



# 2024 Australian Dragon Boat Championships

## 17th – 21st April 2023

### Champion Lakes, Armadale, Perth WA

## Bulletin 1 – December 2023

AusDBF is looking forward to hosting AusChamps in 2024 in Perth with support from Dragon Boat Western Australia. 2024 will be the 5<sup>th</sup> occasion in which Western Australia has hosted AusChamps namely in 1996 at Fremantle, 2004 (Canning River), 2008 and 2015 at Champion Lakes.

AusDBF would like to take this opportunity to thank the DBWA Organising Committee, which has been working hard to bring you these Championships.

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## 1. Host Venue

Refer to the FAQ sheet - <https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/cups/ausdbf/files/tq3dc1hfmrdxoxks.pdf>

## 2. Links to register teams via revSPORT

Day 1 – Seniors 200m+2km - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/events/217288/>

Day 2 – Seniors 500m+2km - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/events/217290/>

Day 3 – State v State 500m + 1000m turn race - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/events/217295/>

Day 4 – Premier/Juniors 500m+ 2km - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/events/217296/>

Day 5 – Premier/Juniors 200m + 2km - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/events/217301/>

## 3. Entries: RevolutioniseSport (revSPORT)

- 8 January – revSPORT open for entries
- 1 February – revSPORT open for initial entries (opportunity to change if less than 3 crews / a chance to change entries before early bird closes)
- 18 February – early bird entries close
- 17 March – deadline for entries close
- Crew lists to be submitted online via revSPORT and close at 6am each morning of competition

## 4. Entry Fees

Early bird fee closes midnight **Sunday 18 February 2024 (entries open 08 January)**

Small boat	\$440.00 including gst per boat
Standard boat	\$730.00 including gst per boat

Deadline for entries closes midnight **Sunday 17 March 2024 (entries open 08 January)**

Small boat	\$510.00 including gst per boat
Standard boat	\$850.00 including gst per boat

## 5. Payment for entries

All entries and payments must be entered via revSPORT. AusDBF will be accepting payments by credit card only via revSPORT PIN Payment. The 2% surcharge + \$1.60 will be absorbed by the event.

**AusDBF will be utilising 2 modules for the Australian Championships.**

- The **Event Module** – which is where you will register and pay for your entries and an invoice will be produced.
- The **Regatta Module** – create and submit your crew lists. Entries **close on the 17 March**. AusDBF will enter all the entries into the Regatta Module. From here clubs will be able to enter participant names and create crew lists.

**Note 1:** AusDBF will confirm with Team Managers once entries have been loaded. Team Managers will then be able to start entering crew lists.

**Note 2:** If under Annex 5, your club is borrowing competitors from another club, the Team Manager must contact AusDBF to enter the borrowed competitors onto the crew list. The names of any borrowed competitors must be communicated to AusDBF by 1 April at the latest to ensure they are included on the crew lists correctly and to avoid issues in marshalling.

- 'Crews' Module** and 'add crew list'.

**Note 3:** Do not leave entering your crew lists to the last minute. AusDBF recommends entering crew lists as early as possible. Only minor changes should be made prior to close off. This will also ensure competitors names are included on the souvenir t-shirts supplied by event supplier.

- d) AusDBF will be using the electronic marshalling process to check off crew lists. Double check they are correct and don't leave it to the last minute to submit them.
- e) To attend AusChamps all participants **must have a photo on their revSPORT profile**, which is up to date for easy recognition in marshalling. Photos must be a headshot only; sunglasses must not be worn.

## 6. AusChamps entry cancellations and refunds

To avoid having to request refunds, double check your entries before pressing submit.

Refer to Annex 2 to Part 1 in the AusDBF Rules of Racing.

Entries will be refunded prior to close of entry (17 March). Request for refunds after close of entry will be rejected. Copy of refund request form can be downloaded from the AusDBF website -

<https://www.ausdbf.com.au/events1/>

## 7. Competition classes

AusDBF will be offering standard boats and small boats in all categories and age divisions. **However**, there needs to be a minimum of 3 crews for the competition class to run. Entries to be entered by 1 February.

This will allow the opportunity for clubs to change entries prior to close of early bird entry.

refer to CR10.5.1 (State crews) and CR10.5.2 (Club crews)

## 8. Managers Meeting

Managers Meeting will be held on Zoom on **Friday 12 April at 6pm (WA) / 7:30pm (SA/NT) / 8pm (QLD/NSW/ACT/VIC/TAS)**. Link will be forward to registered Team Managers and sweeps.

A brief daily meeting will be onsite each morning at 7am to go over any issues from the day before which may have arisen and need to be addressed.

## 9. Club Championships – Competition Classes and Distances – **Standard Boat**

Racing Class	18U	Premier	Senior A	Senior B	Senior C	BCP	ACP
Mixed	200m 500m 2km	200m 500m 2km	200m 500m 2km	200m 500m 2km	200m 500m 2km		
Women	200m 500m 2km	200m 500m 2km	200m 500m 2km	200m 500m 2km	200m 500m 2km		
Open	200m 500m 2km	200m 500m 2km	200m 500m 2km	200m 500m 2km	200m 500m 2km		

## 10. Club Championships – Competition Classes and Distances – **Small Boat**

Racing Class	18U	Premier	Senior A	Senior B	Senior C	BCP	ACP
Mixed	200m 500m 2km	200m 500m 2km	200m 500m 2km	200m 500m 2km	200m 500m 2km		
Women	200m 500m 2km	200m 500m 2km	200m 500m 2km	200m 500m 2km	200m 500m 2km	200m 500m	
Open	200m 500m 2km	200m 500m 2km	200m 500m 2km	200m 500m 2km	200m 500m 2km		200m 500m

## 11. Qualifications for IDBF CCWC 2024 – Ravenna, Italy

Refer to CR4.2.1 in the Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing.

2023 AusChamps will be used as qualifications to compete at 2024 CCWC Ravenna, Italy.

Per IDBF Regulations, each Member Nation is allowed to endorse up to 5 standard boats and 2 small boats per competition class (per category / per age division).

Qualifications are based on results from the 200m, 500m and 2000m added together. Points are awarded based on finishing positions per distance and competition class per final.

6 points = 1<sup>st</sup> place

5 points = 2<sup>nd</sup> place

4 points = 3<sup>rd</sup> place

3 points = 4<sup>th</sup> place

2 points = 5<sup>th</sup> place

1 point = 6<sup>th</sup> place

Refer to the AusDBF website for updated information on available qualifications.

<https://www.ausdbf.com.au/events1/ccwc/>

## 12. State v State Championships – Competition Classes and Distances

- To support growth in the **Premier (open age)** competition class, AusDBF will offer standard boats in Open and Women for 500m distance only (as agreed by Members States at AusDBF 2022 AGM). AusDBF is trialling extending this to Senior A, Senior B and Senior C.
- States will have the opportunity to field an additional standard boat and/or small boat crew in the Open and Women in the Premier Division providing they are entirely separate crews to above.
- To support growth in the **Junior competition class**, AusDBF will allow Member States to field a maximum of two Open and two Women small boat crews for 500m distance.
- States will have the opportunity to enter a maximum of two Open and two Women small boat crews in the Premier Division competition class in the 1000m turn race (Team A and Team B).
- Provided States enter the 500m, free entry into the 1000m turn race in that competition class will be offered.
- A 'team' in the 1000m turn race is made up of an Open and Women small boat crew in the same competition class.

- Points for the Peter Bristow State v State Cup are taken from the 500m only. Results from 1000m turn race are not included in the points calculation.
- If a State enters two 'teams' in the **Premier (open age)** for the 1000m turn race, then both teams will be eligible for medals.

### 13. 24U Division State v State inclusion

Following the inclusion of the demonstration race for the last 2 AusChamps (2022 Adelaide and 2023 Albany) AusDBF has agreed to include 24U mixed small boat competition class in the State v State Championship.

For the States who are unable to field their own 24U team, a maximum of two States can combine form a 24U mixed small boat. Combinations to be advised to AusDBF who will need to assist with entering crew lists.

The 24U competition class will be eligible for medals, however points will not be counted towards the Peter Bristow State v State Cup. Participants competing in the 24U competition class will be allowed to double roster to either Premier or Junior competition class only on the State v State Championship Day.

### 14. Rules for the 1km turn race

Instead of running the Team Pursuit as another offering for the State Championships Day, AusDBF has decided to run a 1000m turn race.

- The 1000m will be 3 turns (same as 2000m), but on a 200m course instead of a 500m course.
- The times from the Open and Women in the same age division will be added together to work out the placings.
- States can enter a crew in the 1000m turn race even if they don't have another crew to form a team in that age division. For example, a State could enter Senior B Women crew to compete even if they don't have a Senior B Open crew.
- Placings and medals are awarded on the times of the open and women crew in the age division added together to form the 'Team'. Therefore, a State with only half a 'team' would not be eligible for medals, however, are encouraged to compete to post a time.
- Depending upon number of entries it is anticipated the Open age divisions will be run separately to the women age divisions. Some age divisions may need to be combined to ensure maximum number of entries on the water.
- The standard 2000m rules will apply ([refer to R10 in AusDBF Rules of Racing](#))

## State v State Championships – Competition Classes and Distances

Racing Class	18U	24U	Premier	Senior A	Senior B	Senior C	Regional
Mixed (std boat)	500m		500m	500m	500m	500m	500m
Mixed (sm boat)		500m					
Women (std boat)			500m	500m	500m	500m	
Women (sm boat)	500m 1000m		500m 1000m	500m 1000m	500m 1000m	500m 1000m	500m 1000m
Open (std boat)			500m	500m	500m	500m	
Open (sm boat)	500m 1000m		500m 1000m	500m 1000m	500m 1000m	500m 1000m	500m 1000m

**Note:** Refer to CR10.5.1 there must be a minimum of 2 crews entered into a competition class for it to run

### 15. Boats

DBWA will be providing two fleets of Standard boats (Champion) and two fleets of Small boats (Peisheng) to be used for the 2024 AusChamps.

### 16. Social Media

Information regarding the 2024 Australian Dragon Boat Championships can be found on the below.

<https://www.ausdbf.com.au/events1/auschamps/>

<https://www.facebook.com/AusChampsAusDBF>

### 17. Competition Rules and Regulations

**Edition 11** of the AusDBF Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing will be in use for these Championships. AusDBF encourages all clubs to have read the latest rules to ensure your entries comply. The rules and regulations may be downloaded here: <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/events1/>

### 18. Exemption Requests (refer CR3.4)

Refer to Annex 3 to Part 1 in the Competition Rules and Regulations.

<https://www.ausdbf.com.au/policies/> - click to download copy of exemption request form.

Clubs are reminded exemption requests must first be submitted to your Member State for endorsement. If exemption is supported, the Member State will forward the exemption request to AusDBF for consideration. The \$20 exemption fee must be received by AusDBF before exemption will be considered. AusDBF will not consider any exemption requests direct from clubs which have not been supported by their Member State and will be returned.

It is highly recommended for a quick response; clubs include as much information as possible to avoid delays in the processing the paperwork.

## 19. Flag Bearers

A reminder that all Member States need to select their Flag Bearers and ensure they can attend the **Opening Ceremony on Friday 19 April.**

All Member States must confirm the name of their Flag Bearer including jpeg photo of the Flag Bearer and 10 lines on why the Flag Bearer was selected by Sunday **17 March** to [info@ausdbf.com.au](mailto:info@ausdbf.com.au)

## 20. Opening Ceremony

Further details on the Opening Ceremony will be provided in Bulletin 2.

## 21. Souvenir Program

A souvenir program will only be available online in PDF format for paddlers to download from the website. Please provide a jpeg club photo and half page history of your club by **Sunday 17 March.**

No late submissions will be accepted. Please include in the subject line '*Souvenir Program and your club's name*' to [info@ausdbf.com.au](mailto:info@ausdbf.com.au)

## 22. Live Results

Results can be viewed via phones or tablet from revSPORT – link emailed closer to time.

## 23. Live Streaming

2024 AusChamps will once again be live streamed via MySportLiveTV – link emailed closer to time.

## 24. Drones

Use of private drones is not permitted at Champion Lakes during 2024 AusChamps. Any individuals found flying drones may face disciplinary action under the AusDBF Disciplinary Code.

## 25. Merchandising

Team Elite have been appointed to provide the event merchandise for the 2024 AusChamps. A link will be emailed to paddlers for anyone wishing to pre-order.

## 26. Risk Management and First Aid

The Risk and Safety Officer appointed for the 2024 AusChamps is Andrew Murray from ERMS group.

## 27. Sunrise and sunset times

The sunrise and sunset times in Perth at the time of the event are shown below.

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday 17 April	06:38am	17:52pm
Thursday 18 April	06:39am	17:51pm
Friday 19 April	06:40am	17:49pm
Saturday 20 April	06:40am	17:49pm
Sunday 21 April	06:41am	17:48pm

## 28. Projected temperature forecast in April 2024 for Perth

14 to 25 degrees each day.

## 29. Volunteers

AusChamps cannot be run without a dedicated group of volunteers. AusDBF & DBWA are now calling for volunteers to take part. Click on the below link to register your interest and availability.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MWJJRTB>

## 30. Accredited Race Officials

AusDBF will send an email directly inviting Accredited Race Officials to nominate as an official at the 2024 AusChamps.

## 31. Program

Date	Program
<b>Tuesday 16 April</b>	Training sessions TBA 6pm to 8pm – <i>AusChamps Gala</i> – venue TBA
<b>Day 1</b> <b>Wednesday 17 April</b> Sunrise: 6:38am Sunset: 17:52pm	7am – Welcome to Country / Blessing of Boats Athletes / Race Officials Oath  <b>Seniors A/B/C – 200m + 2km</b> 7:30am – marshalling 8am (first race at the start pontoon) Program will run: 1. Mixed 2. Women 3. Open 4. Open/women – 2km Last race before sunset
<b>Day 2</b> <b>Thursday 18 April</b> Sunrise: 6:39am Sunset: 17:51pm	<b>Seniors A/B/C – 500m + 2km</b> 7:30am – marshalling 8am (first race at the start pontoon) Program will run: 1. Mixed 2. Women 3. Open 4. Mixed – 2km Last race before sunset
<b>Day 3</b> <b>Friday 19 April</b> Sunrise: 6:40am Sunset: 17:50pm	<b>State v State Championships</b> State Flag Bearers Ceremony <b>500m + 1000m turn race</b> (Open/Women small boat)  Jnr/24U/Premier/Snr – A/B/C
<b>Day 4</b> <b>Saturday 20 April</b> Sunrise: 6:40am	<b>Premier / Junior / BCP / ACP – 500m + 2km</b> 7:30am – marshalling 8am (first race at the start pontoon)



Sunset: 17:49pm	Program will run: 1. Mixed 2. Women 3. Open 4. Mixed – 2km Last race before sunset
<b>Day 5</b> <b>Sunday 21 April</b> Sunrise: 6:41am Sunset: 17:48pm	<b>Premier / Junior / BCP / ACP – 200m + 2km</b> 7:30am – marshalling 8am (first race at the start pontoon) Program will run: 1. Mixed 2. Women 3. Open 4. Open & Women – 2km Last race before sunset

**Note:** Dependent upon the number of entries particularly on Day 1 and Day 2 (Senior racing), AusDBF may need to review the format of the race program to ensure there is sufficient daylight hours to run the full program as outlined above.