



INFORMATION BULLETIN 1

December 16 2011

The Australian Dragon Boat Federation (AusDBF) and Dragon Boats Victoria (DBV) welcome paddlers, officials, dignitaries, volunteers, supporters, families and friends to the 2012 AusDBF Australian Dragon Boat Racing Championships. .

Our annual flagship event will showcase dragon boat racing and its cultural activities to thousands of people in the Melbourne CBD over five days at Docklands from 1-5 April.

The growth of the Championships to a five day event for the first time is testament to the remarkable expansion in competitor numbers and clubs throughout Australia. The state representative crews will retain their traditional race day on the opening morning as they vie for superiority, before the club competition sees a record number of entries race over 200m, 500m and 2000, distances in 10s and 20s. At stake will be the title of 'Australian Champion' as well as the honour of representing Australia at the IDBF 2012 World Club Crew Championships in Hong Kong from 4-8 July.

This is the third occasion DBV has hosted the AusDBF Australian Dragon Boat Racing Championships. In 1999 crews raced on the Yarra River, just around the corner from this season's venue; and in 2006 at Nagambie Rowing Course in country Victoria. The 2012 Championships will build on the success of recent events, with record entries, media coverage, races, and the tightest competition in our history. Every competitor and participant is certain to leave with a suite of remarkable memories and experiences. We look forward to seeing you there.

Kel Watt
AusDBF President

Trevor Huggard
DBV President

ENTRY FEES*

Single Day Entry – State v State (1 April)

Adults:	\$50
Juniors:	\$30

Single Day Entry – Club v Club (2-5 April)

Adults: includes entries in 10s and 20s	\$70
Juniors: includes entries in 10s and 20s	\$35

Four-Day Entry** - Club v Club (2-5 April)

Adults: includes entries in 10s and 20s	
Paid by 1 February 2012	\$200
Paid after 1 February and by 1 March 2012	\$230
Paid after 1 March 2012	\$260

Juniors: includes entries in 10s and 20s	
Paid by 1 February 2012	\$120
Paid after 1 February and by 1 March 2012	\$140
Paid after 1 March 2012	\$160

After Party – Etihad Stadium (5 April) \$55



澳洲龍舟協會

ABN 79 388 702 078

Members

- Canberra Dragon Boat Assoc
- Dragonboat Assoc of SA
- Dragon Boats NSW
- Dragon Boats NT
- Dragon Boat Federation WA
- Queensland Dragon Boat Federation
- Dragon Boats Victoria
- Dragon Boats Tasmania
- Dragons Abreast Australia

Executive

President
Kel Watt

Administration
Janelle Gamble

Cultural
Yuen Nirmala

Development
Chris Alexandrou

Finance
Loretta Lewis

Communications
Mal Grieve

Technical
Melanie Cantwell

Correspondence

PO Box 3329
Nth Strathfield NSW 2137
Australia

0412 734 718

www.ausdbf.com.au

Page 1 of 10



IDBF Member for Australia





*The entry fee covers entry to all categories of racing and is inclusive of GST.

**Four day packages covers all categories of club racing from 2-5 April.

NOTE: To participate at the AusDBF Australian Dragon Boat Racing Championships, all clubs **must** be registered members with their State/Territory Association who is the financial member of AusDBF.

TIME LINES

Deadline date for Expression of Interest:	Midnight (EST) Friday 23 rd December 2011
Deadline date for FINAL team entries:	Midnight Sunday 26 th February 2012
Deadline date for payment of entry fees:	COB Sunday 4 th March 2012
Deadline for submissions to Race Program:	COB Sunday 4 th March 2012
Deadline for After Party RSVP:	TBA
Date Draft Race Draw will be sent out:	Monday 12th March 2012
Date Final race Draw will be sent out:	Monday 19 th March 2012

COMPETITION PROGRAM

Saturday 1st April	9am - 3pm	Training sessions Venue set up
	9am - 11am	AusDBF Board meeting Venue: NAB Offices, Docklands
	11:30am – 2:30pm	AusDBF Meeting Venue: NAB Offices, Docklands
	2:45pm – 4pm	Team Managers Briefing Venue: NAB Offices, Docklands
	4pm – 5pm	Opening Ceremony Venue: Docklands Harbour
	6pm – 7pm	President's Drinks
Sunday 1st April	12pm – 5pm	State v State racing 500m 20s Opens, Women and Mixed
Monday 2nd April	8am – 2pm	Club Crew Racing 500m Mixed 20s and 10s All Divisions
	3pm – 5pm	Club Crew Racing 2000m turn race 20s Mixed only All Divisions





Tuesday 3 rd April	8am – 2pm	Club Crew Racing 500m 20s and 10s Open and Women All Divisions
	2pm – 6pm	Club Crew Racing 2000m 20s Open and Women All Divisions
Wednesday 4 th April	8am – 3pm	Club Crew Racing 200m 20s and 10s Mixed All Divisions
Thursday 5 th April	8am – 3pm	Club Crew Racing 200m 20s and 10s Open and Women All Divisions
	7pm – midnight	After Party Venue: Etihad Stadium, Docklands

AusDBF COMPETITION REGULATIONS AND RULES OF RACING

Clubs may enter both 20s and 10s categories.

Clubs may **not** list a paddler for competition in the divisional category 20s, as those listed paddlers in the same divisional category 10s crew.

Please be aware that the inclusion of 10s racing will have a potential impact on the number of crews per category and division permitted. Some compromises may be incurred by clubs with regards to the number of crews able to be accommodated. Acceptance of nominations will be at the discretion of AusDBF (particularly affecting those clubs wishing to enter both 20s and 10s). AusDBF is endeavouring to allow all clubs across Australia the maximum opportunity to enter and participate.

The race program has five (5) minute turnarounds using three (3) fleets of boats. 10s will be racing in standard 20s boats which allows no margin for capsizes, weather conditions and other unforeseen events.

It is vital for planning that all clubs intending to compete at the Australian Championships complete the EOI realistically.





This form is an EOI only. Once the deadline for EOIs has been reached AusDBF will determine which categories and divisions will be run. Your EOI will provide the basis for that decision. Please do not assume as the category is on the EOI it will be a confirmed category or division.

Category / Division	20s -Max No	10s -Max No	Category / Division	20s -Max No	10s -Max No
Junior Mixed	12	12 (200m only)	Masters Mixed	12	18
Junior Open	6	6 (200m only)	Masters Open	6	6
Junior Women	6	6 (200m only)	Masters Women	12	12
Premier Mixed	30	42	Grand Masters Mixed	12	12
Premier Open	18	24	Grand Masters Open	6	6
Premier Women	24	24	Grand Masters Women	12	12

Exemptions:

With the inclusion of 10s racing no exemption requests for a paddler to race with another club will be accepted.

Please ensure you comply with the AusDBF Rules and Regulations.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP:

If a State enters two (2) crews in the same category and division only the highest placing of the teams will be awarded points. Points will be awarded on final placings only: 1st place 6 points, and 6th place 1 point, regardless of entries in that category and division.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP:

The Club Championship will be awarded to the club that accumulates the greatest total of points throughout the four-day Club Championships. Points available for each category and crew will be determined once final entries are submitted. Unlike the State Championship, the Club Championship will allow the points accrued from multiple crew entries from any club.

CONTACTS:

Questions about Melbourne:

David Abel
 Chair of Organising Committee
 david@yarrariverdragons.com
 0430 373 401

Questions about technical aspects (entries, race rules etc)

Melanie Cantwell
 AusDBF Technical Director
 technical@ausdbf.com.au
 0418 480 731

Questions about administration

Janelle Gamble
 AusDBF Administration Director
 admin@ausdbf.com.au
 0412 734 718

Questions about finances

Loretta Lewis
 AusDBF Finance Director
 finance@ausdbf.com.au
 0400 191 770 (after 5pm on weekdays)



TEAM REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEE PAYMENTS:

Information on team entries and individual paddler registration will be made available in the next Bulletin, released in the new year. Information will also be provided on the AusDBF website. The manner in which entry fees and After Party ticket purchases can be made will also be released at this time.

PHOTO IDs:

It is the responsibility of every competitor to bring their State Registration (photo ID) cards. Paddlers will be required to present them at marshalling for any race where they may be checked. Competitors without a State Registration ID will not be allowed to race.

Crew lists will be randomly checked through the heats, repechages and semis. Every team and individual will be checked for every Final.

GENERAL:

- Venue:** All Championship events, including Opening Ceremony, racing, award presentations and After Party will take place at Docklands Harbour, Melbourne.
- Accommodation:** Refer to link available on the DBV website: www.dragonboatsvictoria.com.au
- Parking:** Limited paid parking will be available at Etihad Stadium (adjacent to race course) and teams are encouraged to bus / car pool to the venue. Volunteers and officials will be provided with designated parking spaces.
- After Party:** Etihad Stadium, Thursday 5 April. \$55 (inc GST) a ticket.
- Public Transport:** A special deal with Metrolink Trams and Trains has been secured for the AusChamps, saving every competitor over \$50 each. For just \$5 you will receive a pass/wristband for "free travel" on the entire metropolitan network for the duration of the event. AusDBF is required to provide the numbers of passes wanted and the money by end of February, so please start identifying team members who will want this special service.
- Merchandise:** Details on how individuals and clubs can pre-order merchandise items will be released in the new year and next Bulletin. Information will also be available on the AusDBF website. The catalogue of merchandise is already available by using this link: http://www.theregattashop.com.au/ADBC/ADBC_Catalogue2.pdf
- If you have any questions about merchandise email merchandise2012@dragonboatsvictoria.com.au

TRAINING:

A limited number of boats will be available from 9am -3pm on **Saturday 31st March only**. Bookings will be available in the New Year, with clubs and state crews advised in a future Bulletin.



Expression of Interest - State Championships

Location: Docklands Harbour, Melbourne

Date: Sunday 1 April 2012

State: . ACT NSW NT Qld SA Tas Vic WA
(Please clearly circle your state)

State Crew Category 500m:

Category & Division	Entries (max. 2)	Category & Division	Entries (max. 2)	Category & Division	Entries (max. 2)
Junior Open		Junior Women		Junior Mixed	
Premier Open		Premier Women		Premier Mixed	
Masters Open		Masters Women		Masters Mixed	
Grand Masters Open		Grand Masters Women		Grand Masters Mixed	
Great Grand Dragons Open		Great Grand Dragons Women		Great Grand Dragons Mixed	

Regional State Crew Category 500m:

Category & Division	Entries (max. 2)	Category & Division	Entries (max. 2)	Category & Division	Entries (max. 2)
Premier Open		Premier Women		Premier Mixed	
Masters Open		Masters Women		Masters Mixed	
Grand Masters Open		Grand Masters Women		Grand Masters Mixed	





Notes:

For State competition, competitors (including drummers and sweeps) are not allowed to 'double up' between categories.

EOIs close on Wednesday 21 December 2011

Team Manager: (write name)

Contact Details:

Email:(write)

Mobile:.....(write)

Manager's signature:..... Date:.....

State President / Secretary Signature:..... Date:.....

All responses to:

Email: technical@ausdbf.com.au or **Fax:** (02) 9746 3214





Expression of Interest – Club Championships

Location: Docklands Harbour, Melbourne

Date: Monday 2 April to Thursday 5 April 2012

Club: (write club name)

Please write down the total number of crews your club intends to enter in each category and division.

Crew Category 500m (Standard 20s) Monday and Tuesday:

Category & Division	Entries	Category & Division	Entries	Category & Division	Entries
Junior Open		Junior Women		Junior Mixed	
Premier Open		Premier Women		Premier Mixed	
Masters Open		Masters Women		Masters Mixed	
Grand Masters Open		Grand Masters Women		Grand Masters Mixed	

Crew Category 500m (Small 10s) Monday and Tuesday:

Category & Division	Entries	Category & Division	Entries	Category & Division	Entries
Premier Open		Premier Women		Premier Mixed	
Masters Open		Masters Women		Masters Mixed	
Grand Masters Open		Grand Masters Women		Grand Masters Mixed	





Crew Category 200m (Standard 20s) Wednesday and Thursday:

Category & Division	Entries	Category & Division	Entries	Category & Division	Entries
Junior Open		Junior Women		Junior Mixed	
Premier Open		Premier Women		Premier Mixed	
Masters Open		Masters Women		Masters Mixed	
Grand Masters Open		Grand Masters Women		Grand Masters Mixed	

Crew Category 200m (Small 10s) Wednesday and Thursday:

Category & Division	Entries	Category & Division	Entries	Category & Division	Entries
Junior Open		Junior Women		Junior Mixed	
Premier Open		Premier Women		Premier Mixed	
Masters Open		Masters Women		Masters Mixed	
Grand Masters Open		Grand Masters Women		Grand Masters Mixed	





Crew Category 2000m turn race (Standard 20s) Monday and Tuesday:

Category & Division	Entries	Category & Division	Entries	Category & Division	Entries
Junior Open		Junior Women		Junior Mixed	
Premier Open		Premier Women		Premier Mixed	
Masters Open		Masters Women		Masters Mixed	
Grand Masters Open		Grand Masters Women		Grand Masters Mixed	

Notes:

For Club competition, competitors (including drummers and sweeps) are discouraged from ‘doubling up’ between categories. Three fleets of boats will be used, and if a competitor is not in the marshalling area or available for a race without delaying ID checks and a race start, they will not be allowed to race.

Team Manager:(write name)

Contact Details:

Email:(write)

Mobile:.....(write)

Manager’s signature:..... Date:.....

Club President / Signature:..... Date:.....

All responses to:

Email: technical@ausdbf.com.au or **Fax:** (02) 9746 3214

