

APPENDIX 5.9: SPARC NO EXCEPTIONS POLICY

SPARC launched in May 2004 a revised “No Exceptions” policy with the following key components.

The Philosophical Foundation

- Non-disabling environment where barriers are removed
- Enabling attitude
- Access that is real and equitable
- All people – including those with impairments

Vision

- The No Exception strategy has as its vision:
- All people have access to a range of recreation and sport opportunities of their own choice in environments that enable full participation. Accessibility includes physical, attitudinal, resources, information and communication
- All people participating in quality recreation and sporting experiences of their choice
- The benefits of participation in recreation and sport are understood by all • Disabled people knowing about opportunities and accessing those they choose
- Elite disabled athletes are recognised as role models for all New Zealanders

Strategies

- To achieve the goals and work towards the vision, there are 10 strategies:
- Advocate recreation and sport for all, including promoting the rights, choices and achievements of disabled people to participate in physical recreation and sport.
- Recognise the achievements of disabled athletes and promote disabled participants as role models for all New Zealanders.
- Be led, guided and informed by disabled people.
- Build accessibility for all into organisational frameworks.
- Share knowledge through publication of resources.
- Support initiatives with tangible resources.
- Up-skill staff and volunteers who provide physical recreation and sport services.
- Create supportive and accessible recreation and sport programmes that enable participation by disabled people at every level.
- Bring people and organisations together to work in partnership.
- Collect and disseminate sound evidence.