



DragonBoatSA

Policy and Procedures

Subject New Paddler Allocation Policy

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Preamble

The following policy governs the allocation of new dragon boat participants in South Australia, whom have been introduced to the sport directly through the state organisation (DragonBoat SA) which will be hereby referred to as DBSA.

Powers of Policy

This policy has been approved by DBSA through the Board and incorporated under the powers issued to the Board under the constitution.

Social or Corporate Team Trained by a Specific Club

Participant should have a choice of staying with said club. Alternatively, they can make their own approaches to other Clubs via either the DBSA website or in person at a training session or race event.

Coming in Through DBSA Direct (e.g. via website)

In order to make an informed choice of Club, participants will be directed to the Club page on the DBSA website which contains information provided by the Clubs about their organisations.

If a paddler makes a choice and the fit is not right, and they have not registered with DBSA or the Club, then they will have the opportunity to trial with another Club prior to registering. (Should they have registered then the usual clearance procedure applies).

Participants are entitled to four free paddles only with any one Club before having to register with them if they wish to continue paddling with that Club.

Development Programs

All Clubs will be advised of the development programs and will be able to make a decision as to whether they wish to participate in the running of those programs.

The preferred DBSA outcome from development programs is to encourage and foster the development of new clubs. However, it is recognised that participants may wish to join existing clubs. The process to be followed is:

1. Clubs advise DBSA of their requirements to assist prospective paddlers to make informed choices.
2. Participants will be directed to the Club page on the DBSA website which contains information provided by the Clubs about their organisations.

3. Clubs that have their members assist in the running of programs will benefit with the allocation of people wishing to join the sport and if the participant has made no specific choice, on the basis that:
 - a) That Clubs' members have put in the time and effort to participate in the DBSA development program.
 - b) A relationship has potentially been established between that Club's members and the new paddlers.
 - c) Acceptance at Club's discretion.
4. If a group of people come out and want to stay together, DBSA will endeavour to facilitate this request through item 3.
5. If a prospective paddler makes a choice and the fit is not right, and they have not registered with DBSA or the Club then they will have the opportunity to trial with another Club prior to registering. (Should they have registered then the usual clearance procedure applies).
6. Individuals who elect to continue in the sport and wish to become members of a Club would submit their participant registration application through the normal Club process.

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure that the document remains current, practical and relevant for DBSA. The next review date being February 2020.



Dated: 14 March 2019

Signed: _____

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