

MEMORANDUM



To	Member States		
From	AusDBF		
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What a challenging time this has been for paddlers, ten weeks or so off the water and unable to participate in dragon boating, the sport we all love. This has been a very long time for all clubs but hopefully you are staying connected in other ways, e.g. via video conferencing, chat sessions or gym and exercise sessions. It's great to hear that many of our members have been able to paddle on single craft.

AusDBF encourages all its members to continue to abide by the decisions of their State Associations who will be following recommendations of the Federal and State Health Departments. A reminder if you haven't already downloaded the COVIDSafe App to do so asap.

At the recent Members Forum, all the States and Territories agreed to form a national 'Return to Dragon Boating' task force. This is an exciting step forward. Stay tuned as information is rolled out. In addition, Kris Fleming will head up a Marketing Campaign/Plan which will aim to both encourage current members to re-join and encourage new participants to come and try and take up dragon boating. The idea is to create consistent and impactful messaging which can be used across club, state, and national levels to promote dragon boating. This project needs your help. If you have the skills and enthusiasm contact your Member State to nominate your interest to be involved.

The Education and Upskill Grant - a reminder that grant applications for the AusDBF Education and Upskill grant will close on 30 May. Refer to AusDBF website for further details - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/awards/>

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">	<ul style="list-style-type: none">AusDBF Committee Policy & proceduresConcussion 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.

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

AusDBF Committees

AusDBF recently appointed the following individuals to the inaugural Athletes Commission. Congratulations to Cheryl Warren (QLD), Shirleen Ho (NSW), Tom Wicks (ACT), Chu Zijing (VIC) and Laura Hughes (WA). The first meeting of the Athletes Commission will be held on Thursday 28 May 2020.

AusDBF recently appointed Chris Alexandrou and Jo Grammatico to the Competition & Technical Committee. Congratulations to Chris and Jo who will join existing members Sylvia Wong (Chair), John Holland), Janine Lette (QLD), Vic Fazakerley (WA), Phil Reader (NT) and Melanie Cantwell (NSW).

The Race Officials Mentor Program (ROMP) Committee has been working hard to finalise the online re-accreditation for the Race Officials which is due to be launched 01 July 2020. This is an exciting step forward and one which AusDBF supports to encourage all Race Officials to maintain current knowledge of rules and regulations.

AusDBF Branding Guidelines

Version 2 of the Branding Guidelines is close to being released following feedback from each of the Member States. Thankyou to Barb Clarkson for her patience on this project. State Members will be notified once Version 2 is completed.

AusDBF website and Facebook page

These are continuously being improved and regularly updated with information. Over the last month the Australian Representative Team Members has been updated. There are still a few missing campaigns and divisions, however AusDBF is close to collecting all the information. Thank you to all the history buffs who were able to provide missing information. <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 has now been completed. This information should be visible in individual profiles.

AusDBF is inching closer to establishing its own 'learning management system'. The first to be implemented will be the Level 2 Coaching Modules. The AusDBF Board has signed off on using a combination of Articulate 360 and Moodle. Thankyou to the Coach Presenters who have been reviewing and providing feedback on the content for each module.

The AusDBF Board has approved the recommendation from the C&TC to change rule CR3.4 which originally required all individuals participating at AusChamps to have been registered members of their Club/State association 6 months prior to AusChamps. The change in Edition 9 of the rules (when released) will be *'individuals must be registered financial members of their club/state association by close of entries for AusChamps'*. Approx 30 days prior. This should eliminate the need for the number of exemption requests and assist clubs with maximum opportunity to recruit new members and encourage existing members to rejoin.

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 may have 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.

Pillar 3 – Events

DBWA has already commenced preparations for AusChamps 2021.

The AusChamps Review Committee will be meeting next week to throw options and suggestions on the table for future AusChamps.

Pillar 4 – High Performance

The AusDBF Board, in discussion with the Australian Head Coach, have agreed that due to the highly unpredictable nature of the Covid-19 pandemic around the world and the uncertainty of when the Australian travel restrictions will be lifted, it is highly unlikely that the Auroras will be able participate in the Asian Championships in November 2020 and have, therefore, decided to cancel the campaign for this year. The current proposal is for AusDBF and the Auroras Head Coach to begin planning for the World Nations Championship in 2021.

Over the coming months AusDBF will be releasing expressions of interest (EOIs) for Coaches, Team Managers and Athletes for this event. David Abel will continue as Head Coach, leading the new team on the World Nations Campaign.

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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