

**DISABLED WINTERSPORT AUSTRALIA
EQUIPMENT USE POLICY**

POLICY NAME	Weight Policy
DATE OF ISSUE	12 June 2019
POLICY COVERAGE	This policy applies to all Disabled Wintersport Australia (DWA) members, volunteers and staff guiding on DWA's programs and services.
DATE OF REVIEW	This policy will be reviewed at least annually and more often should legislative requirements other material changes to circumstances require.

1. SCOPE

1.1. This policy applies to all Disabled Wintersport Australia (DWA) members, volunteers and staff guiding on DWA's programs and services.

2. PURPOSE

2.1. To prevent injury to DWA's adaptive snowsport guides and to ensure the safety of participants.

3. DEFINITIONS

3.1. **Guiding** is being assisted to perform on-snow activities

4. WEIGHT LIMITS

4.1. Guiding

4.1.1. Any DWA member who weighs 90kg or more who requests a DWA adaptive snowsport guide must be physically independent. The member must be able to load and unload lifts, transfer into their equipment and get up after falling over without the assistance of an adaptive snowsport guide.

4.2. Equipment

4.2.1. Any DWA member who weighs 80kg or more, is using a sit-ski and requests a DWA adaptive snowsport guide must use a sit-ski with high level lift loading assistance. Examples of a sit-ski with high level lift loading assistance include the HOC2, Tessier or Nissen.

4.2.2. Due to equipment specifications, DWA's sit-skis may only be used by people who weigh less than 100kg.

4.2.3. If the manufacturer's recommendations are lower than 100kg for a specific piece of equipment, the lower limit must be adhered to.