



Athletes Commission Charter Established May 2020 (revised 21 April 2021)

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| Purpose | The purpose of the Athletes Commission is to represent the views of AusDBF athletes and ensure their voice is heard, to inform athletes about AusDBF activities and to work with AusDBF in its goal to develop and promote the sport of Dragon Boating. |
| Objectives | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To provide leadership and direction on any matters that relate to, or impact on, AusDBF athletes. 2. To consider issues related to athletes and provide advice to the AusDBF Board. 3. To engage actively with initiatives and projects that protect and support fair competition. 4. To represent the rights and interests of athletes and to make related recommendations. 5. To consult with athletes in the evaluation of the rules and regulations of the sport and provide feedback to the AusDBF Board |
| Accountability | The Athletes Commission will report directly to the AusDBF Board |
| Structure | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Athletes Commission will consist of up to six AusDBF active athletes. These athletes will have extensive current experience of and participation in dragon boating, including at international and/or national level. 2. The Athletes Commission will include one AusDBF Director. If this Director's term expires, the AusDBF Board will elect a new Director for the Athletes Commission. 3. The Athletes Commission will aim to have at least two female members and at least two male members. 4. Athletes may self nominate. The relevant State member must endorse the nomination. The AusDBF Board will appoint Commission members. 5. The term of each appointment is for two (2) years. If a member resigns within the two year period, AusDBF will call for nominations and the successful athlete will be selected by the AusDBF Board. 6. Each member will serve for a maximum of three terms unless approval has been granted by the AusDBF Board to extend the individual's term. |
| Chair for Commission | The Commission will, at its first meeting, elect one of its members to the position of Chairperson. This choice must be endorsed by the AusDBF Board |
| Meetings and Procedural Matters | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A minimum of three meetings will be held each year. One of these meetings could be a face to face meeting held during the Australian Championships. Meetings will be held via zoom/teleconference as required. 2. Minutes including action items, decisions and recommendations must be taken and submitted to the AusDBF Board within 14 days of the meeting. 3. A quorum will consist of 50% +1 members. 4. A resolution may be passed by a simple majority of Commission members present and entitled to vote on that resolution. |
| Authority | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Athletes Commission is not authorised to make any decisions or communicate directly with members. All recommendations are to be forwarded to the AusDBF Board for consideration. 2. Any communication requiring input from members or member States must be approved and distributed by the AusDBF Board |

