



Dear Members

Welcome to the 2018 Australian Championships in Queensland, hosted by Dragon Boat Queensland (DBQ) at Lake Kawana, Sunshine Coast from 3 – 8 March 2018.

Thousands of competitors from around Australia will compete at the Sunshine State in the lead up to the Commonwealth Games.

Note: Information contained in this bulletin can also be found on the AusDBF website www.ausdbf.com.au

The opportunity to compete at the highest level is important to the development of our sport in Australia. National titles are always tough and uncompromising and the 2018 Australian Championships promises first class racing.

Similarly, State pride is on the line as Australia's top crews fight it out on State v State day to win the title of the best state in Australia.

As one of the biggest sporting competitions in Australia, the 2018 Australian Championships brings together a cross section of participants – paddlers, coaches, officials and volunteers from across the country.

I hope you thoroughly enjoy your experience.

Yours in paddling

AusDBF Board



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Race entry and fees

To be eligible for entry and racing, all competitors and clubs must be:

- Registered members with their State/Territory Association that is the financial member of AusDBF;
- Junior entries are limited to competitors in Junior age groups ONLY (12-18 years) or fulltime high school students. The entry fee is a crew based structure and is detailed below.

To obtain the early bird discount payment must be received by AusDBF by the date specified in the below table.

Entry details	Early Bird (due by 31 Dec 2017)	State v State (due by 21 Jan 2018)	Standard (due by 21 Jan 2018)	Late payment fee from (22 Jan 2018)
Standard boat	\$600	\$600	\$700	\$100
Small boat	\$300	\$300	\$400	\$50
Standard Junior boat	\$400	\$400	\$500	\$100
Small Junior boat	\$200	\$200	\$300	\$50

Post event functions

The post event functions will require a separate payment at the gate of \$10 per person. Full details will be supplied in Bulletin No 2.

Payment and refund policy

The Australian Dragon Boat Championships will be held regardless of weather conditions. In the situation of severe weather, electrical storms, critical injury or death the race director may delay or cancel the event. If the event is cancelled there will be NO refunds.

A refund will only be provided if the event your crew has entered does not have sufficient entries for it to proceed. If at the event, a scratching takes the entries in a race to less than three boats, then only the team/s which did not scratch will be eligible for a refund.

Event timelines	
On-line entries open via Revolutionise Sport	Monday, 4 December 2018
Final team entries due	Sunday, 21 January 2018
Submissions for Souvenir Race Program	Sunday, 21 January 2018
Early bird entries and payments	Sunday, 31 December 2017
Final entry fee payment due	Sunday, 21 January 2018
Draft race draw released	Sunday, 4 February 2018
Comments on draft race draw due	Wednesday, 7 February 2018
Final race draw released	Sunday 11 February 2018
Crew lists (do not need to be submitted when finalising team entries)	Must be submitted to Race Administration by 5.00pm the night prior to race day.

Emergency steerers

Emergency Steerers may be available should your sweep have an accident or become ill during the competition and unable to sweep. Applications must be made in writing by the team manager as soon as an emergency steerer is required. Applications must be addressed to the Chief Official and include details for which race an emergency steerer is required - an explanation of the situation, name of steerer who has become incapacitated, club and contact details. Emergency Steerers will be allocated based on their availability. Teams will not be allowed to select a preferred emergency steerer. AusDBF gives no guarantee that an emergency steerer will be provided.

Breast Cancer Survivors races

The Breast Cancer Survivors (BCS) race is to be run as a separate race and is not limited to DAA paddlers. Composite teams are allowed but must be uniformed as one team/club. Male breast cancer survivors allowed to race in BCS only. Please note that AusDBF Competition Regulations & Rules of Racing apply. The Anna Wellings-Booth perpetual trophy will be awarded to the winning team based on points accrued across heats & final (please note that no medals will be awarded).

Competition program

Small Boat crews will be using Standard Boats for racing at the AusChamps 2018.

Date	Event	Division
Saturday, 3 March 2018	Training sessions	Scheduling preference given to interstate crews
	Team Managers briefing	Time TBA, Sunshine Coast Stadium, Lake Kawana
	Opening ceremony	Time TBA, Lake Kawana
	AusDBF's President's drinks	Note: Event is only for invited guests and VIPs
Sunday, 4 March 2018	Australian State Championship 500m	
Day 1 Racing	State v State	Junior U 18 Mixed, Women & Open - Standard Boats (20s) Women & Open - Small Boats (10s)
		Premier Division Mixed, Women & Open - Standard Boats (20s)
		Senior A, B, C Mixed - Standard Boats (20s) Women & Open - Small Boats (10s)
		Regional Division Mixed - Standard Boats (20s) Women & Open - Small Boats (10s)
		100m Relays Women/Open - U18, Premiers, Senior A, B, C and Regional - Small Boats
	State Representatives Celebration	Sunshine Coast Stadium 4.00pm to 7.00pm
Monday, 5 March 2018	Australian Club Championship 500m	
Day 2 Racing	Premier, Junior (U18), BCS	Premier, Junior U 18 Mixed, Women & Open - Standard Boats (20s) and Small Boats (10s)
		BCS Small Boats (10s)
	2000 metres	Premier, Junior U 18, Mixed Standard Boats (20s), and Small Boats (10s)
Tuesday, 6 March 2018	Australian Club Championship 200m	
Day 3 racing	Premier, Junior (U18), BCS	Premier, Junior U 18 Mixed, Women & Open - Standard Boats (20s) and Small Boats (10s)
		BCS Small Boats (10s)
	2000 metres	Premier, Junior U 18, Women, Open Standard Boats (20s), and Small Boats (10s)
	Premier, Junior Celebration	Sunshine Coast Stadium 4.00pm to 7.00pm
Wednesday, 7 March 2018	Australian Club Championship 500m	
Day 4 Racing	Senior A, B, C	Senior A, B Mixed, Women - Standard Boats (20s) Mixed, Women, Open - Small Boats (10s)
		Senior C Mixed - Standard Boats (20s) Mixed, Women, Open - Small Boats (10s)
	2000m	Senior A, B, C Mixed - Standard Boats (20s) Mixed - Small Boats (10s)

Date	Event	Division
Thursday 8 March 2018	Australian Club Championship 200m and Closing Ceremony	
Day 5 Racing	Senior A, B, C	Senior A, B Mixed, Women - Standard Boats (20s) Mixed, Women, Open - Small Boats (10s)
		Senior C Mixed - Standard Boats (20s), Mixed, Women, Open - Small Boats (10s)
	2000m	Senior A, B, C Women, Open - Standard Boats (20s) Women, Open - Small Boats (10s) Mixed held on Day 4 Racing
	Senior Celebration	Sunshine Coast Stadium 4.00pm to 7.00pm

Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing

The 2018 AusDBF Championships will be contested under AusDBF Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing. Edition 6, <http://www.ausdbf.com.au/policies/>

No double rostering

Clubs may enter both Standard (20s) and Small (10s) boats, however there is to be no double rostering in State vs State or Club Championships between standard and small boats, division and category. Each crew must have sufficient paddlers, drummers and steerers.

Age qualification

Competitors will be eligible to race in their age category if they have had their applicable birthday before or on the first day of AusChamps racing. For further clarification refer to AusDBF CR&RofR V6 clause CR2.2
<http://www.ausdbf.com.au/policies/>

One entry for State v State competition

For the State v State Competition each State and Territory can only enter one crew per division and category for standard and small boats. State regional teams may enter two teams per category.

Crew reserves

Up to a maximum of four (4) reserve competitors for standard boat and two (2) reserve competitors for small boat may be nominated for each crew. Such reserves may compete without further reference to the Event Organisers or Competition Committee provided that their names are shown on the Competition Entry Form (or Crew List).

Late entries

Late entries will only be accepted if there is a place in the race draw. Late entries will incur a late entry fee.

Exemption requests

Any requests for exemption from the Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing must be submitted on the exemption request form to AusDBF at technical@ausdbf.com.au within the required time frame that is 21 days prior to the event. The form is available on the AusDBF web site <http://www.ausdbf.com.au/policies/>

Number of races contestable

Senior paddlers may contest a maximum of two Seniors age groups **ONLY** on a single race day. Senior paddlers may also compete in Premier age group on Premier Race day.

Paddlers may compete in a maximum of two 2000m races **ONLY** on a single race day.

Competitors declaration

All competitors are required to sign the Competitors Declaration form as part of their registration.

Qualification for the 2020 Club Crew World Championships (CCWC) is as follows:

The AusDBF Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing set out the requirements for qualification to compete at the biennial Club Crew World Championships. AusDBF is permitted to send up to five crews in the standard class in each racing category and two crews in the small boat class in each racing category.

20's Crews Qualifications

Two years prior to the CCWC the top three crews in each racing category across all distances are given first right of refusal for the CCWC qualifying spots. The top three crews are ascertained via the addition of points for each position obtained in each racing distance. In order for clubs to confirm their CCWC spot, clubs must confirm their acceptance in writing to AusDBF. The club will be required to compete at the following year's AusDBF Australian Championships in the categories they are intending to compete at the CWCC.

In the year prior to the CCWC qualifications will be based on the top club crews (that have not already accepted the positions) across all racing distances, for a particular racing category, to fill the remaining positions (maximum 5) which were not taken up by clubs the previous year.

10's Crews Qualifications

Two years prior to the CCWC the top crew in each racing category across all distances is given first right of refusal for the CCWC qualifying spot. The top crew is ascertained via the addition of points for each position obtained in each racing distance.

In order for clubs to confirm their CCWC spot, they must confirm their acceptance of categories in writing to AusDBF. The club will be required to compete at the following year's AusDBF Australian Championships in the categories they are intending to compete in the CWCC.

In the year prior to the CCWC, remaining position/s not already accepted by clubs will be offered to the top qualifying clubs.

AusDBF is required to endorse to IDBF all the clubs who have qualified in 10's and 20's across all Categories and Divisions. It is the clubs' responsibility to ensure that their Competitors fully satisfy all IDBF Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing.

Clubs who qualify are still required to attend the AusChamps in the following year to retain their qualification.

Medal and trophy system for 2018 AusChamps

As per agreement by members, AusDBF has adopted the IDBF system for presenting trophies and medals:

- Four or more teams competing in a category - top three teams awarded medals only.
- Three teams competing in a category – top two teams awarded medals only.
- Two teams competing in a category – first place awarded medals only.
- One team in a category – category will not be run.

Please note that in 2018, a minimum of three entries is required to run a competition. If one or two entries are received, the crews will be given the option to compete in the next most practical category. Example, two entries are received in the Senior C Open Small Boats. The competition will not be held, and crews will be offered the opportunity to contest the Senior B Open Small Boats or combine with their Senior A Open Small Boat crew to contest Senior A Standard Boats.

Training boat bookings

Boats will be available for training on Saturday 3 March 2018. A booking will cover 60 minutes (from the start of loading to completion of unloading) for each Club or State Crew. Scheduling preference will be given to interstate crews. Bookings will not open until January 2018 and information will be provided in the next bulletin about how to register your booking.

Wellness check

AusDBF and DBQ urge paddlers to have a wellness check. This can identify hidden medical issues which may be aggravated by paddling. Paddlers undertaking wellness checks have found, and often corrected, some significant health issues. This can be found on the AusDBF website: <http://www.ausdbf.com.au/policies/>

Race Officials expression of interest

AusDBF is pleased to extend an invitation to all race officials to join us in Queensland for the 2018 Australian Dragon Boat Championships

The following positions are to be filled from suitably qualified race officials:

- Chief Official
- Chief Judge
- Time keepers (Ideally sourced from local officials)
- Chief Umpire
- Course Umpire
- Race Secretary - registration
- Race Secretary - progressions
- Starter
- Assistant Starter
- Chief Marshal
- Assistant Marshal
- Chief Boat loading
- Chief Boat Aligner
- Safety Officer
- Protocol – Medal presentations

Technical race officials should hold a minimum of AusDBF level 3 or IDBF level 1 accreditation and the Chief Official must be a minimum IDBF level 1 qualified. There may be opportunities for other race officials to undergo training during the competition. Please submit an EOI if you are interested.

Appointment of officials will be by the Technical Director and AusDBF Board.

Please refer to the AusDBF Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing Version 4.1 available on the AusDBF website at <http://www.ausdbf.com.au/policies/> for information on the duties of technical race officials. The EOI for Technical Race Officials has already been sent out directly to all the officials and closes Friday 1 December 2017.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018AusChampsOfficialsRegister>

Volunteers expressions of interest

Dragon boat regattas could not run without the invaluable work of volunteers, and we are now seeking your help to volunteer for the 2018 Australian Dragon Boat Championships.

You are not required to be a member of a dragon boat or any other sporting club, just keen to help and willing to learn. The organisers are calling for anyone interested in volunteering for any or all of the below listed events:

- AusChamps 2018 3rd – 8th March 2018

Please note that you can volunteer for as many days as you are available, and you do not have to sign up for the full duration of the event/s.

Insurance, Sun Smart uniforms, meals and beverages are supplied throughout the race days. Training is provided prior to the event.

To join the team of amazing volunteers and help make AusChamps Queensland 2018 a memorable experience, click on the link below and complete the volunteer registration form.

<https://form.jotform.co/73350457899875>

Submissions to race program

The deadline for submissions to the souvenir race program is Sunday 21 January. Please email your club's biography (250 words), including achievements, history and aspirations immediately to info@dbq.com.au

Include a photo of your club – and get creative! A high-resolution club logo is also needed to make sure spectators know exactly who you are.

If you miss the deadline your club name will be included in the participant listing.

Merchandise

A variety of high quality merchandise will be available at the venue, featuring great designs and in a range of colours. Details will be released closer to the event.

Vendors

If you are interested in hiring a stall at the Australian Dragon Boat Championships in 2018 please email accounts@ausdbf.com.au for full details and charges.

Awards

- Trevor Huggard Trophy – awarded to the fastest Open Crew regardless of age or category
- Alexandrou Trophy – awarded to the fastest Mixed Crew regardless of age or category
- Yet to be named Junior Award - Awarded to the fastest Junior (U18) Crew
- Gamble-Lewis Trophy – awarded to the fastest Women's Crew regardless of age or category
- Dent Trophy – annually awarded to the most Sportsman Like club
- Peter Bristow Trophy – awarded to the overall State Champion
- Anna Wellings-Booth Trophy – awarded to the overall Breast Cancer Survivors State Champion

Read more here: <http://www.ausdbf.com.au/awards/>

About Sunshine Coast

The Sunshine Coast is located just one hour's drive north of Brisbane and is home to 65km of the world's most beautiful beaches. Located along the Sunny Coast you'll find offshore reefs, pounding surf, secluded bays and protected inland waterways provide a never-ending range of playgrounds for enthusiastic water lovers.

Some of the most popular attractions: Australia Zoo, Underwater World Sea Life Aquarium, Mooloolaba, Noosa and Sunshine Coast Hinterland.

Accommodation

The Sunshine Coast has an abundance of accommodation to suit any requirements from camping grounds to 5-star hotels/resorts. Booking enquires can be made at <https://www.visitsunshinecoast.com/accommodation>

Venue

Lake Kawana
Sportmans Parade, Bokarina

Regatta course

Dragon Boat Queensland will host at Lake Kawana, Sportsman Parade Bokarina Sunshine Coast.

Lake Kawana is located approximately 94kms from the Brisbane airport & 22kms from the Sunshine Coast airport.



Nominations now open – Jon Taylor Award

The Jon Taylor Award recognizes outstanding achievements and contributions made by an individual who has assisted with the development and growth of the sport of dragon boat racing in Australia.

The Award is presented each year at the AusChamps to a remarkable volunteer, in memory and celebration of the life Jon Taylor. The award is in recognition of the outstanding contribution that Jon Taylor made to the development and growth of the Sport in Australia since he first became involved in the sport in the late 1980's.

Jon Taylor was a founding member of Australian Dragon Boat Federation and a visionary. He held positions on the Board as Administration Director, and then President from 2003 until his retirement in April 2008.

Jon was one of those truly amazing people, who was willing to give everything to the growth and development of this sport. Jon was passionate about the sport of Dragon Boat Racing and was very determined to see AusDBF reach its potential of having all States in Australia as members. This was finally achieved at his final meeting in April 2008 when Tasmania became a full member. He was also a driver of the development of Oceania, which has now been established.

Sadly, JT passed away in December 2008 after a long illness. The Award was established to honour his legacies and was first presented in 2009.

Nominations are now open for the 2018 Jon Taylor Award. These can be submitted by State or Club executives, but also individuals who wish to see an outstanding volunteer recognised. Nominations must be emailed to admin@ausdbf.com.au by 28th January 2018.

The nomination must detail the nominee's history, achievements, honours received, on water and off water contributions to the sport, and explain how the volunteer has contributed to the growth and development of dragon boat racing.

The nomination should be a maximum of two pages and include the contact information of nominator(s).

Please note that current AusDBF board members and employees or contractors are ineligible for consideration. Nominees must be a financial member of their state body and have a record of outstanding volunteer service of not less than five years.

Nominees must have made an outstanding contribution to the development of the sport in their State (including, but not only club level) or at a national level by displaying a selfless attitude, passion, vision, high ethical morals and outstanding commitment to the sport.

All nominations will remain confidential and will be selected by the AusDBF Board by vote. In the event of a tie, the Award may be shared.

Nominators should advise AusDBF if their nominee will be at the 2018 AusChamps for presentation of the Award.

Past winners:

- 2009 Jennifer Bould (SA)
- 2010 Michele Moroney (ACT)
- 2011 Vic Fazakerley (WA)
- 2012 Blair Gamble (QLD), Mal Wills (NSW)
- 2013 Daryl Manzie (NT)
- 2014 Loretta Lewis (QLD)
- 2015 Eliza Campbell (VIC) Melissa O'Brien (VIC)
- 2016 Christopher Alexandrou
- 2017 Marilyn McClellan

Cantwell-Lette Grant Program 2018/2019

AusDBF will be awarding grants to the value of \$500 each to assist individuals develop as an athlete, coach, official or director. Full details including the application form can be found at <http://www.ausdbf.com.au/awards/>. Successful recipients will be announced at the AusChamps 2018 in Queensland. Grant Applications close 28th January 2018.

