

MEMORANDUM



To	Member States		
From	AusDBF		
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Happy Lunar New Year!

January may have begun as a false start with many members being sidelined with COVID, however, hopefully February sees the return of members to paddling enjoying training and regattas and planning to participate at AusChamps in April 2022.

AusDBF has returned in January and hit the ground running with a number of initiatives in various planning stages to be rolled out in January and February.

The AusDBF Board travelled to Hobart at the end of January and over 2 full days held an all- day Board meeting, met with the Tasmania Board and held a member forum with all the Tasmanian clubs. The weekend proved very beneficial not only for the Board, who for some it had been 2 years since a face to face, and the opportunity to have open discussions with a State Member. Thank you to DBTAS for their hospitality and sharing their wonderful venue at Lindisfarne for the meeting venue.



“Our Mission: To connect people with dragon boating across Australia”

AusDBF's new website went live before the end of the year, which includes the Club Finder on the landing page and a few cool quick links. A few tweaks are still being worked on and AusDBF encourages everyone to familiarise themselves with the new website as some of the documents and pages have been renamed or moved around.

AusDBF Committees

In the coming weeks AusDBF will be seeking expressions of interest for the recently approved Nominations Committee and also nominations for the Historical Committee. Information on the Committees can be found here <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/about-us/charters-sub-committees/>. Keep a look out for the EOI forms.

Thank you to all the State Members for confirming their representatives on the Sweep Committee for the next 2 years and the Race Official mentors for the next 2 years. Both committees provide a valuable resource for the development of the sport within their State and positive collaboration nationally.

Grants and Awards

Nominations for the Jon Taylor Memorial Award which is presented annually at AusChamps, close on Friday 11 February - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/about-us/roll-of-honour/>

AusDBF was fortunate to receive funding from SportAUS under the Women in Sport Leadership program. AusDBF is offering grants to 25 female leaders to participate in a leadership course through the Australian Institute of Management which can be attended face to face or virtual classroom learning. Applications for the grant close on Monday 28 February. Further information can be found here - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/comms/grants/>

AusDBF was successful in receiving funding as part of the Pride in Sport collective for diversity and inclusion through SPORTAUS. The 12 months of this program are divided into quarters with outcomes to be achieved each quarter. Over the program a number of policies will be produced both at grass roots and elite level along with education guides and resources. In addition, LGBTQ Rainbow National come & try days will need to be held in Q2, Q3, and Q4. AusDBF will work with each of the State Members to facilitate a coordinated approach with the aim of holding these if not on the same day, but same weekend for mass exposure.

Resources delivered will include:

- LGBTQ Strategic Plan
- LGBTQ Inclusion Policy
- LGBTQ Zero tolerance Policy
- Trans & Gender Diverse Inclusion Community Guidelines
- Trans & Gender Diverse Administrators Guide
- LGBTQ Pronouns Guide
- LGBTQ Allies Guide
- LGBTQ Grievance & Disciplinary Framework
- Trans & Gender Inclusion Elite Policy
- Coming Out in SPORT: A Peer Support Guide

AusDBF has submitted the annual Pride in Sport Index and will again share outcomes with State Members once received.

AusDBF will keep State Members updated as the program rolls out, however initial information can be found here - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/participation-hub/inclusiondiversity/>

Pillar 1 - Governance

AusDBF continues to review its current documents and create new documents as required, to assist and improve its governance processes. **Policies & Documents** - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/policies/>

The following documents have recently been approved and will be uploaded to the website shortly:

- Diversity & Inclusion Strategic Framework
- Disability Policy (PN-0035)
- Inclusion Policy (PN-0010)
- Gender Inclusion Policy (PN-0037)
- Participant Inclusivity Requirement (Agreement)

AusDBF hopes the update of the policies will assist our Members. Should any Member wish to submit suggestions for any of our policies, AusDBF would welcome this collaboration.

Pillar 2 – Development

Youth Racing Committee (YRC)

The **'DRACADEMY'** project is very close to being finalised, thanks to the tireless work from Zijing Chu to see this project come to fruition. Once finalized the program will be submitted to Sporting Schools for approval, then be made available in term 2 for schools to select in term 3. The first phase of DRACADEMY will be offered to year 7 and year 8 in 2022, and depending upon feedback, other year level may be included for 2023

AusDBF has been pleased with the initial expression of interests received from sweeps around Australia wishing to be involved in this project. Further information will be made available in the coming months.

Virtual Games between Australia, Canada and the United States will be held on the 26 February. Entries close on 12 February. Entry fee is \$5.00 per person. Teams comprise of 6 people (with minimum of 3 females). Our own Tom Wicks from the ACT will be the MC for the event and Natascha Voelker from Victoria will be one of the judges. This is a great opportunity for the youth to reconnect and have some fun with their counterparts from Canada and the USA. AusDBF has agreed to donate \$5.00 for each Australian participant as prize money. Contact your YRC rep in your State for further information.

The YRC is aiming to organise a 'reconnecting event' for the youth attending AusChamps in April. Initial planning has the event being held on Saturday 9 April at the regatta venue immediately after the last race. The event will include a BBQ meal and fun social activities.

Athletes Commission

January was celebrated as Youth Month as part of the Dragons Tale. Hopefully everyone had the opportunity to check out the Facebook posts. All the interviews will be available on the AusDBF website here - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/comms/dragons-tale/>

Sweeps Committee

The AusDBF Board has approved changes to the Sweep Classification levels document which can be found here – <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/ausdbf-courses/sweep-information/>. The main changes are:

1. All sweeps from level zero to level 5 must maintain a current first aid qualification,
2. Level zero must have a L3+ sweep sitting in the back of the boat with them when sweeping
3. All sweeps are required to maintain a minimum of 20 hours annually for reaccreditation.

The AusDBF Board tasked ERMS to provide a report on the safety of drummers and sweeps wearing PFDs during training sessions. For a number of State Members this is not seen as an issue as the wearing of PFDs is compulsory in **only** some States. The AusDBF Board has agreed to the following recommendation:

1. Effective immediately it is strongly recommended for sweeps and drummers to wear PFDs at all times.
2. Effective 01 July 2023 it will be mandatory for all sweeps and drummers to wear PFDs at all times.

The complete ERMS report can be found here on the website - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/ausdbf-courses/sweep-information/>

ROMP Group (Race Officials Mentor Program)

The AusDBF Board at their meeting in January reviewed the costs associated with race official courses and re-accreditations. The following decisions have been made:

1. The \$15 per person re-accreditation fee has been removed effective as of 01 January 2022
2. The \$25 per person administration fee charged to State members when running Race Official courses, has **been** removed effective as of 01 January 2022.

Race Officials currently receive a cap and logbook from AusDBF when they attend the Level 1 race official course. AusDBF has now approved that when race officials successfully complete their online re-accreditation, they will receive the grey national race official's shirt. (Race officials will receive the polo shirt the first time they re-accredit). If race officials would like additional shirts to wear, they can purchase them directly from AusDBF.

Pillar 3 – Events

AusChamps 2022

DBSA is well under way with the planning for AusChamps in 2022. Confirmed dates are Tuesday 05 April to Sunday 10 April 2022 inclusive (6th -10th racing days) and hosted at the AM Ramsay Rowing Course, West Lakes.

Bulletin 1 Was released in December 2021.

Bulletin 2 will be available 25 February 2022

Bulletin 3 will be available 25 March 2022.

Early Bird entries for AusChamps close on 20 February with final entries closing 06 March.

Clubs can register their entries via the AusDBF revSPORT event calendar here -

<https://www.ausdbf.com.au/events/list/>. Once entries are registered, revSPORT will issue an invoice based on entries. To secure early bird fee, invoices must be paid by 20 February.

Don't forget Club and State team Bios are to be submitted by 06 March to info@ausdbf.com.au along State Flag Bearers.

The AusDBF AusChamps Welcome Function will be hosted from 5-7pm on Tuesday 05 April at the Lakes Resort Hotel.

Further information and documents relating to AusChamps can be found here -

<https://www.ausdbf.com.au/events1/auschamps/> and AusDBF Competition

Regulations and Rules of Racing, Exemption forms can be found here -

<https://www.ausdbf.com.au/events1/>



Pillar 4 – High Performance

Australian Head Coach Dave Abel and Sylvia Wong AusDBF Director High Performance, will be presenting the 'Auroras' on Dragons tale – 9pm (AEST) on Thursday 17 February. The link will be available via the AusDBF Facebook page.

The Expression of Interest for Auroras Asian Championship campaign will be distributed late February following Dragons Tale forum.



IDBF has confirmed the dates for the Club Crew World Championships in Sarasota-Florida, USA to be held from 18-24 July) <https://www.dragonboat.sport/world> Bulletin 1 has been released. The deadline for deposits required by clubs attending CCWC was 31 January 2022. Any qualifications released by then or not taken up will be made available for clubs at the 2022 AusChamps in Adelaide.

The following clubs have qualified for Sarasota:

ACCA – declined
 Danebank – no response received
 DA Brisbane - declined
 Gold Coast Dragons – confirmed acceptance
 Hydra Paddling Club – no response received
 KIN - confirmed acceptance
 Komodo – no response received
 Melbourne Uni – declined
 Northern Beaches – confirmed acceptance
 Nowra Waterdragons – no response received
 Schols – no response received
 Subsonix – declined
 SUDU Dragons – no response received
 Sydney Zodiacs – no response received
 Tweed Dragons – no response received
 Yarra River Dragons – declined

At the IDBF Congress held in January the below Championships were confirmed:

2023 – World Nations Championships (WNC) – Hong Kong (9-13 August)
 2024 – Club Crew World Championships (CCWC) – Ravenna, Italy (proposed first week of September)
 2025 – World Nations Championships (WNC) – Brandenburg, Germany (16-20 July)

AusDBF Board