



37th Dublin

Gear and Equipment Guidelines

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The group's gear and equipment are a shared resource that are used by all sections and are everyone's responsibility to look after and care for. The new gear system will hopefully ensure that this happens and prevent issues in the past where gear was being neglected and not maintained.

From now on the storeroom will be locked and people will not have free access to the gear inside. There is plenty of storage upstairs in the presses at the side of the door and beside the counter for equipment you need regularly for your weekly meetings. Basic equipment such as maps, compasses, sisal, etc. will be stored here. If you need specific gear for your meeting, you need to request it using the process described below.

Requesting and Signing Gear In/Out

We will be trialing a new process for preparing to bring equipment away on activities this year. The new process will begin by the section making up a detailed, itemised gear list of all the equipment they will need on their activity. (For example, the list should not just say "tents", instead it will be more helpful if it said Vango 4 Man Tent x3, Coleman 2 Man x1, etc). This list then will be emailed to the group QM who will look through it and assign gear. This list should be sent as early as possible preferably around two weeks prior to the activity.

Also, requesting gear is not a guarantee that you will be given it. For example, tents may be already assigned to a different section, being repaired or unsuitable for the activity (in this case an alternative will be offered)

Coming up to the activity, the QM or someone acting on behalf of the QM will meet up with the scouter(s) running the activity to unlock the stores and get the gear out. Only the gear on the gear list will be given. "If it's not on the list you're not getting it"

Returning gear will be a similar process.

All equipment must be clean and dry before being returned to the stores. Tents can be dried and aired if necessary in the hall before being returned. It is very important that this is done as otherwise tents will become mouldy and begin to smell which is unpleasant for the next people who have to use the tent.

It is the scouters' responsibility to ensure that the gear is used correctly and returned in good condition. Even if the activity is a lone patrol camp or venture camp, it is the duty scouters who is accountable for the gear.

Patrol Boxes

Patrol Boxes will now always contain cooking equipment in them. This should help make preparing for camp quicker and ensure equipment isn't being returned dirty or greasy to a press.

If you do not want to bring all the equipment in the patrol box or want to add items in (e.g. don't need frying pan, want an extra baking tin, etc.), you can leave these items in the den, but the patrol box must contain all and only the items on the list.

Tea towels must be washed after the camp and returned to the patrol box.

When certain items such as spices, salt/pepper, washing up liquid or binbags are running low please buy replacements so that the patrol box is ready for the next people who use it.

Patrol Box Contents:

Item	Qty.	Item	Qty
<u>Cooking Equipment</u>		<u>Cleaning Equipment</u>	
Chopping Boards	3	Basins	3
Pots & Lids	2	Drying rack	1
Frying Pans	2	Tea towels	2
Mixing Bowls	2	washing up liquid	1
Measuring Jug	1	hand soap	1
Serving Jug	1	Disinfectant spray	1
Kettle	1		
Wooden Spoons	2		
Ladle	1	<u>General</u>	
Serving Spoon	1	Fire Blanket	1
Kitchen Knives	4	Matches	1
Tin Opener	1	Colander (waste water)	1
Potato Masher	1	Tin Foil	1
Potato Peeler	1	Roll of bin bags	1
Colander	1		
Metal Tongs	1		
Spatula	1		
Herb & Spice box	1		

Broken/ Damaged Gear

Any issues you have with gear should be reported to the gear QM ASAP, so they can be fixed in a timely fashion. This ranged from anything small such as not enough pegs or dirty pots in patrol boxes to large issues such as rips or broken poles.

Under no circumstances is equipment to be thrown away without prior permission from the group QM. This is because a lot of equipment is repairable or at least be used for spare parts for another tent.

New Equipment

All large gear purchases such as tents, shelters etc should be done through the gear QM. If you want to purchase a specific piece of equipment such as tents, contact the QM so that they can give the go ahead on it.

In the same way if you see any special offers for equipment you think the group could use, do get in touch also.