



POLICY: BREAST CANCER CHALLENGE RACES

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Introduction

The aim of Breast Cancer Challenge races is for paddlers and clubs who have members living through, or have lived through, a diagnosis of breast cancer to have the opportunity of racing against each other at Dragonboat SA (DBSA) arranged regattas or events including State Championships. Such races will be scheduled as Breast Cancer Challenge Races.

Purpose

It is the intention of the breast cancer clubs to increase awareness of breast cancer issues, provide a network for those who are going through, or have had, breast cancer and to encourage participation in sport through dragon boat racing.

The aim of the introduction of Breast Cancer Challenge races in the DBSA race program is to promote unity, communication and friendship amongst the SA Breast Cancer paddlers and clubs.

Policy

Breast Cancer Challenge races scheduled as part of the DBSA race program will be run in accordance with the rules and regulations of DBSA.

Composition of teams racing in a Breast Cancer Challenge as part of a DBSA event or regatta including State Championships shall consist of:

- All paddlers (male and female) who have, or have had, a diagnosis of breast cancer
- Where possible a sweep and / or drummer who have, or have had, a diagnosis of breast cancer. Where this is not possible a sweep and / or drummer from the Club

Combined teams consisting of breast cancer paddlers from various clubs may be formed and may compete under another team name in the Breast Cancer Challenge races. The above composition of teams will apply.

The composition of teams in a Breast Cancer Challenge race may be varied for an individual event if proposed and agreed by the Breast Cancer Clubs.

All teams will race towards the final result over a minimum of two rounds with the number to be determined at the relevant Race Committee meeting.

In the event of clarification being required, or a dispute arising, the DBSA Board will be the final arbitrator.