Risk Management Plans	N:Drive Server	Course-specific				

Signoff - I have read and understand my role and responsibilities in relation to the above documents:						
Employee:	Date:	General Manager:	Date:			
Place completed induction sheet with employee's employment details.						

Appendix E – Programme Coordinator Course Checklist

To be completed by Programme Coordinator for all NZAC professionally run courses and saved on file at NZAC head office.

Phase	Task	Completed / Notes
Pre-course	Ensure instructors meet requirements outlined in Section 7.1 Instructors Qualifications and Scope	
	Course instructor independent contract agreements allocated	
	Facilitate instructor pre-season briefing outlining as defined in Appendix G	
Post course	Obtain completed safety management paperwork and post course report from instructor and save on file at NZAC head office.	
	Review and circulate course reports	
	Participant feedback collected and instructors are provided with performance feedback.	

Appendix F

Incident Severity Scale

Injury

Illness

Social or

Impact on

Severity Ranking	Participation	Injury	iliness	Psychological Damage	Severity Ranking	Damage	Damage
1	MINOR/SHORT TERM IMPACT	Splinters, insect bites, stings	Minor irritant	Temporary stress or embarrassment	1	Minor cost	Littering
2	on individual(s) that doesn't have large effect on participation in	Sunburn, scrapes, bruises, minor cuts	Minor cold, infection, mild allergy	Temporary stress or embarrassment with peers	2	Greater than \$50	Minor damage to environment that will quickly recover
3	activity or programme	Blisters, minor sprain, minor dislocation, cold/heat stress	Minor asthma, cold, upset stomach	Stressed beyond comfort level. Shown up in front of group.	3	Greater than \$100	Scorched campsite, plant damage
4	MEDIUM IMPACT on individual(s) that may prevent participation in	Lacerations, frost-nip, minor burns, mild concussion mild hypothermia, mild heat stroke	Mild flu, migraine	Stressed, wants to leave activity, a lot of work to bring back in.	4	Greater than \$500	Burnt shrubs, cut live branches, washed group dishes in stream
5	the activity or programme for a day or two.	Sprains & hyper- extensions, minor fracture	Flu, food or hygiene related diarrhoea or vomiting	Distressed, freezes on activity, requires 'emotional rescue', and does not want to participate again	5	Greater than \$2,000	Walked through sensitive ecological area destroying some plant life, toileting close to water course
	Any in	cident ranked 6 o	r above <u>needs</u> to	be reported to th	ie Dep	artment of Labou	r
6	MAJOR IMPACT on individual(s) that means they cannot continue with large parts	Hospital stay less than 12 hours e.g. frostbite, major burn, fractures, dislocations, concussion, surgery, breathing difficulties, moderate heat stroke or hypothermia	Hospital stay less than 12 hours e.g. serious asthma attack, serious infection, or anaphylactic reaction	Very distressed, leaves activity and requires on site counselling, unwilling to participate in activity ever again.	6	Greater than \$8,000	Destroyed or killed flora or fauna
7	of the activity or programme.	Hospital stay greater than 12 hours e.g. arterial bleeding, severe hypothermia or heat stroke, loss of consciousness	Hospital stay greater than 12 hours e.g. infection or illness causing loss of consciousness, serious medical emergency	Therapy or counselling required by professional	7	Greater than \$20,000	Killed, destroyed or polluted small area of environment
8	LIFE CHANGING	Major injury requiring hospitalisation e.g. spinal damage, head injury	Major illness requiring hospitalisation e.g. heart attack	Long term counselling/ therapy required after incident	8	Greater than \$50,000	Killed example of protected species
9	effect on individual(s) or death.	Single death	Single death	Post-traumatic stress disorder, changed profession because of incident	9	Greater than \$250,000	Fire or pollution resulting in area of wildemess being destroyed
10		Multiple fatality	Multiple fatality	Suicide because of incident	10	Greater than \$1,000,000	Major fire or pollution causing

Davidson, 2005. Incident Severity Scale. Adapted and expanded from the Accident Frequency Severity Chart (Priest, 1996).

of incident

\$1,000,000

pollution causing

serious loss to

Environmental

Equipment

Appendix G



Content	Detail	Responsible for delivery
Overview of NZAC Instruction purpose		Programme Coordinator
and pathway		
Overview of NZAC SMS		Programme Coordinator
Overview of NZAC PIPP	A brief overview on the NZAC's PIPP will be given and the opportunity given to ask questions and seek clarificiation. As a minimum the following will be discussed: NZAC Commitment to safe operations NZAC Safety Goals NZAC reporting structure Hazard Management expectations Drug and alcohol use Field Communication Requirements Course Procedures including paperwork	Programme Coordinator + Technical Advisor
Client feedback processes and compaints procedure		Programme Coordinator
Instructor feedback processes and performance review		Programme Coordinator + Technical Advisor
NZAC Emergency Procedures	Including Emergency Personnell Responsibilities.	Programme Coordinator + Technical Advisor
NZAC Concession	Identification of areas for operations	Programme Coordinator
Learnings, updates and reflection on previous years incidents, accidents, near miss, new hazard evaluantion, client feedback and instructor feedback.		Technical Advisor
Course specific updates		Programme Coordinator + Technical Advisor

Appendix H Required Radio Frequencies



Chanel Number	Radio short name	Owner	Description	Area of operation	Repeater location
N/a	NZMGA	NZMGA	Guides channel	All South Island	Simplex
15	AIRPOR	?	Airport VHF non traffic	Tasman Valley	Simplex
4	THLSPX	THL		Tasman Valley	Simplex
5	THLRPT	THL	Heliline Repeater c	Tasman Valley	?
6	DOCSPX	DOC	Doc Mt Cook	Mt Cook NP	Simplex
7	DOCRPT	DOC	Doc Mt Cook Weather Schedule	Tasman Valley	Wakefield
8	DOCFRA	Doc	Doc Westcoast Weather Schedule	Fox and Franz	?
9	DOCFOX	DOC	Doc Fox and Wanaka Repeater	Fox and Wanaka	
10	HELISE	Heliservices	Heliservices and Fox Glacier Guides	Fox Glacier and some of Franz	Simplex
11	ASPIRI	?	Matukituki	Matukituki	Simplex
12	HELIWK	Heliworks	Heliworks Mt Cook flight following	Tasman Valley	Wakefield
13	WANAKA	?	Maybe HMH repeater	Matukituki	?
14	ASPHEL	Aspiring Helicopters	AH simplex for Heliski	Matukituki	Simplex
N/a	SLHSPX	Southern Lakes Heli	Used by Heliworks in mount cook	All South Island	Simplex
N/a	MTNICX	Heliworks	Mt Cook Heliworks Channel	All South Island	Simplex
N/a	INFLT	Inflite	Infite and Ski Planes Mt Cook	Mt Cook NP	Duplex Wakefield

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