

POLICY: NEW PADDLER ALLOCATION

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Introduction

New participants are introduced to the sport of dragon boat racing by various 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.

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♣ DragonPass



The DragonPass is an AusDBF scheme to provide a cohesive national branding for "Come & Try " and has been adopted by DBSA.

It is available to individuals who wish to try dragon boating before deciding whether or not they should become a member of a club and participate in the sport on an ongoing basis.

Register for your 1 month (28 days) Free trial – set period to try before joining a Club

<https://www.dragonboatsa.com/get-involved/dragon-pass/>

♣ Come & Try

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) or Corporate or Schools Come and Try programs

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

♣ Social or Corporate Team Trained by a Specific Club

Participants should have a choice of staying with said Club. Alternatively, they can make their 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 decide as to whether they wish to be involved in 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 participants in making 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) 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 participants.
 - c) Acceptance is at a Club's discretion.
4. If a group of people come out and wants to stay together, DBSA will endeavour to facilitate this request through item 3.
5. Individuals who elect to continue in the sport and wish to become members of a Club would complete their registration and payment online with RevSport via the Club's link.