

## POLICY: CONDITIONS OF ENTRY TO RACES (Eligibility, Fixtures & Team Composition)

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### Introduction

DragonBoat (DBSA) oversees and encourages member Clubs to participate in a competitive competition.

### Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to set out the rules for conditions of entry to races.

### Policy

Member Clubs will organise the competitions through membership of the Racing Committee under the guidelines set out in the DBSA Regulations.

The Procedure and Functions of the Race Committee are set out in DBSA Race Committee Charter. This policy needs to be read in conjunction with Policy #07 – Participant Clearance Procedure.

Competitors and officials must abide by the AusDBF and / or local rules.

DBSA reserves the right to make decisions as to a person's capability to undertake what can, at times, be a demanding sport.

### 1. Participant Eligibility

- 1.1 All participants, regardless of category or division, must be ten (10) years of age as at 31 December in the year of event.
- 1.2 Drummers must be twelve (12) years of age as at 31 December in the year of event and must have a demonstrated knowledge of the safety requirements for drumming.
- 1.3 Sweeps must be a minimum of fourteen (14) years of age as at 31 December in the year of event.
- 1.4 Exemptions to the above rulings may be granted for training and other non-competition purposes on application to DBSA.
- 1.5 An approved PFD must be worn by all individuals under eighteen (18) years of age when on the water. No exemptions shall be granted from this requirement.
- 1.6 An approved PFD must be worn by all Sweeps and Drummers when on the water.
- 1.7 Individuals must be registered with DBSA via RevSport and be a member of a Club.

## 2. Event Fixtures

2.1 Fixtures will be advised, where possible at least one month prior to the start of the season.

2.2 Any changes to fixtures will be forward to member Clubs in writing by DBSA.

2.3 Race results will be published on the website.

## 3. Team Composition – Number of Participants required for an Event

3.1 A maximum of twenty six (20 paddlers) and a minimum of twenty four (18 paddlers) including Reserve Paddlers, Sweeps and Drummers for a 20s crew.

3.2 A maximum of fourteen (10 paddlers) and a minimum of twelve (8 paddlers) including Reserve Paddlers, Sweeps and Drummers for a 10s crew.

### 3.3 Categories and Crew Composition

Three categories of teams exist for dragon boating events in South Australia:

1. **OPEN** Crew of any composition (any number mix of male or female paddlers) may enter this category. Sweeps and Drummers may be male or female
2. **WOMENS** Crew shall be comprised entirely of female paddlers, Drummers and Sweeps.
3. **MIXED** **Standard Boat, 20's Crew** A minimum of 8 paddlers to a maximum of 10 of either gender (excludes Drummer and Sweep).

**Small Boat, 10's Crew** minimum of 4 paddlers to a maximum of 5 of either gender (excludes Drummer and Sweep)

A Drummer and Sweep can be of either gender.

## 4. Event Team Sheets

All crew lists must be presented to the Race Secretariat a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the first race.

## 5. Event Team Divisions

Four divisions of teams are used for dragon boating events in South Australia:

5.1 **SPORTS** Designated for regular competition paddlers.

5.1.1 Sports Division will be either A or B Grade.

Sports B Grade will cater for 10s crews, race distances of 200m and has no age classifications. Once a Sports B Grade paddler has competed in 3 (three) Sports A Grade race days, they are no longer eligible to compete as Sports B Grade without special exemption from DBSA.

This excludes invitation races where Sports B Grade could be invited to participate in a composite crew (such as Round the Island or Lunar New Year) and/or longer distance.

5.1.2 The following age classifications may be raced in Sports A Grade:

- Premier – any age



- Junior – Under 18 years
- Senior A – 40+
- Senior B – 50+
- Senior C – 60+
- 40+ – 40 years
- 55+ – 55 years

Note age classification is at 31 December of the year of the event

**5.2 SCHOOLS** Designated for regular, or occasional, secondary school paddlers.

6.2.1 All paddlers must be current students of a recognised secondary educational institution, notwithstanding the allowance for up to two (2) teachers to be members of that team.

6.2.2 On race days, school team members may elect to paddle with a Sports team.

**5.3 CORPORATE** – designated for occasional social paddlers.

A maximum of two (2) paddlers in a corporate team in any race can be regular Sports (A or B Grade) paddlers.

**5.4 BREAST CANCER SURVIVORS**

Refer to Policy # 016 – Breast Cancer Challenge Races.

**5.5 COMPOSITE CREWS**

Composite crews support participation of paddlers in 20s crew racing.

**Criteria:**

- Can only race in regattas and not at State Championships.
- Can participate at all distances, will be 'non qualifying' and race in an outside lane (200m and 500m) provided there are lanes in the heat / final available without creating an additional race (doesn't extend the program) with the exception of invitational races.
- Can participate in 2000m and will start one (1) minute after the last Sports A Grade crew.
- Will start first for the Peter Bristow Long Course.
- Will be discussed and agreed upon at the preceding Race Committee meeting.
- Can be made up of metropolitan or regional paddlers.