

**Subject Race Day Organisation & Draws**

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The organisation of Race Days will be allocated to the participating clubs on a rotational basis. The roster will be established at the first Race Committee meeting after the DBSA AGM in August of each year.

The Board will establish a provisional Season Program for review and input from the Racing Committee in July each year. The Board will approve the Racing Program in August each year.

**1. Event Entry Organisation**

1. Prior to season commencement each club will be assigned a Race Day to coordinate with some smaller clubs combining on occasion.
2. A Racing Committee (RC) meeting will occur at least 10 days prior to the Race Day to coordinate the event.
3. At least 14 days before the Race Day Clubs are required to indicate in the online database (Smart Space) the races they will be entering. If a Club is not competing this is to be indicated also.
4. Just prior to the RC meeting the Organising Club is to circulate the draft race program for review based on the online entries received at that time.
5. Clubs will then review the draft race program at the RC meeting and discuss any required changes.
6. The Organising Club will then circulate the revised program by the Monday prior to the Race Day along with the task list.
7. Clubs are to each record online the names of their individual paddlers and volunteers participating in the Race Day by COB on the Thursday prior to the Race Day. Online payment/payment details are also to be advised.
8. The Organising Club will then print out 3 x copies of the team sheets and laminate them.
9. Any Club making changes to their team sheet after this time is to arrange to laminate 3 x copies of the team sheet. DBSA laminator is available for use in the DBSA trailer.
10. Withdrawals and changes after close of business on the Monday prior to a weekend event or within 5 days of other events will incur a charge of \$40.
11. A minimum of three (3) crews is required for an event to be raced unless it is an event that has been deemed a 'core category'. If a crew withdraws after final entries have been submitted and it reduces the entries to two (2), that event will still be run
12. Any revised team sheets can be submitted on the morning of the race meeting – minimum of 1 hour prior to the first race of the day. N.B. this is a revised team sheet only and not the initial sheet.

**RACE DAY ORGANISATION SCHEDULE – CHECK LIST**

<b>14 days prior to event</b>	All Clubs to indicate on SmartSpace by COB the categories they will be entering (or indicate if they will NOT be competing).
<b>11-10 days prior to event</b>	Organising Club to circulate draft race program.
<b>10 days prior to event</b>	Race Committee meeting chaired by Organising Club. Draft program to be discussed and amended.
<b>6 days prior to event</b>	Organising club to circulate revised race program and task list. Any changes after COB on this day incur a charge of \$40.
<b>3 days prior to event.</b>	Clubs to have entered individual paddlers and volunteer name on SmartSpace by COB on this day.
<b>1 hour before 1<sup>st</sup> race</b>	Revised team sheets may be submitted.



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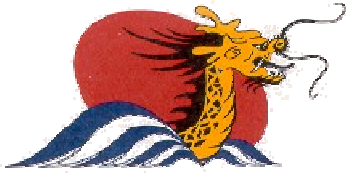
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### **2. Completing a Race Draw**

1. Ensure that the results from the latest previous races for the categories in the draw are available.
2. Rank the crews entered in order of their last finishes.
3. Allocate the crews to lanes as follows:
  - Rank 1 – Lane 3
  - Rank 2 – Lane 4
  - Rank 3 – Lane 2
  - Rank 4 – Lane 5
  - Rank 5 – Lane 1
  - Rank 6 – Lane 6
4. If there are two (2) or more heats, the lanes are allocated in ranking order to the heats. In a 10 boat category the following lane allocations would apply:
  - Rank 1 – Heat 1 – Lane 3
  - Rank 2 – Heat 2 – Lane 3
  - Rank 3 – Heat 1 – Lane 4
  - Rank 4 – Heat 2 – Lane 4
  - Rank 5 – Heat 1 - Lane 2
  - Rank 6 – Heat 2 – Lane 2
  - Rank 7 – Heat 1 - Lane 5
  - Rank 8 – Heat 2 – Lane 5
  - Rank 9 – Heat 1 – Lane 1
  - Rank 10 – Heat 2 – Lane 1
5. Those crews who are unable to be ranked due to no recent results can be allocated lanes after the ranked crews in the order that it is reasonably assumed that they would finish or on a random draw.
6. The racing sequence for the draw should be as follows:
  - **Grand Masters Mixed**
  - **Premier Open**
  - **Premier Women**
  - **Masters Open**
  - **Masters Women**
  - **Premier Mixed**
  - **Grand Masters Open**
  - **Grand Masters Women**
  - **Masters Mixed**
  - **B Grade Open – (to be used through program to create breaks)**



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### 3. Race Plans

#### 1. IDBF and AusDBF Race Plans

- a) In general DBSA shall follow both the IDBF and AusDBF race plan for Season and State Championship racing. Where the number of competitors in a particular racing category is not sufficient to ensure full finals the DBSA Board, in their discretion, may alter the IDBF race plan to increase the number of crews in the finals:
- b) As a general rule, the following race plans will be adhered to:
  - **Race Plan T.1.1 (2-3 teams)**
    - Teams will race, if possible, in other category heats, chosen to allow the most competitive racing (for example, Grand Masters may race in a Masters heat);
    - Teams will be allocated their own Grand Final
  - **Race Plan T.1.2 (4 – 6 team)**
    - Teams will be allocated a heat. This will be compulsory to race,
    - Teams who do not race the heat will not be allowed to race the Grand Final.
    - Teams will race for times for lane allocation
    - Teams will be allocated their own Grand Final
  - **Race Plan T.1 (7 – 8 teams)**
    - 2 heats – 1st in each heat to Grand Final
    - Rest to Repechage
    - 1st to 4th from Repechage to Grand Final

**Note:** in 7 teams, 7th misses out on Final, if 8 teams, then they get option of racing a Minor Final
  - **Race Plan T.2 (9-12 teams)**
    - 2 heats – 1st in each to Grand Final plus the fastest loser from both heats (3 direct to Grand Final)
    - Rest to Repechages (2)
    - 1st from each Repechage plus the fastest loser from both Repechages, to Grand Final (3 to G.F.)
    - Rest to Minor Final if required

#### 2. The official IDBF Tail Race plans for up to 12 crews using six (6) lanes are reproduced on the following pages.

The full Tail Race system is available on the DBSA and IDBF websites.



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### TAIL RACE PLAN (USING SIX LANES)

**PLAN. T1. = 5, 6, 7 or 8 Crews racing**

Crews Per Heat	Heat (H) Draw.	L A N E	Repechage (Rp) Draw.	L A N E	Tail Race (TR) Draw.	L A N E	Semi Final (SF) Draw.	L A N E	Grand Final (GF) Draw.	L A N E
<b>5.</b>	<b><u>Heat.1</u></b>		<b><u>Repechage.</u></b>		<b><u>No Tail Races</u></b>		<b><u>No Semi Finals</u></b>		<b><u>GRAND Final</u></b>	
H1=3	3	4	3 in Hs	3					3	
H2=2	1	3	4 in Hs	4					1 <sup>st</sup> in H1	4
	5	2	5 in Hs	2					1 <sup>st</sup> in H2	2
<b>6.</b>	(7)	(5)	(6 in Hs)	(5)					1 <sup>st</sup> in Rp	(5)
H1=3			(7 in Hs)	(1)					(2 <sup>nd</sup> in Rp)	(1)
H2=3			(8 in Hs)	(6)					(3 <sup>rd</sup> in Rp)	
	<b><u>Heat.2</u></b>						<b><u>Minor Final (MF) Draw.</u></b>			
	4	4								
<b>7.</b>	2	3								
H1=4	(6)	(2)								
H2=3	(8)	(5)								
							<b><u>Minor Final</u></b>		<b><u>MINOR Final</u></b>	
							7 crews		8 crews	
<b>8.</b>							3 <sup>rd</sup> in Rp	3	4 <sup>th</sup> in Rp	3
H1=4							4 <sup>th</sup> in Rp	4	5 <sup>th</sup> in Rp	4
H2=4							5 <sup>th</sup> in Rp	2	6 <sup>th</sup> in Rp	2
							2 <sup>nd</sup> in Rp			
							3 <sup>rd</sup> in Rp			
							(4 <sup>th</sup> in Rp)			
	<b><u>Heats:</u></b> Heat Winners the Grand Final. The Rest to Repechage.		<b><u>Rep: 5 or 6 crews</u></b> Winner to GF. <b><u>7 crews.</u></b> First 2 to GF. <b><u>8 crews</u></b> 3 to GF <b><u>All</u></b> rest to MF.				<b><u>Minor Final</u></b> is to decide 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> or 5 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> places in the competition		<b><u>Grand Final</u></b> is to decide 1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> places in the competition.	

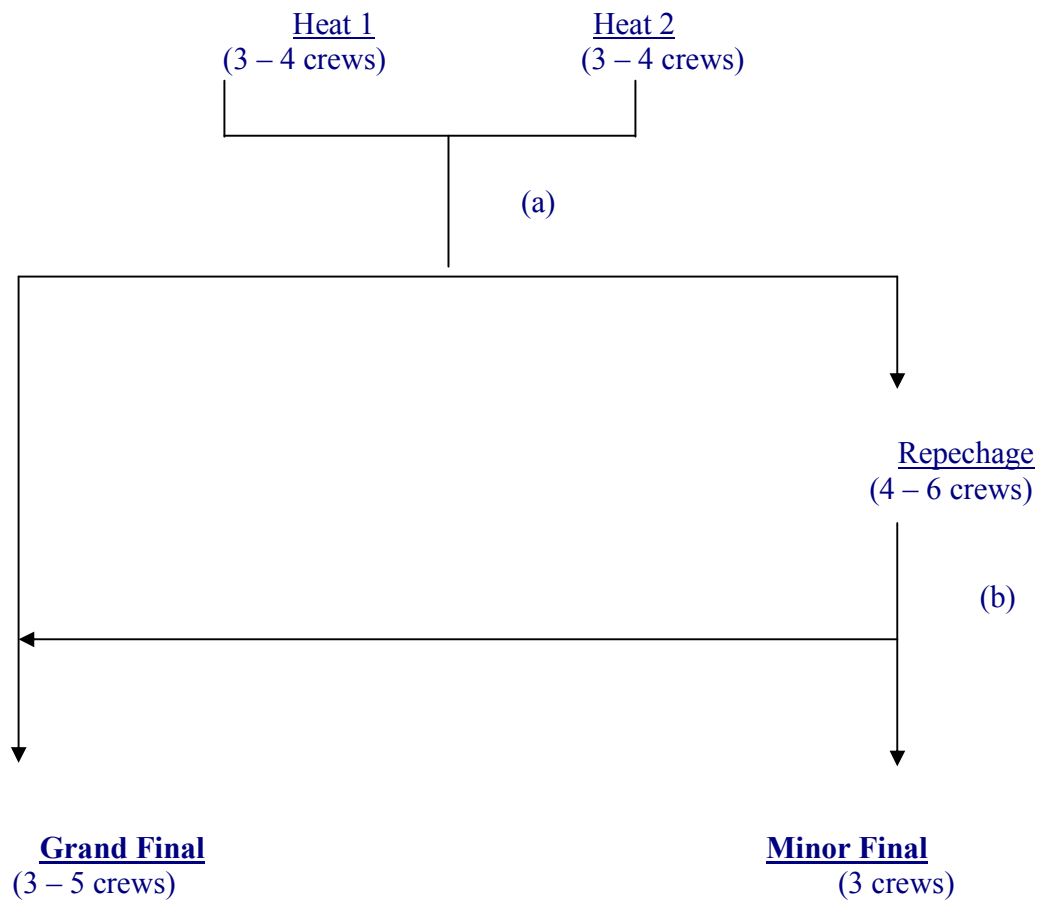


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**Plan T.1**



Notes:

- (a) The 1<sup>st</sup> placed crew in each Heat goes to the Grand Final, the rest to the Repechage.
- (b) For Races with 6 crews the 1<sup>st</sup> placed crew will go to the Grand Final.  
For Races with 7 crews the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placed crews will go to the Grand Final.  
For Races with 8 crews the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed crews will go to the Grand Final  
For all races the remaining crews go to the Minor Final.



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### TAIL RACE PLAN (USING SIX LANES)

**PLAN. T2. = 9, 10, 11, or 12 Crews**

Crews Per Heat	Heat (H) Draw.	L A N E	Repechage (Rp) Draw.	L A N E	Tail Race (TR) Draw.	L A N E	Semi Final (SF) Draw.	L A N E	Grand Final (GF) Draw.	L A N E
<b><u>9.</u></b>	<b><u>Heat.1</u></b>		<b><u>Repechage. 1</u></b>		<b><u>No Tail Races</u></b>		<b><u>No Semi Finals</u></b>		<b><u>GRAND Final</u></b>	
H1=5 H2=4	7 3 1	5 4 3	3 4 in Hs 6 in Hs	3 4 2					1 <sup>st</sup> in H1 1 <sup>st</sup> in H2 3 <sup>rd</sup> in Hs	3 4 2
<b><u>10.</u></b>	5 9 (11)	2 1 (6)	8 in Hs (10 in Hs) (12 in Hs)	(5) (1)					1 <sup>st</sup> in Rp1 1 <sup>st</sup> in Rp2 3 <sup>rd</sup> in Rps	5 1 6
H1=5 H2=5										
<b><u>11.</u></b>	<b><u>Heat.2</u></b>		<b><u>Repechage 2</u></b>						<b><u>Minor Final (MF) Draw.</u></b>	
H1=6 H2=5	8 4 2 6 (10) (12)	5 4 3 2 (1) (6)	3 4 5 in Hs 7 in Hs 12 in Hs 9 in Hs (11 in Hs)	3 4 2 5 (1)					<b><u>MINOR Final</u></b>	
H1=6 H2=6									4 <sup>th</sup> in Rps 5 <sup>th</sup> in Rps 6 <sup>th</sup> in Rps (7 <sup>th</sup> in Rps) (8 <sup>th</sup> in Rps) (9 <sup>th</sup> in Rps)	3 4 2 (5) (1) (6)
	<b><u>Heats:</u></b> Winners + Fastest loser overall to GF Rest to Reps.		<b><u>Reps:</u></b> Rep Winners + Fastest Loser OA to Grand Final. The Rest to Minor Final				<b><u>Minor Final</u></b> is to decide 7 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> places in the competition		<b><u>Grand Final</u></b> is to decide 1 <sup>st</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> places in the competition.	

**Plan Summary:** 2 Heats; 2 Reps; 1 Minor Final; 1 Grand Final = Total 6 Races.

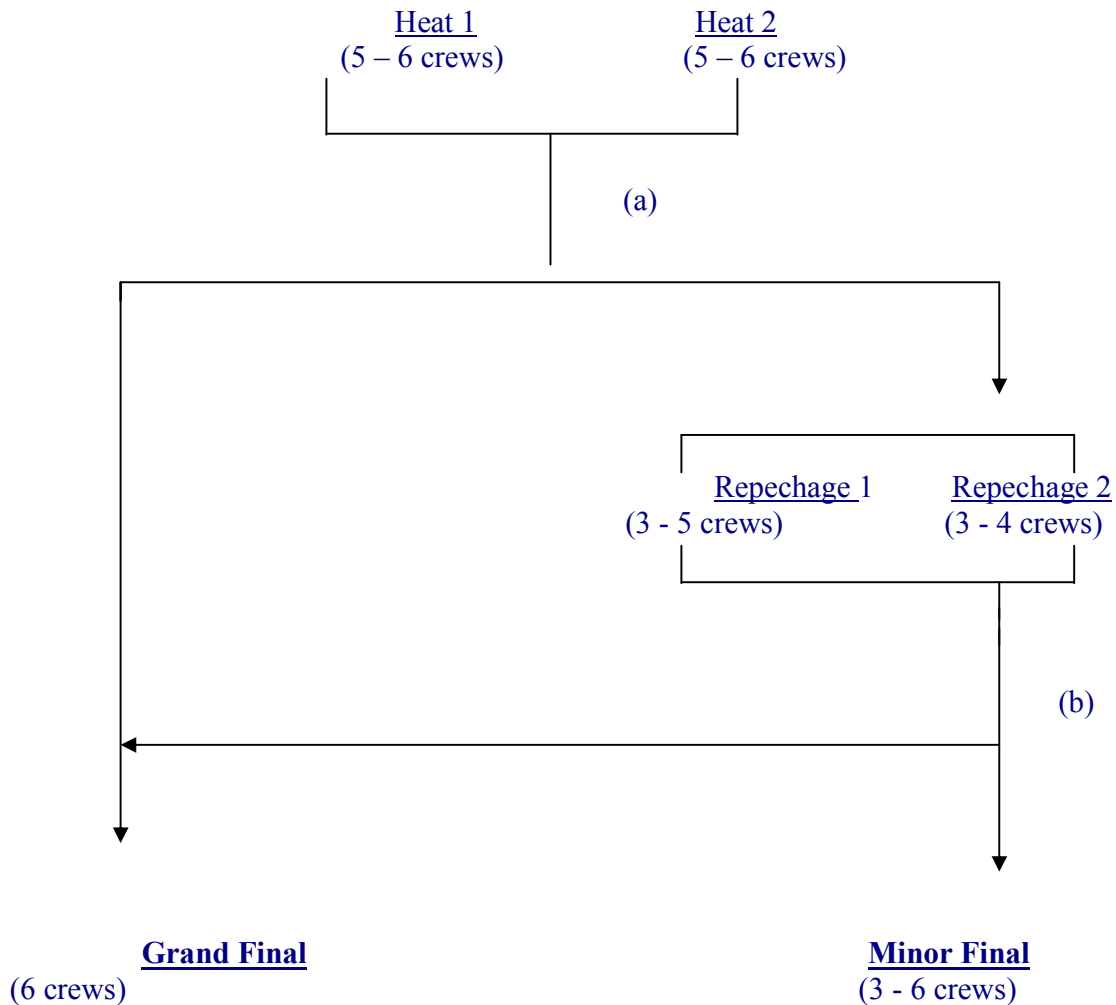


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**RACE FORMAT FOR RACES WITH 9 to 12 Crews – Using 6 Lanes**  
**Plan T.2**



Notes:

- (a) The 1<sup>st</sup> placed crew in each Heat, plus the fastest loser overall from the Heats, go to the Grand Final, the rest go to the Repechages.
- (b) The 1<sup>st</sup> placed crew in each Rep, plus the fastest loser overall from the Reps, go to the Grand Final, the remaining crews go to the Minor Final.



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### 3. Best Times Race Plans

In the Race Plans where we score the best two (2) times of three (3) races or the best three (3) times of four (4) races, crews are seeded as in section 2 and are reseeded in each subsequent round based on their times for the preceding round.

It is recommended that for courses which have uneven lanes such as **Torrens Racing** the Best Times Race Plan should be utilized with only the first heat seeded from the previous event and subsequent heats rotate the lanes so that each crew races in at least lanes 2 & 3 once. The best two (2) times out of three (3) races should be used.

**B Grade** racing should use Best Times Race Plan where they will drop their slowest time and total their remaining times to decide the winner. Generally they will have four (4) races but this may alter dependant on circumstances.

### 4. Race Day Task Lists

1. Race day task lists have been produced for both West Lakes and Torrens events and can be downloaded from the DBSA website – [www.dragonboatsa.com](http://www.dragonboatsa.com).
2. These task lists should be reviewed by all clubs as soon as they are aware of their allocated event.
3. Some items can be actioned well in advance and can save a deal of anxiety later.
4. When allocating race day duties to clubs it is advisable to review previous task lists and share the tasks evenly to all clubs.

Endorsed by:

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DragonBoatSA Chairman on behalf of the

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