

MEMORANDUM



To	Member States		
From	AusDBF		
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Happy New Year!

What a way to end 2020 and start 2021 with a number of border closures again. AusDBF hopes many members had the opportunity to catch up with family and friends over the break and to those who couldn't due to restrictions – stay safe and healthy. It's been a tough 12 months no matter where you live. As a dragon boat community AusDBF encourages all clubs and members to support each other, stay in contact with each other and follow the instructions and medical advice from your State Governments.

AusDBF launched the 'Are You Ready' campaign. Many thanks to all the individuals who have been involved in the campaign either as a paddler or coach and engaged in sharing why they love dragon boating.

Keep an eye on the AusDBF Facebook page as interviews will be posted weekly and it could be someone you know. The whole purpose of the campaign is sharing the posts with as many people as possible. Please encourage all your Club's members to share posts.

Pillar 1 - Governance

National Anti-Doping Policy

Please be advised that AusDBF's Anti-Doping Policy changed on **January 2021**. AusDBF has adopted the Australian National Anti-Doping Policy which was developed by Sport Integrity Australia to reflect the changes to the World Anti-Doping Code and Australian legislation.

All members of AusDBF are bound by the Australian National Anti-Doping Policy. This includes athletes, support personnel and employees whose employment contracts enables this. The policy can be found on the Sport Integrity Australia website here <https://www.sportintegrity.gov.au/what-we-do/anti-doping>

It is important that all members including athletes and support personnel, have a strong understanding of their obligations under the new policy. Changes include a new anti-doping rule violation of retaliation, a category of athletes that is lower-level, and flexibility related to sanctioning for certain levels of athletes/participants.

The Fact Sheet summarising the changes and other relevant information can be found on the AusDBF website here - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/policies/antidoping/>

During January there will be weekly Facebook posts with regards to the changes occurring with the World Anti-Doping Code. AusDBF encourages all clubs to share the posts with their members.

"Our Mission: To connect people with dragon boating across Australia"

National Sports Tribunal

At the December 2020 AusDBF Board meeting, AusDBF resolved to refer Member Protection mediations to the **National Sports Tribunal (NST)** and to appoint the **National Sports Tribunal (NST)** as the Tribunal to hear any disciplinary cases. - <https://www.nationalsportstribunal.gov.au/>

The National Sports Tribunal provides an independent, cost-effective dispute resolution services to sporting bodies, athletes and support personnel. The Tribunal Members act as independent third parties to help resolve first-instance disputes or appeals. They offer a range of binding and non-binding dispute resolution services.

Sport Integrity Australia is developing a new National Integrity Framework which will provide a cohesive approach to integrity matters in sport. This will include policies dealing with Complaints Handling, Disciplinary Breaches and Member Protection. The new Framework is due to be available in the first quarter of 2021 and will replace the current Member Protection Policy. Until the new Framework is in place the current Member Protection Policy is still valid and should be followed if circumstances arise.

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.

The following documents are in the final stages of being approved:

- Adverse Weather Conditions Policy
- Cyber Security Policy
- Selections Appeals Policy

Completed Documents	Within next quarter	Within next 6 months
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AusDBF Buy-Sell-Swap Facebook terms and conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AusDBF Safety Handbook	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transgender & Inclusivity Policy (<i>new</i>)

AusDBF hopes the update of the policies will assist AusDBF Members. As Members can appreciate, there are always a number of administrative tasks to tackle. 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.

AusDBF Branding Guidelines

In June last year (memo #0038) AusDBF updated its National Branding Guidelines and the process for clubs to request use of the AusDBF logo to include on their club uniforms. A copy of the guidelines can be downloaded from the website here - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/policies/>

Pillar 2 – Development

AusDBF Buy-Sell-Swap-Donate Facebook Group (BSSD)

AusDBF has developed a **Buy, Sell, Swap Donate (BSSD) Facebook Group** to support the dragon boat community Australia-wide to buy, sell, swap, look for and even donate dragon boat equipment and resources with each other.

To join the group, you just need to be an individual dragon boat club member from an AusDBF-affiliated Club anywhere in Australia, or even a Club itself. (Your State/Member organisation is already on board!) As this group provides services for these participants, businesses, including retailers or wholesalers, are not eligible to join.

To join, from your News Feed, click 'Groups' in the left-hand menu. Start typing '**AusDBF Buy Sell Swap and Donate**' (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/381645373055821>) in the search bar. Select the group and click 'Join Group'. Your eligibility will be verified (through revSPORT) and you'll be advised once you're in.

The below documents can be downloaded from the AusDBF website here –

<https://www.ausdbf.com.au/comms/ausdbfbuy-sell-swap-donate-facebook-group/>

AusDBF BSSD Facebook Group - Terms and Conditions

AusDBF BSSD Facebook Group - Procedures

AusDBF BSSD Facebook Group - Disclaimer

AusDBF asks each Member to encourage all your club's members to join the Facebook Group.

Coach Presenters

AusDBF eLearning platform is up and running with the first students from the recently held courses in Queensland and New South Wales trialing the online modules. Initial reports from the presenters have been positive as the online modules freed up time during the face-to-face learning to allow for more on water time with the participants.

Rex has been beaver away over the break updating the documents for the Level 1 course as well as working on the Level 2 course content. The intention is the current Coaching presenters in each State will have the ability to present the Level 1 and Level 2 Coaching Courses. The Level 3 and Level 4 Coaching Course content is still a work in progress. The Level 2 Coaching Course should be ready to be rolled out in the first half of 2021. AusDBF will issue an EDM to all Members and Coach Presenters when its ready to be launched.

Additionally, Rex has created a table which clearly shows which modules must be completed for Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 courses. It can be found here - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/ausdbf-courses/ausdbf-learning-management-system/>

Sweep Accreditation

The Sweep Coordinators are due to meet again on the 15 January, when they will review the recommendation for compulsory wearing of PFDs for sweeps and drummers. In addition, the Sweep Coordinators are undertaking the review of the AusDBF Safety Handbook where it is anticipated any amendments for change will be submitted to the AusDBF Board for consideration at their February Board meeting. There has been an agreed shift in the administration process for accrediting sweeps. The training, running courses, assessments accreditations and re-accreditations will still be run at the State Level, however, the updates and recording of data will now be entered at the National level by AusDBF via the revSPORT accreditation module.

ROMP (Race Officials Mentor Program) AusDBF appreciates it has been a slow and bumpy start to the season for States and the way in which they are able to hold regattas. However there is still a large percentage of race officials across Australia who have yet to re-accredit or contact AusDBF/ local ROMP rep and asked to be removed from the distribution list. This has been disappointing to date. AusDBF encourages all States to work with your ROMP reps to encourage the previously accredited race officials in your State to re-accredit. It is important race officials retain current knowledge of rule changes and the intent of implementation.

	QLD	NSW	ACT	VIC	SA	WA
Level 1	26	16 + 5 new	21 + 5 new	10	14 (new)	8 + 9 new
Level 2	4	4	6	5		
Level 3	5	14	2	3	5	1

data as of 05 January 2021

Pillar 3 – Events

2021 National Festival

Dragon Boat Queensland will be hosting the **'Coast to Coast Dragon Boat Festival'** from the Friday 7 to Sunday 9 May 2021 at Kawana Waters on the Sunshine Coast. Racing categories offered will include Premier, Junior and trialing Senior 40+ and Senior 55+, and BCS in small and standard. It is anticipated a different distance will be offered each day of racing. Bulletin 1 will issued within next few weeks. **Closing deadline for entries is Tuesday 06 April, with entry fees due Friday 16 April**

Queries can be directed to info@dbq.com.au and events@dbq.com.au

Victoria Dragon Boat event

DBV will be hosting a cross border event 16-18 April 2021 at Gateway Lakes Wodonga. This contest will have the flavour of a world cup style teams event promoting participation and competition. Juniors, Premiers, Senior A (40-54), Senior B (55+) and Cancer Survivors will race 100m, 200m and 500m plus a 1km pursuit race where the team's finish time is the combination of their women's and open boat times. Details in regular Bulletins, enquiries to craigr@dragonboatvictoria.com.au

Masters Games

With 2021 AusChamps off the table, DBWA is now focusing their attention on hosting the Australian Masters Games (15 and 16 October). For eligible clubs keen to head west after months of border closures – click here <https://australianmastersgames.com/sport/dragon-boat/> or contact Barb Clarkson at DBWA - bclarkson@iinet.net.au

Pillar 4 – High Performance

The Auroras Head Coach David Abel and AusDBF High Performance Director Sylvia Wong are seeking elite paddling athletes from all age divisions and categories to represent Australia (the Auroras) at the 15th IDBF World Nations Championships (WNC).

WNC will be held in Hong Kong in 2021 from 1st to 7th November. The race venue is located at Kwun Tong Promenade, Kowloon. Athletes are expected to arrive from 31st October 2021.

AusDBF is aware that there is a current ban on overseas travel from Australia. It is closely monitoring the situation including travel updates on Hong Kong and following government recommendations. We recommend all potential Auroras regularly check the Smart Traveller website (<https://www.smarttraveller.gov.au/destinations/asia/hong-kong>) for updates. The health and safety of the Auroras, coaches and team managers is our priority.

Information about the selection process and trial details will be released in the new year. If you are interested in being a part of the Auroras team for 2021, please complete this form. **EOI's close on the 17 January 2021**

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Auroras2021?fbclid=IwAR3Qn6u2TtzRWNMG3RvepDIB_7qIBU0cV3JWtChcQuPhk6EDHpfWgT2aC_E

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AusDBF Board