

Dragon Boats NSW Inc.

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DBNSW Safety Policy

Application of this Policy:

This policy provides DBNSW and subsequent representatives with the authority to act upon or advise on matters for the safe participation in the sport of dragon boating of all member clubs and their membership.

DBNSW shall use its best endeavours to comply with its moral and legal responsibility to provide a safe and healthy environment for all participants. Safety and the prevention of injury to participants are of paramount importance to DBNSW.

This policy applies to members and clubs registered with DBNSW undertaking any activities related to the sport of dragon boating. Individual Clubs will retain the responsibility for all applicable membership, training and locally organised events.

DBNSW will retain at all times the right to direct clubs to cease any activities it deems unsafe or contrary to this Policy.

DBNSW is committed to:

- promoting an environment where the safety of all those participating in the sport of dragon boating, (whether as paddlers, drummers, sweeps, officials, volunteers or spectators) is the most important consideration;
- developing and implementing all reasonable and practical safety initiatives to manage any foreseeable risk of injury to participants;
- promoting compliance with legislative requirements, current industry standards and guides for the safe management of events, regattas, and training;
- promoting identification and management of risks associated with both on water and land based competition and training;
- providing health and safety information, instruction, and advice as is necessary for clubs to manage the health, safety and welfare of participants; and
- promotion of compliance with published DBNSW safety guidelines and policies.

Clubs shall be responsible for:

- implementation of, and adherence to, this policy in their area of responsibility;
- adherence to legislative responsibilities under *Marine Safety Act 1998 and Marine Safety Regulation 2016*
- application, as deemed appropriate, of DBNSW safety guidelines and policies;
- proactive and early identification and management of hazards associated with the sport of Dragon Boat racing;
- supporting the 'Sweep' to fulfil his or her role and duties as designated 'master of the vessel' (under maritime legislation); and
- education and induction of all their participants in relevant safety procedures.