



2020/21

# SEASON PREVIEW

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DRAGON BOATS NSW



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## CHAIR FOREWORD

Hello to the NSW Dragon Boating community, and a big welcome to the 2020/21 season preview! The Board and staff of Dragon Boats NSW (DBNSW) hopes that everyone will have some great paddling experiences in the season ahead.

DBNSW and it's event calendar sub-committee has been working hard to put forward some innovative changes to our events this coming year - from new race draws to our newly launched modified sport format, this racing calendar has something for everyone.

With such a disruptive end to the 2019/20 season, coupled with a few months of not being able to participate in the sport we all love, we look forward to kicking off the race season in August (pending appropriate approvals). We start with a race that is catered around the fun / social side of our sport, where Clubs can re-launch recruitment efforts attracting new members and bringing back to the water members from last season.

Our calendar also provides a great progression plan for those of us who are more competitive, with the peak of the season being the NSW State Championships.

DBNSW has also been working on the updated version of the Strategic Plan, taking us through to 2024... we are in year 2 of the current iteration of the plan and we are setting up a roadmap with targets to help benefit our membership and community. The Board and staff have made significant progress in the last 2 years and will continue with that momentum into the coming years.

So, please read the preview, provide your feedback and let's look forward to another exciting year ahead in the awesome sport that is dragon boating.

**Nicola Frowen**  
**DBNSW Chair**



## CEO UPDATE



## WE ARE PUSHING FORWARD WITH OUR PLANS FOR THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF OUR SPORT...

First of all, I would like to welcome everyone back after what was a previous season of extreme difficulty. Drought, bushfires, smoke, a global pandemic, it felt like everything was thrown at our community yet our clubs and members persevered. On behalf of Dragon Boats NSW I am incredibly proud of the work put in by all of the volunteers, officials, club committees, sweeps and paddlers to make the most of the prior year despite the numerous disruptions.

Whilst we are still in the midst of COVID-19 and subject to a number of restrictions for our own health and safety we are pushing forward with our plans for the growth and development of our sport.

We will continue to update and support our clubs through these challenging times while also bringing in many exciting new initiatives during the 2020/21 season. We have put a particular focus this year on working with our committees and utilising feedback from our members to construct a refreshed event calendar that will keep our community engaged in dragon boating.

## STRATEGY UPDATE

I would briefly like to mention the progress the Board and organisation has made on the long term strategic growth and development of the sport in NSW. With the [initial strategic plan](#) launched in 2018 and now due for completion at the end of the calendar year work is already underway on launching the plan for the next four years.

This new plan builds on the structure of the previous strategy (Members, Community, Events, Infrastructure, Brand, Finance and Systems) while detailing specific programs with a roadmap for each year against achievable KPIs.

Some of the new projects the community will see undertaken in the next four years include:

- Club Health Program
- Corporate Membership Scheme
- Raising the profile of the sport via new media/marketing initiatives
- Identifying locations for new clubs and regatta venues
- Establishing a commercial arm of the organisation to support the sport
- Bids for national and international DB events
- Increasing use of committees

DBNSW looks forward to collaborating and sharing the new Strategic Plan this upcoming season once it is ready for publication.

On behalf of Dragon Boats NSW I would like to once again welcome you to the 2020/21 season and wish you all the very best both on and off the water.

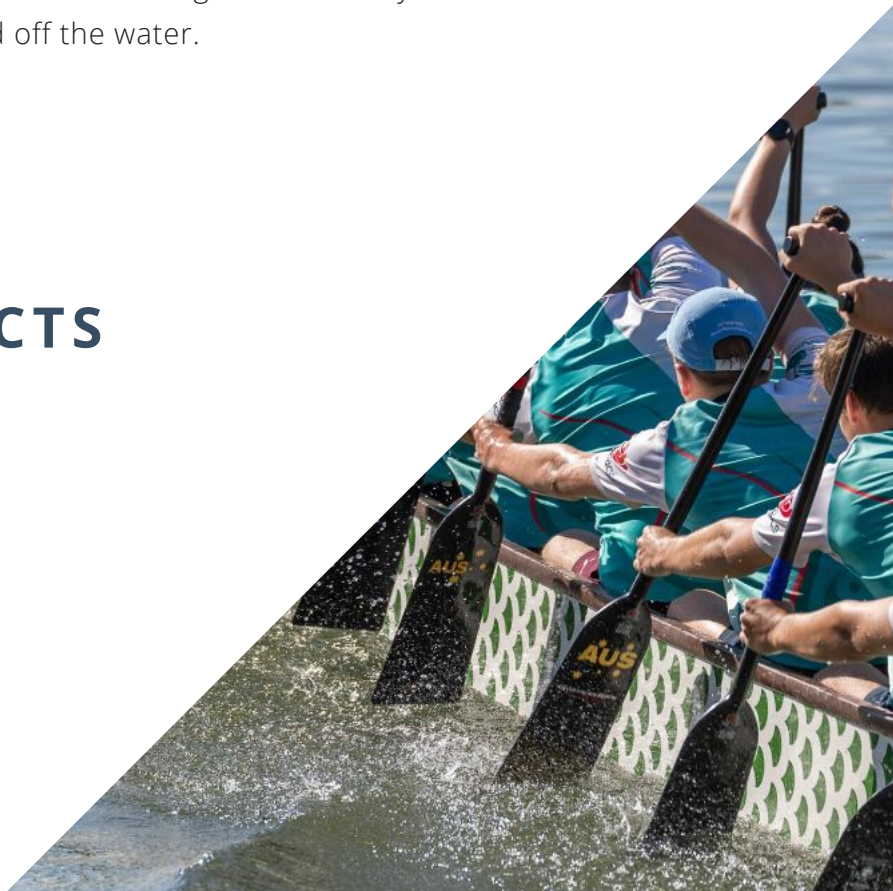
Kind Regards,

**Shane Knight**

**DBNSW Chief Executive Officer**

## 20/21 NEW PROJECTS

- TRIBE (Tug of War) Launch
- New Race Formats
- Digital Marshaling
- New Corporate Regatta
- Junior/U24 Development Program
- Annual Awards Event
- 2021 Digital Roadshows
- State Open Day
- Leadership Program



## EVENT CALENDAR

10s WINTER WARMER	SUN 23 AUG 2020	RODD POINT, DOBROYD	10s 200m
ROUND 1	SAT 12 SEPT 2020	SIRC, PENRITH	20s 6km
COFFS COAST REGATTA*	12/13 SEPT 2020	MYLESTOM	-
DBNSW AGM	SUN 27 SEPT 2020	TBC	-
CORPORATE REGATTA	SAT 10 OCT 2020	DARLING HARBOUR	20s 200m
GRAFTON REGATTA*	31/1 OCT 2020	GRAFTON	-
ROUND 2	SUN 1 NOV 2020	SIRC, PENRITH	20s/10s 2km
ROUND 3	SUN 15 NOV 2020	RODD POINT, DOBROYD	20s 200m knockout
GREAT LAKES REGATTA*	21/22 NOV 2020	FOSTER	-
ROUND 4	SUN 13 DEC 2020	SIRC, PENRITH	20s 500m knockout
ROUND 5	SUN 17 JAN 2021	POINT WOLSTONCROFT	20s 200m
JINDABYNE CHALLENGE*	13/14 FEB 2021	LAKE JINDABYNE	-
SYDNEY LUNAR FESTIVAL	FEB 2021	DARLING HARBOUR	20s 200m
REGION V REGION	SAT 27 MAR 2021	SIRC, PENRITH	20s/10s
STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS	SUN 28 MAR 2021	SIRC, PENRITH	20s 500m
2021 AUSCHAMPS*	15-19 APR 2021	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	-

\* = not run by DBNSW

DBNSW reserves the right to change the program



## EVENT FAQs

### **How will COVID-19 affect regattas in the upcoming season?**

At the time of writing government restrictions have been placed on both the number of participants in a boat as well as the number of attendees at outdoor events. We are optimistic that as the weeks go on restrictions will continue to ease and we will be able to hold regattas as normal. With that in mind we have already begun to develop contingencies and work arounds so that regattas can continue as regularly as possible if limitations are still in place.

### **How will the new race formats work such as the 6k and knock out events?**

We hope to release in late July/early Aug a full breakdown of how each of the new race formats will work as well as what categories will be available. We will also be trialing some different regatta scheduling such as prem/junior mornings, senior afternoons and vice versa.

### **What is digital marshaling and how will it work?**

Regular attendees of regattas will be well aware of the hassle clubs have organising ID tags for paddlers and the amount of paper consumed to submit crew sheets! Through the use of our online platform RevSPORT we are now able to marshal teams without the need of physical cards or crew sheets. Race Marshals will have tablets to undertake crew checks by accessing the same information that was on paddler tags and crew sheets, albeit digitally.

### **Will the new marshaling system be available at regional regattas?**

At this time digital marshaling will only take place at DBNSW run regattas but work is already underway for the system to be used by clubs running their own regattas. We expect this to be up and running sometime in 2021.

Without physical ID tags regional regattas are still able to marshal via paper crew sheets and using the new **member finder tool** which will be launched shortly on the dbnsw website. This tool will allow regatta organisers to find out if a paddler is financial and eligible to paddle. For privacy reasons this tool only provides the id, name, state, club and postcode of a member as well as their membership status. Further information on this finder will be provided to clubs running regattas in 2020/21.

### **What about courses such as coaching and officiating?**

We hope to announce dates for coaching courses in the next couple of months, covid restrictions permitting. As usual we will attempt to host at least one course in each region during the season depending on interest levels.

If you or your club are interested in officials courses please contact dbnsw to discuss.

## SCHEDULE OF FEES

FEE TYPE	RATE (incl. GST)	DESCRIPTION/FURTHER INFO
Adult Membership (over 18 years)	\$100.00 p.p.	Individual association fee with the state body for those over the age of 18 years. Reduced fee due to COVID-19.
Junior Membership (11 - 17 years)	\$50.00 p.p.	Individual association fee with the state body for those under the age of 18 years. Reduced fee 19/20 carried into 20/21
Adult Regatta Entry	<i>regular</i> \$41.00 p.p.  <i>late</i> \$82.00 p.p.	Entry fee into a DBNSW operated event for an adult.
Junior Regatta Entry	<i>regular</i> \$17.50 p.p.  <i>late</i> \$17.50 p.p.	Entry fee into a DBNSW operated event for a junior.
Club Membership	\$835.00 per club	Club affiliation fee with DBNSW.
Boat Hire	\$1,285.00 per boat	Boat Hire for affiliated clubs for full season (1 July - 30 June)
Bank St Levy	\$600.00 per boat	All affiliated clubs that hire a boat that is stored and/or used at Bank St will be levied per boat
Boat Hire (CLUB - ONE OFF)	\$175.00 per boat	Boat Hire for one off session. For Clubs only.
Boat Hire (CORPORATE - ONE OFF)	\$255.00 per boat	Boat Hire for one off session. Only available to external organisations.
Regatta Application Fee	\$50.00	Fee to be paid alongside application for club wishing to run accredited regattas.
Accredited Regatta Fee	\$560.00	Fee payable psot event by clubs operating their own regattas as a DBNSW accredited event.
Northern Region Trailer Equipment Levy	\$184.00	Fee payable by all Northern Region Clubs.
Coaching Course - Level 1	\$345.00	Registration Fee for attendance at two day AusDBF level 1 coaching course.
Officials Course - Level 1	\$180.00	Registration Fee for attendance at one day AusDBF level 1 officials course.

A number of forms have been updated for the 2020/21 season and can be found the dbnsw website:

- [Club Membership Application Form](#) (must be submitted by Mon 31 Jul)
- [Membership Declaration](#) (agreed to by member when registering online)
- [Participant Waiver Forms](#) (allowance for five paddles, must be stored for five years min)
- [Bank St Boat Hire Form](#) (by Mon 31 July)
- [Regatta Application Form](#)





A common question DBNSW gets is what is included in my state membership and where does our money go?

### **Individual membership benefits includes:**

- Insurance incl. personal accident, professional indemnity and public liability cover
- Access to local, state, national and international sanctioned regattas
- Access to coaching & officiating courses
- Access to Sweep Accreditation Scheme
- Pathway to state and national representative level dragon boating
- Membership & safety system
- State & national body e-communication

### **Where do my registration fees go?**

- National (AusDBF) and International (IDBF) levy
- Individual insurance
- Membership system
- Development programs i.e. club roadshows, youth program
- Club communication, resources and advice
- State campaign (nationals entry, coach/manager expenses)
- Committee expenses (Competition & Technical, Sweep Group, Board)
- Other (staff, governance & safety policies, advocacy/lobbying, office costs, strategic development)
- Leadership Programs

# INSURANCE

## INDIVIDUAL

Insurance cover is provided to affiliated clubs and individual members of Dragon Boats NSW. Insured parties may include paddlers, coaches, sweeps, volunteers and committee members.

Cover includes personal accident, public liability and professional indemnity during activities sanctioned by AusDBF & state bodies such as training, regattas, meetings, travel to and from activities (domestic), fundraising, sweeping, coaching, etc.

## CLUB COVERAGE

Club affiliation with DBNSW provides public liability and professional indemnity cover. Additionally clubs have the option to obtain additional coverage including for:

- Marine Hull – coverage for your club owned boats
- Equipment – coverage for club own equipment and accessories
- Facility – coverage for club's facilities

Please contact [accounts@dbnsw.org.au](mailto:accounts@dbnsw.org.au) if your club would like to add any of the above to their schedule.

Further details on coverage including claims, benefits, excess, scope of cover, etc can be found at...

[www.vinsurancegroup.com/dragonboat](http://www.vinsurancegroup.com/dragonboat)

## COME & TRY (NEW PADDLERS)

New people wanting to try the sport can do so for free! New paddlers (not registered in the preceding season) can attend up to five (5) the sessions after which they must register if this wish to continue to paddle. A waiver form must be completed by the trialing individual prior to their first session.

## GRACE PERIOD

A registered individual member has access to insurance coverage once payment for DBNSW state registration fees have been received either by DBNSW or the member's club.

Members are able to register/renew from 1st July 2020.

Usually a two-week grace period is provided to all returning members but in light of the COVID-19 pandemic AusDBF has arranged for that period to be extended till **30 August 2020**.

This will allow members to continue to paddle with coverage. After this date members will be required to renew if they wish to be covered for the 2020/21 season.

This does not apply to brand new members, only those renewing.

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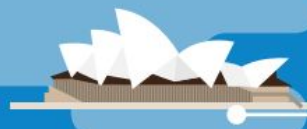


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## MEMBER PROTECTION & SAFE GUARDING CHILDREN

DBNSW is committed to health, well-being and safety of its members. Furthermore DBNSW believes all its members should have a sporting experience, which is free of harassment, abuse and discrimination.

The [DBNSW Member Protection Policy](#) has been put in place to provide protection to both their clubs and individual members. All registered clubs, members, volunteers etc are bound by this policy. Items that are

included under the scope of the policy include;

- Safeguarding Children
- Discrimination
- Harassment
- Bullying

Additionally the policy outlines DBNSW Complaints Procedures as well as Disciplinary Matters for those who are in breach of the policy. The [Child Protection Policy](#) is also a highly valuable document.

### **COMPLAINTS**

Dragon Boats NSW aims to provide a simple, confidential and trustworthy procedure for resolving complaints based on the principles of natural justice.

Any person (a complainant) may report a complaint about a person, people or organisation bound by this policy (respondent) if they feel they have been harassed, bullied or discriminated against or there has been a breach of this Policy.

Such complaints should be reported to the designated Club Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO), Club Committee or Association's Chief Executive.

If a complaint relates to behaviour or an incident that occurred at the:

- **CLUB LEVEL**, or involves people operating at the club level, then the complaint should be reported to and handled by the relevant club in the first instance
- **STATE LEVEL**, or involves people operating at the state level, then the complaint should be reported to and handled by the relevant state association (Such as DBNSW) in the first instance
- **NATIONAL LEVEL**, or involves people operating at the national level, then the complaint should be report to and handled by the relevant national association (AusDBF) in the first instance

A complaint may be dealt with informally or formally. The complainant will usually indicate his or her preferred option unless Dragon Boats NSW, the club MPIO, or Chief Executive considers that the complaint falls outside this policy and would be better dealt with another way i.e. the law may require that the complaint/allegation to be reported to an appropriate authority.

Individuals and organisations may also seek to have their complaint handled by an external under anti-discrimination, child protection, criminal or other relevant legislation.

If a complaint relates to a breach of the Race Rules and Regulations, this should be handled by the race day officials and not under this policy.



## SAFETY

### **COVID-19 Management**

DBNSW has produced a number of templates, checklists and resources for clubs to manage the impact of COVID-19 on their clubs and get back on the water as soon as possible. Some of these include Safety Plan, Return to Paddle Checklist, Posters, etc.

These can all be viewed on the dbnsw website [COVID INFO HUB](#).

### **Checklists**

DBNSW has also developed a **Training/Event Safety Checklist** for both training sessions and events (regattas). These can be used by sweeps and/or coaches prior to training sessions.

For regatta organisers this check is mandatory and should be performed prior to their event. We also encourage event runners to utilise the [template safety operations manual](#).

This checklist is highly recommended as it supports club safety of its members and will enhance the existing safety procedures of sweeps.

There are two ways to complete the checklist:

- A)** Through the Safe365 mobile application ([instructions can be found here](#)) or
- B)** Using the manual/paper form (available for [download here](#))

The Facility Management is an additional checklist that will help clubs identify risks at their venues.

All checklists are available through Safe365 or the dbnsw website.



### ***Swim Testing***

Dragon boating activity takes place in an aquatic environment which come with inherent risks for those participating. All groups and people involved in participating in the sport should endeavour to reduce this risk for participants where possible by undergoing an annual **Swim Test**.

Within the Australian Dragon Boat Federation (AusDBF) Safety Manual any individual participating in the sport must have the capability to swim up to 50 metres or tread water unassisted for 10-15 minutes while fully clothed. If the individual does not have this ability they are required to wear a life jacket while partaking in any dragon boat activity be it training, racing or otherwise.

It is highly recommended by Dragon Boats NSW that every affiliated club takes the responsibility to assess their financial member's competency via a swim test.

This Skills Test Guidelines comes in two parts;

- Recommended testing procedures for the swim test with assessment form template
- Recommended recording of member information and ongoing assessment

Membership Registrars should note new fields have been added in RevSPORT on members records that can be used to store assessment information (Swim test verified, swim test completed date).

View the Skills Test Guidelines [here](#).

Additionally... There a number of risk and safety policies, guidelines and resources that can be found on the DBNSW website [here](#).

## ACTIVE KIDS

### What is the Active Kids Rebate program?

The NSW Government will provide a rebate through a voucher system to parents/guardians of school enrolled children. The 2 x \$100 voucher can be used for registration and participation costs for sport activities. The initiative is designed to encourage more children to become active and help reduce the cost of participation.

### Who is eligible to claim the vouchers?

Every child enrolled in school up to Year 12 is eligible. The program is not means tested. Two vouchers will be available for every child in the family annually over the next four years.

### What can the vouchers be used for?

The vouchers can be used for registration or membership fees for structured sporting activities that are eight weeks or longer as well as for equipment ordinarily provided by the provider on registration for competition e.g. hat, shirt, stick or ball.

### Can a club accept the second voucher?

Yes, but it must be used for a second hockey activity that is 8 weeks or longer. For example; voucher one is used for Dragon Boats registration & voucher two is used for a development program.

### Can vouchers be combined for the same activity?

No, you cannot combine the two vouchers. Active kids is intended to increase a child's participation in sport or active recreation. You cannot combine two vouchers to pay for a single activity in the same term, even if the activity costs more than \$100. The vouchers must be used for a separate program or activity or a different activity.

### How can clubs maximise the benefit of the Active Kids Rebate?

Collect fees via Revolutionise. If clubs collect their fees via Revolutionise the \$100 Active Kids Rebate will be applied to the combined total of State, Association and Club fees.

### When are the vouchers available and when do they expire?

The first voucher is available from the 1st of January and expires 31st December, the second voucher is available 1st of July and expires 31st December. Each voucher can only be used once (if the chosen activity fees are less than \$100, then the remaining balance cannot be used).

More information can be found on the NSW Office of Sport...

[www.sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids](http://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids)

The logo for Active Kids, featuring the words "ACTIVE KIDS" in a bold, white, sans-serif font inside a dark blue circle. Below the text is the NSW Government crest.

ACTIVE  
KIDS

A promotional banner for the Active Kids program. It features a photograph of several young girls in blue and white rowing uniforms, actively rowing a boat on a body of water. The background is a bright blue gradient. The text "ACTIVE KIDS" is in a dark blue circle on the left, and "CLAIM TWO \$100 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS" is in white text on a dark blue background at the bottom.

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ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

## RESOURCES

### ***Play By The Rules***

Have a problem? Have you checked out Play by the rules? Play by the Rules provides information, resources, tools and free online training to increase the capacity and capability of administrators, coaches, officials, players, parents and spectators to assist them in preventing and dealing with discrimination, harassment, child safety, inclusion and integrity issues in sport.

<https://www.playbytherules.net.au/>

### ***Sports Community***

Sports Community is an online provider of online training courses and committee resources for sport clubs. From videos, ebooks, webinars, templates, checklists and much more.

They have recently launched their Volunteer Toolkits which are targeted to specific committee roles such as the president, treasurer, secretary and more!

Find more on the Sports Community website [here](#).

### ***Club Resource Share***

Last season DBNSW launched a new page on their website where clubs can share resources that they have developed that may help other clubs. Some current examples include strategic planning guide, recruitment campaign, survey templates and more. If your club has something to contribute please get in touch with DBNSW!

View the resource share [here](#).

### ***Office of the Children's Guardian***

The Office of the Children's Guardian works to improve the protection of children in NSW by helping organisations, employers and individuals understand the meaning, importance and benefits of being child safe.

<https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/>

### ***Sport Australia***

Sport Australia are helping sporting clubs and associations examine how they operate and identify areas of improvement by providing information, resources and tools.

<https://www.sportaus.gov.au/>







## VOLUNTEERING

Dragon Boats NSW relies heavily on the support of its community in running regattas. We are now calling on the assistance of volunteers for the upcoming 2020 - 2021 season.

Volunteering is a great way to support your club and the DBNSW community particularly for those wanting to stay in touch with the sport but may no longer be able to participate!

Those interested in volunteering at our regattas can complete an online nomination form [here](#).

In the weeks leading up to a regatta selected volunteers will be sent an email requesting confirmation of their attendance. A final email will be sent to volunteers the week prior to the regatta containing a job allocation roster and further information.

Transport & accommodation is considered for volunteers and officials at regattas that are of significant distance from Sydney (i.e. Wagga Wagga, Mudgee).

## PARTNERS



Dragon Boats NSW (DBNSW) is a proud partner of **Team Elite** the official Apparel Supplier of Dragon Boats NSW.

If you would like to get in touch with Team Elite to get your club kitted out, contact them at [info@teamelite.com.au](mailto:info@teamelite.com.au) or via their website [www.teamelite.com.au](http://www.teamelite.com.au)

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