

MEMORANDUM



To	Member States		
From	AusDBF		
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Well the first quarter of 2020 certainly hasn't started out as we all anticipated. With dragon boating coming to a grinding halt (like every other sport) early March and with most Member States having to cancel their State Championships and AusDBF cancelling the 25th Anniversary of the Australian Championships it will be time in history none of us will forget.

AusDBF appreciates for a number of Member States the 2019-2020 season will be recorded as a challenging one with many regattas and club training sessions affected by the bush fires, followed by COVID-19.

Nominations for the Jon Taylor Award closed on 22nd March - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/awards/>
AusDBF is delighted to announce the recipient for **2020 is Barbara Clarkson**. Barbara will be presented with the Award at the AGM in Perth. Barb is a worthy recipient of the award and exemplifies and honors who Jon Taylor was and his contribution to the sport. Barb has served on several of AusDBF sub-committees, Chaired AusChamps Organising Committee in 2008, 2015, Board Member of DBWA for 6 years, took a break and has stepped up to lead the West again. Barb is a tireless worker, with a can-do attitude and always with an infectious smile and enthusiasm. <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/about/roll-of-honour/>

Pillar 1 - Governance

Policies & Documents - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/policies/>

AusDBF continues to review its current documents and create new documents as required to assist and improve its governance processes.

Completed Documents	Within next quarter	Within next 6 months
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Media Relations Policy (<i>new</i>)AusDBF Board Conflict of Interest Policy & ProceduresAusDBF Board Code of Conduct and Confidentiality Policy & Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Concussion Policy (<i>new</i>)Cyber Safety Policy (<i>new</i>)Match Fixing (<i>revised</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Transgender & Inclusivity Policy (<i>new</i>)Weather Policy (<i>new</i>)Infectious Diseases (<i>new</i>)Pregnancy Guidelines (<i>new</i>)

Should any Member States wish to comment on and submit suggestions for any of the above policies to be completed, AusDBF would welcome this collaboration.

Meeting Dates

With AusChamps cancelled it meant the opportunity to meet with Members face to face wasn't possible. However, AusDBF is looking forward to the next Q2 Members forum on 14 May and the collaborative and sharing of information between Member States and AusDBF on what is being forecasted for 2020-2021 season.

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

AusDBF has fingers crossed everyone will be able to make the journey west for the Annual General Meeting on 22 November. AusDBF has been working with DBWA and has been able to secure a fantastic location for the meetings and accommodation – Point Walter Recreation and Conference Centre, located on the Swan River and close to the city of Perth. AusDBF plans to incorporate plenty of opportunity for networking, team building and collaborating around the AGM and General Meeting.

Governance Training

AusDBF has been working with AICD in Adelaide to provide a weekend training session for all Member States. Originally scheduled for May and postponed to 18-19 July (at this stage). AusDBF will keep everyone abreast as the COVID situation continues and confirmed dates by end of May. All Member States were due to provide nominations by Thursday 09 April. (Thank you to DBQ, DBSA, DBVIC for their nominations).

Sub-Committees

The Historical Committee (Julie Clinch, Barb Clarkson, Janelle Gamble, Steven Davidson, Daryl Manzie, Julie Davison and John Corcoran) have worked extremely hard over the last 4 months on the AusDBF 25th Anniversary Book – thank you to everyone for your patience and providing information to the never ending requests. The commemorative book is coming together nicely and is due to be completed by 30 June 2020. AusDBF anticipates presenting the Commemorative Book either at the AGM or AusChamps next year.

The Sweeps Committee met on 02nd April with fruitful and collaborative discussions held. Deb Whitfield was elected as Chair of the Committee for the next 12 months. The documents have all been updated and can be found here - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/ausdbf-courses/sweep-information/>. A priority for the Sweeps Committee once paddling resumes and the warm weather returns is to update and re-film the capsizing drill. While it was always understood that all sweeps must be minimum of level 3 to compete at AusChamps it has now been included and highlighted in the sweeps documents and will also be included in the next version of the Competition Rules and Regulations. There is plenty of opportunity over a season for new sweeps to progress from L2 or L3 prior to AusChamps. AusDBF encourages all Member States to work with their Sweep Coordinators and Clubs to ensure there are plans in place for Clubs to achieve these goals. It is important that all Clubs who are planning to compete at AusChamps have suitably qualified sweeps.

The Competition & Technical Committee (C&TC) met this week. Sylvia Wong was elected as the Chair for the Committee for the next 12 months. A number of races rules were discussed taking into consideration feedback from members and looking forward as to what the dragon boat landscape may look like in the next 12 months. Recommendations will be made for the AusDBF Board to consider.

The Race Officials Mentors Program (ROMP) Committee are due to meet at the end of April. An update from their meeting will be included in the next Bulletin.

AusDBF is pleased to see a number of the sub-committees are active and using this isolation time to catch up and discuss recommendations for AusDBF consideration.

AusDBF recently established an Athletes Commission with nominations to be considered before end of April. Watch this space for further updates.

AusDBF is also adding 2 members to the C&TC as part of succession planning over the next 2 years. Nominations for consideration closed Thursday 16 April. The new members will be announced in late April.

Information on all AusDBF sub-committees can be found here - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/about/charters-sub-committees/>.

Thankyou to all Member States who have either confirmed or updated who their representatives are on the various sub-committees which can be found here -

<https://www.ausdbf.com.au/about/ausdbfworkingcommittees/>

revSPORT

AusDBF will continue to work closely with revSPORT to ensure there is a unified process being implemented which will benefit all the Member States and AusDBF and help to improve efficiency with collection of information and data.

AusDBF National Branding Guidelines

These have been updated and are currently with the graphic designer. AusDBF anticipates the updated National Branding Guidelines will be ready to be launched by the end of the month.

AusDBF website and Facebook page

These are continuously being improved and regularly updated with information. Over the last few months the AGM Minutes Annual reports area has been updated - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/about/meeting-minutes/> and Annual reports (still a work in progress)- <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/about/annual-reports/>. AusChamps archived results - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/events1/auschampsarchive/> (25 years has been uploaded). Auroras Team Members (still a work in progress) - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/auroras/previous-campaigns/>

If there are any documents you feel are missing or information is incorrect please email – info@ausdbf.com.au

Pillar 2 – Development

The Coach accreditation upload is till progressing with approximately 250 now complete. AusDBF is aiming to have the remainder uploaded by the end of April. If you have any other queries or suggestions regarding Coaching Development please enquire at development@ausdbf.com.au

There are Individuals who are still hitting the 'REGISTER' button in revSPORT rather than 'RENEW' in revSPORT which is creating multiple profiles which need to be regularly merged. In addition, the same person has profiles under 'Deb' / 'Debbie' / 'Deborah' for example which have had to be merged. This is all coming to light because of the upload of accreditations and trying to ensure the accreditations are assigned to the correct individual. Please ensure you click on the 'RENEW' button.

The upload of the Auroras' representation into the Individual profiles is ongoing. Completed so far is:

IDBF Nations – 2019, 2017, 2015, 2013 and 2011

Still to do – 2009, 2007, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2001, 1999

Asians – 2018, 2016, 2014, 2012 and 2010 (thanks to Jen Reilly who kept meticulous records and was able to provide them to me)

Still to do – 2008, 2006, 2004

World Cup – 2018, 2016, 2104

If anyone can assist AusDBF with historical information, please forward to info@ausdbf.com.au

Pillar 3 – Events

AusDBF would like to acknowledge and thank DBNSW for all the work they invested into hosting 2020 AusChamp. Unfortunately for DBNSW they weren't able to see AusChamps through.

DBWA has already started communicating with AusDBF in relation to AusChamps 2021.

AusDBF has been in communication with IDBF with regards to 2021 and what the plans may be. IDBF has advised while no events will take place in 2020, 2021 is still yet to be determined with ongoing discussions with the various organisers (Dragon Boat Attitude – France), Hong Kong Dragon Boat Association, USDBF (Sarasota),

Spanish Dragon Boat Federation and European Dragon Boat Federation. There are still many pieces of the puzzle which need to be sorted out before further announcements can be made.

For all the 24 clubs who were heading to France and have now had to cancel plans, AusDBF has been in regular contact with V-insurance and communicating with those clubs concerned to keep them updated.

Pillar 4 – High Performance

AusDBF wished to thank all the Member States for coordinating the selection trials for Asian Campaign. The Board and Head Coach Dave Abel are communicating regularly as plans are continuously revised to keep pace with the daily information for COVID-19.

Whilst the Asian Dragon Boat Association are still hoping to run the Asian Championships in November and the 4th World Cup in October, AusDBF will be guided by the Australian Health and Travel Guidelines before decisions can be made for Australian participation.

Direct contact can be made with Dave Abel - headcoach@ausdbf.com.au or Sylvia Wong - highperformance@ausdbf.com.au

If anyone has any comments or questions, please email info@ausdbf.com.au

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