

MEMORANDUM



To	Member States		
From	AusDBF		
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Wow, the year has gone so fast. Who can believe the various football codes had successful grand finals last weekend, the Melbourne Cup is almost here and the majority of AusDBF Members will have had their AGM's.

It's been pleasing to read that a few AusDBF Members have been able to stage successful COVID friendly regattas. AusDBF has their fingers crossed that DBV will also be able to hit the water before the end of the year.

AusDBF has been busy working on the annual report and finishing off the History Book as well as reviewing a number of documents and policies.

Members may have noticed Facebook posts from AusDBF notifying Members with links to updated documents.

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.

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

- Code of Conduct - Thanks to all AusDBF Members for their input. AusDBF is hoping to have an agreement with all the Members to implement a National Code of Conduct at the General Meeting
- Email and Document storage policy (this has now been split into two separate documents and is currently being reviewed)
- Concussion Policy (*new*) – AusDBF is seeking advice from their Medical experts and should have the policy signed off following the November Board meeting.

Completed Documents	Within next quarter	Within next 6 months
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Australian Team Handbook (revision)• National Match Fixing Policy (revision)• Competition Rules & Regulations (v9)• Health Checklist	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cyber Safety Policy (<i>new</i>)• Weather Policy (<i>new</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transgender & Inclusivity Policy (<i>new</i>)• Infectious Diseases (<i>new</i>)• Pregnancy Guidelines (<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 Committees

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

Post COVID-19 Marketing Group – is very close to launching its return to paddling campaign. AusDBF would like to thank Kris Fleming for leading this group and looks forward to seeing the creatives from Zijing Chu.

Audit & Risk – Has finalised a few policies and procedures and is currently finalising an update on the AusDBF Risk Register. Included in this will be developing a contingency plan template for all overseas events which will include items such as medical emergencies and consular issues.

ROMP (Race Officials Mentors) have been meeting and communicating regularly. Thanks to their enthusiasm and commitment the online race official re-accreditation has been positively received and moving forward nicely.

	QLD	NSW	ACT	VIC	SA	WA
Level 1	24	14 + 5 new	21 + 5 new	9	14 (new)	7
Level 2	3	3	6	4		
Level 3	3	9	1	3	2	1

Data as of 22 October 2020

The race official training course documents have recently been reviewed and updated - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/ausdbf-courses/officials-courses/>

AusDBF Branding Guidelines

AusDBF has received a request from one club for use of the AusDBF logo on their new club race shirts.

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

Pillar 2 – Development

AusDBF eLearning platform is on track to be launched at the end of October. Online learning modules will be available as part of Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 Coaching Courses.

IDBF recently held a webinar on developing Paradrasons. Further information can be downloaded here - <https://www.dragonboat.sport/rules-and-regulations>. The presentation was lead by Nigel Bedford (Chair – IDBF Paradrasons). Some of you may remember Nigel when he paddled here in Australia. The presentation was very informative and opens a number of avenues for clubs wishing to broaden their membership base through inclusivity and diversity.

Pillar 3 – Events

AusDBF appreciates everyone is anxious to know what is happening in 2021. AusDBF has had regular discussion and is keeping abreast of what is happening in each State and Territory with regards to Covid and to borders opening. and can only make educated decisions on known information.

DBWA are still focused on hosting the 2021 AusChamps to be held at Champion lakes in April and planning is well underway. It is hoped further information will be available from the WA Government with regards to borders opening. AusChamps will be on the agenda for discussion at the upcoming AusDBF General meeting.

Additionally, AusDBF maintains regular contact with the IDBF as to future Championships and NZDBA for possible future Oceania opportunities.

Pillar 4 – High Performance

Until all the State and Territory borders are open, AusDBF has placed everything on hold for the Auroras. However, AusDBF encourages all paddlers to maintain their fitness levels.

For any paddlers interested in the Auroras, the selection criteria will be similar to the Asian campaign and can be found here - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/auroras/asian-championships/>

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

AusDBF Board