

MEMORANDUM



To	Member States		
From	AusDBF		
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AusDBF would like to take this opportunity in wishing all its Members, Clubs and paddlers around Australia a happy and safe holiday season and encourages everyone to take advantage of this downtime to recharge and reconnect with family and friends. Wishing every a healthy and prosperous 2023!

AusDBF held its Annual General Meeting in November in Melbourne. It was great to be able to hold the AGM followed by General meeting face to face with the opportunity for all Members to network and share ideas and opportunities.

A copy of AusDBF 2021-2022 Annual Report can be downloaded from the website here - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/about-us/annual-reports/>

Following the AGM, Janine Lette was re-elected for a 3rd term and Zijong Chu was elected to the AusDBF Board, he was previously an appointed Director. AusDBF appointed Ian Gearey to the Board to replace Dr Ruth Bollard and looks forward to the continuing contribution Ian has made this year in the D&I space in particular to the Pride in Sport Collective grant.

The AusDBF Board can be found here - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/about-us/board-of-directors/>

- **Chair** – John Holland (also oversees the Sweep Accreditation Scheme, Sweep Committee, Nominations Committee)
- **Finance Portfolio** – Martin Hastings (also Chairs the Safety & Risk Committee)
- **Events Portfolio** – Janine Lette (also oversees the Competition & Technical Committee, AusChamps Review Committee)
- **Development Portfolio** – Carlos Diz (also oversees the Coach Accreditation Scheme, Coach Presenters)
- **High Performance Portfolio** – Sylvia Wong (oversees the Auroras)
- **Communications Portfolio** – Philippa McLean (also oversees the Race Official Accreditation Scheme, ROMP, Athletes Commission, Historical Committee)
- **Digital & Youth Portfolio** – Zijong Chu (manages AusDBF social media content, DRACADEMY program and the Youth Racing Committee)
- **Diversity and Inclusion** – Ian Gearey (also oversees the D&I Committee)

AusDBF thanked and farewelled Rex Tindal for the massive contribution he had made to AusDBF during his 6 year tenure on the Board. Rex stepped onto the Board and took over the Development portfolio from Maggie Boyce and forged ahead with implementing the AusDBF eLearning platform, reviewing the Coach Accreditation content levels and oversaw the Auroras campaign till 2020. Rex will be missed for his humour and practical approach. Rex hasn't quite severed his ties with AusDBF yet and has agreed to be tech support for the eLearning platform – LMSsupport@ausdbf.com.au AusDBF wishes Rex all the very best in retirement.

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

AusDBF also thanked and farewelled Dr Ruth Bollard for her contribution to AusDBF, in bringing her passion, education and learnings with Diversity and Inclusion. AusDBF wishes Ruth all the best and looks forward to seeing her in a dragon boat sometime.

AusDBF 2023-2024 Participation levy

Memo#069 - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/comms/ausdbfmemos/> which was distributed to members on 23 November. Fees will be effective from 01 July 2023.

Adult - \$30.00 incl gst per participant

24U - \$20.00 incl gst per participant

18U (Junior) - \$16.00 incl gst per participant

AusDBF Committees - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/about-us/charters-sub-committees/>

There are still vacancies on the below AusDBF Committees – if you have any members interested, please contact AusDBF.

- AusChamps Review Committee – DBACT
- Diversity & Inclusion – DBNSW, DBACT, DBWA
- Historical Committee – DBQ, DBACT
- Marketing Working Group – DBNSW, DBACT
- revSPORT Users Group - DBQ

Grants and Awards

Pride in Sport Grant Collective – will come to an end on the 31 December 2022. AusDBF would like to thank the Diversity and Inclusion Committee lead by Ian Gearey for their hard work and contribution. The outcome of the grant allowed AusDBF to produce a number of resources and host the National Pride Come & try event in September where over 45 clubs participated. This was viewed as a positive achievement from Pride in Sport. AusDBF will continue their partnership with Pride in Sport in 2023 and is looking forward to seeing the positive achievements in the next Pride in Sport Index assessment in February 2023.

The following resources have now been approved and available on the AusDBF website –

<https://www.ausdbf.com.au/participation-hub/inclusiondiversity/>

or

<https://www.ausdbf.com.au/policies/>

- National Inclusion framework
- LGBTQ Participant Guide
- LGBTQ Inclusion Administrators Guide
- LGBTQ Peers and Allies Guide
- Sport Inclusion Plan



IDBF Hall of Fame - <https://www.dragonboat.sport/hall-of-fame>

Nominations are open for 2023 and will close on 15 January 2023. Previous nominations remain on the list for consideration, unless otherwise advised. Steven Davidson is coordinating the nominations for the Oceania region and be contacted at steven.davidson.au@gmail.com. All nominations need to be signed-off and submitted by AusDBF as the IDBF member.

Jon Taylor Memorial

If you know someone who is worthy to be nominated – download the nomination form from the AusDBF website - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/about-us/roll-of-honour/>. Nominations close Friday 3 March. Award to be presented during State v State at AusChamps.

AusDBF continues to review its current documents and create new documents as required, to assist and improve its governance processes. **Policies & Documents** - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/policies/>

Polices which have been reviewed include:

- Life Membership Policy (PN-0007) - updated
- Delegation of Authority Policy (PN-0049) – updated
- Drummers Masters Class document – updated
- National Uniform Guidelines – updated (is now a separate document from the Branding Guidelines)

Safe365 APP

AusDBF is disappointed some States have been slow to adopt and allocate licenses to every club in Australia. Encouraging all Clubs and Safety Officers around Australia to actively use Safe365 App for recording incidents and injuries at training sessions and regattas will provide AusDBF with much needed data which can be used to improve safety and assist with keeping insurance premiums from rising significantly. Should State Members or clubs have questions on how to implement Safe365 contact Martin Hastings – finance@ausdbf.com.au

National Integrity Framework - Club Information Sessions

As part of our commitment to [integrity and safeguarding](#), club Committee Members and Member Protection Officers (MPIOs) have received training about our new integrity policies and complaint process, through a national club education program delivered by Australian Dragon Boat Federation's new National Integrity Manager, Liam Bourke, in conjunction with Paddle Australia and Rowing Australia.

AusDBF will continue to work with clubs to provide information and tools to understand and implement the National Integrity Framework and related disciplinary/grievance policies. Club members, coaches and volunteers will also be educated on the important member protection and child safeguarding policies through online training in early 2023.

Sports Tribunal - Expression of Interest

Under the newly introduced [National Integrity Framework](#), there may be times where Australian Dragon Boat Federation needs to convene Internal Tribunal Hearings to hear and adjudicate disciplinary matters. AusDBF is currently assembling a panel of Internal Tribunal members and invites expressions of interest from the dragon boat community.

AusDBF is seeking volunteers with an interest in sport integrity to sit on ad-hoc Tribunals as needed, generally conducted virtually outside business hours. No advance commitment, prior experience or formal qualifications is required. This opportunity is likely to suit current, former or aspiring lawyers and sports administrators (including students).

To express your interest, or for further information, please contact Liam Bourke (AusDBF National Integrity Manager) at integrity@ausdbf.com.au or 0426 363 302.



DRACADEMY - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/participation-hub/schools/>

AusDBF is pleased with how the DRACADEMY program is being accepted as part of Sporting Schools and extends a thank you to all the accredited coaches who have been supporting this program. Cherry Harvey has taken over the administration and can be contacted at schools@ausdbf.com.au

Below is a snapshot of dragon boat in the Sporting Schools program

Sporting School Report December 2022

Term 4 2022 Bookings

States	Number of Schools	Number of Students
QLD	2	26
NSW	4	140
ACT		
VIC	1	40
TAS		20
SA	1	17
WA	1	
NT		
TOTAL	9	243

Programs Completed	9
Programs to be Completed	0
Coach Inv received	7
Coach Inv Outstanding	2

Term 1 2023 Opportunities

States	Number of Schools	Number of Students
QLD	3	90
NSW	10	457
ACT		
VIC	2	78
TAS		
SA	3	170
WA	1	32
NT		
TOTAL	19	827

Sweeps Committee

A reminder to the EDM sent on 16 November, the changes to the Sweep classification level document include:

- Removal of level zero
- Training now starts at level 1
- In addition to sweeps maintaining current first aid accreditation, they will also be required to maintain Working with Children Check clearance (in line with coach accreditation)
- Level 3+ sweeps will no longer be required to maintain a sweep log for reaccreditation
- Level 4 and Level 5 criteria have been tweaked.

The safety procedures in the AusDBF Safety Guidelines and AusDBF Safety Handbook which required 'participants unable to swim **100m** fully clothed must wear a PFD' has been changed back to 'participants unable to swim **50m** fully clothed must wear a PFD'. (For AusChamps in 2022 the South Australia Government insisted AusDBF have a 100m capability to ensure the Event could get a PFD exemption. It has now reverted to 50m).

The new capsized drill video has been released and can be found on the AusDBF website -

<https://www.ausdbf.com.au/ausdbf-courses/sweep-information/>. AusDBF would like to thank ACDC club in South Australia, the AusDBF Sweep Committee and Rodney Moore for their contribution to the content of the update capsized drill video.

ROMP Group (Race Officials Mentor Program)

Philippa Mclean has been hosting a professional development webinar series across a range of topics aimed at providing further education and support for accredited race officials throughout Australia. Sessions are held the first Monday of each month and are being recorded. The link for recordings can be found here on the AusDBF website - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/ausdbf-courses/raceofficialpersonneldevelopmentsessions/>

Accreditations – as of 20 December

Thanks to the massive collaborative effort over the last 2 years, the national accreditation in revSPORT is working well. There is still a long way to go, but as a collective we are making significant improvement in the collection of data. Below is a quick snapshot of the numbers currently recorded nationally.

- First Aid – 886
- Coach – 536
- Race Official – 201
- Sweep – 1479
- Working with Children Check – 680

In addition to the above, accreditations are being recorded for completion of Play-by-the-Rules online courses.

Pillar 3 – Events

2023 AusChamps - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/events1/auschamps/>

Will be held in Albury Wodonga at Gateway Lakes (same venue as 2017) from Thursday 20 to Monday 24 April. AusDBF looks forward to working with Dragon Boat Victoria in what will be the 26th AusChamps and the second time Albury Wodonga has hosted AusChamps.

- Day 1 – Thursday 20 April – Seniors
- Day 2 – Friday 21 April – Seniors
- Day 3 – Saturday 22 April – State v State
- Day 4 – Sunday 23 April – Premiers, Juniors, 24U, BCS
- Day 5 – Monday 24 April - Premiers, Juniors, 24U, BCS

Bulletin 1 – was released on 20 December and can be downloaded from the AusDBF website here - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/events1/auschamps/>

Edition 10 of the AusDBF Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing was released on 20 December along with Bulletin 1 for AusChamps and can be downloaded from the AusDBF website here - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/events1/>

Registrations for 2023 AusChamps will open 1 January 2023, with early bird closure 19 February. AusDBF encourages clubs to submit their initial entries by 1 February as this will allow AusDBF the opportunity to work with clubs where entries in categories are less than 3. All entries and payments must be entered via revSPORT.

24U age category has again been included as a demonstration race on day 4 and day 5 for both the 500m and 200m race distance. If you have athletes in this category contact Zijong Chu – digital.youth@ausdbf.com.au

Early Bird entry fees – closes 19 February 2023

Small boat	\$385 including gst per boat
Standard boat	\$715 including gst per boat

Deadline for entries– closes 19 March 2023

Small boat	\$495 including gst per boat
Standard boat	\$825 including gst per boat

Pillar 4– High Performance

2022 Asia Dragon Boat Championships (November in Thailand) – Result Summary

- 1000m – DB22 mixed (5th overall), open (7th overall), women (2nd overall)
- 500m – DB12 mixed (7th overall), open (10th overall), women (7th overall), DB22 – mixed (5th overall), open (7th overall), women (2nd overall)
- 200m – DB12 mixed (6th overall), open (9th overall), women (7th overall), DB22 – mixed (6th overall), open (7th overall), women (2nd overall)



2023 IDBF World Nation Dragon Boat Racing Championships (7-13 August) in Thailand

Introducing the Auroras Management Team -

<https://www.ausdbf.com.au/auroras/aurorasmanagementpositions/>

AusDBF will announce the Team Managers for 24U and Premier Divisions once they have been finalised.

The Aurora management team can be contacted at - 2023AurorasManagementTeam@ausdbf.com.au

	Coaches	Team Manager
Head	Dave Abel	Emily Zitkevicius
Junior Division	Michelle Arton (Firth) / Jason Han	Sarah Harrison / Caren Hugginson
24U Division	Tom Wicks	Courtney Lees (Jonas)
Premier Division	Cat Anderson	
Senior A Division	Martin Pavelka	Diane Dugar
Senior B Division	Kristin Chick	Pip Genge
Senior C Division	Lindy Chester	Rosie O'Donnell

Dates for camp 1 have been confirmed as per below –

Premier Division	7 – 8 January 2023	Melbourne
Senior C Division	21-22 January 2023	(Location TBC)
Senior A Division	4-5 February 2023	(Location TBC)
Junior Division	4 – 5 February 2023	(Location TBC)
Senior B Division	11-12 February 2023	(Location TBC)
24U Division	11-12 February 2023	(Location TBC)

Further information on the Auroras can be found on the AusDBF website here -

<https://www.ausdbf.com.au/auroras/aurora-news/>

General

Member Forum dates for 2023 have been confirmed –

Q1 – Thursday 23 February (virtual)

Q2 – Thursday 25 May (virtual)

Q3 – Thursday 24 August (virtual)

AusDBF AGM and General Meeting – Sunday 19 November (face-to-face)

Calendar invites have been sent to all State Members notifying them of the above dates.

We hope you find the December Update informative.

The AusDBF Office will be closed from Thursday 22 December 2022 and reopen Monday 09 January 2023

The AusDBF Board