



## Club Membership Policy

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### Obligations

AusDBF will recognise up to three dragon boat clubs (**Club Members**) in a state or territory where there is no controlling dragon boat body, or that body is not a member of AusDBF. **Club Members** must be legal entities.

1. Each **Club Member** will:

- Have objects that align with those of AusDBF as stated in clause 2 and do all that is reasonably necessary to enable the Objects to be achieved, having regard to any legislation applicable to that member's State.
- Promote the Constitution and Policies of AusDBF and the Statutes and Regulations subject to any prohibition or inconsistency in any legislation applicable to the Member.
- Support the interests of AusDBF, the Members and dragon boating.
- Work with AusDBF to support its obligations under AusDBF's strategic plan as revised from time to time.
- Be bound by this Constitution and the Policies and the Statutes and Regulations subject to any prohibition or inconsistency in any legislation applicable to the Member.
- Act in good faith and loyalty to maintain and enhance AusDBF and dragon boating, its standards, quality and reputation for the collective and mutual benefit of the Members and dragon boating.
- At all times operate with and promote mutual trust and confidence between AusDBF and the Members, promoting the economic and sporting success, strength and stability of each other and work cooperatively with each other in the pursuit of the Objects.
- Maintain records of all officials and members registered with it in accordance with the Policies and provide statistical information to AusDBF upon request.
- Not do or permit to be done any act or thing which might adversely affect or derogate from the standards, quality and reputation of dragon boating and its maintenance and development.

2. Governance arrangements of **Club Members**:

- Each **Club Member** shall take all steps necessary to ensure its constituent documents conform, and amendments conform, with this Constitution and the Policies, subject to any prohibition or inconsistency in any legislation applicable to that Member's State.
- For the avoidance of doubt, if there is any inconsistency between the constituent documents of a **Club Member** and this Constitution or the Policies, this Constitution and the Policies shall prevail to the extent of that inconsistency subject to any prohibition or inconsistency in any legislation applicable to the Club Member.
- The privileges and benefits of **Club membership** includes the right to receive notice and attend General Meetings. There is no voting right attached to this Associate Membership in accord with rule 12.1 (AusDBF Constitution).

3. Membership Fees:

- AusDBF will determine the annual subscription fee payable by each **Club Member** (9.1 AusDBF Constitution)
- The individual members of **Club Members** will pay the annual paddler levy as confirmed at each AGM.

### **Suspension or Cancellation of Membership**

- a. The Directors of AusDBF will act in accord with its Constitution Clause 7.2 in respect to breaches of the Constitution or Policies.
- b. Without limiting matters that may be referred to in the Policies, any **Club Member** that is determined by the Directors to have acted in a manner set out in clause 7.2(b) shall be liable to have their membership suspended or terminated on direction from the Directors.