



POLICY: NEW PADDLER ALLOCATION

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Introduction

New paddlers are introduced to the sport of dragon boating by a various number of means.

Purpose

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

Policy

Participants are entitled to four paddles only (free or paid) before having to register if they wish to continue paddling.

▪ **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. (If they have registered, then the usual clearance procedure applies).

▪ **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 either via the DBSA website or in person at a training session or race event.

▪ **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 facilitation 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 endeavor 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).

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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.