

# **Newport Ski Swap Gear Tagging**

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## Gear Tagging and prep instructions

One of the biggest issues at the swap is lost gear tags. The reason they get lost is they are attached incorrectly. Customers can not buy the gear until (if) we find & re-attach the tag.

The reinforced tag with the barcode is shown below as well as the 4 supplies used to attach the gear together and attach the tag to the gear; wide tape, string, rubber band, Zip tie.

Additionally the gear must be moved carefully to the appropriate table or rack as that process can cause tags to be ripped off.



## Ski and Snowboard Boots

The two boots are connected with a 24 inch string. The string is knotted **tightly** to a boot on each end to keep them together while trying them out. If the string is too short, customers will cut or unknott the string so they can walk in the boots!

A Zip tie is used to attach the tag to a boot in such a way that it will not come off (**not on String**) and the boot can be tried on and tightened properly.

Every year, customers come back because of 2 different sized boots.



## Ski / Snowboard

The wide tape is spread length-wise across the tag onto the tip, not tail so customer can read the tag easily but not pull it off easily.



## Ski Poles

Poles are attached by putting a large rubber band on each end.



## Clothing, Helmets and Goggles

Tags are attached with a Zip tie on an upper pocket zipper or a cloth clothing tag. Do not to attach to the main zipper as it may be pulled off zipping the jacket. For items that do not have an obvious attachment point like hats, you will need to carefully thread the zip tie through the cloth.

Tags are attached to helmets and goggles with a zip tie. If the goggle comes with a case zip tie that to the goggle in such a way that it does not get disconnected. Extra lens are not recommend as they can easily become separated and lost.

Gloves are Zip tied together and the tag is also Zip tied.



## Ski / Snowboard Bindings

**Ski bindings** have many subcomponents. They generally come to us in a box or ziplock bag. Parts are easily separated and lost. If they are less than 5 years old, they will probably sell, older bindings rarely sell.

**Snowboard Bindings** have fewer components and sell well. Use wide tape to tape the puck and screws to the binding. It may take 2 tape widths to secure it well. Tie the bindings together with string or zip ties. Connect the tag using a separate zip tie.

