



# **Dragon Boating WA**

## **Grand Prix and State Champs Regulations**

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# Grand Prix Points Regatta Rules

## Boat Provision

All clubs must make available a current model (as specified by DBWA) at regattas as per the boat roster circulated prior to season commencement.

Any club unable to provide boat on rostered dates must make their own arrangements for a boat from another club to take their place.

## Rules of Racing

The Rules of Racing and Competition are as published by the International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF) and as amended from time to time by AusDBF and or DBWA to suit local conditions in Australia and Western Australia. Where there is a conflict between DBWA Rules of Racing (stipulated below) and other published rules, DBWA rules are to prevail. All regulations can be found on the recipients' websites.

A minimum of two boats for the category to be run, with the exemption of 1000m and 2000m racing in which one team per category is possible.

## Regatta information and requirements

### Eligibility

- Only DBWA financial Clubs are eligible to participate in the DBWA Regattas.
- Clubs can enter up to two team in each division (ie 2 x mixed teams)
- Individual crew members must produce current season DBWA Registration Card (ID tag) at Marshalling prior to each race to participate, unless otherwise stipulated by DBWA
- Twenties racing may borrow a maximum of two (2) paddlers from other clubs. Borrowed paddlers must:
  - wear the race top of the club to which they belong,
  - be identified on the crew sheet, and
  - be used only if the club does not have enough paddlers of their own on the crew list (i.e. must not be substitute(s) for club paddler(s)).
- A club/crew racing with more than two borrowed paddlers will be considered as a combined crew and points will be divided between the two clubs.
- Combined crews for points can only be between two clubs.
- More than two clubs can combine with permission from DBWA, but will race DNQ (do not qualify) and will not receive any points. Participation is dependent upon lane availability. The purpose of the DNQ racing is to provide extra race practice for paddlers and crews where possible.
- Twenties racing can only borrow a sweep if the club does not have an accredited sweep of the correct gender and then must be approved by the Operations Director prior to the race. Clubs cannot borrow a sweep so they can put their sweep in the boat to paddle.
- Tens racing must only be people from one club; no borrowing of paddlers, sweeps or drummers.
- Provisional Sweeps are eligible to race providing they announce themselves at the Briefing and wear the stipulated high visibility vest at all times on the water. Unsafe practises on the water may be require for sweeps to cease caring – at the discretion of the Operations and Coaching Directors.

## Briefing

A briefing will be held for sweeps, coaches and race officials. This is compulsory to attend, as instructions and information about the event will be provided. Briefing time to be confirmed on Official Program.

## Safety

Team Managers must declare on their Crew List those crew members who cannot swim 50m. The club must provide a personal flotation device (PFD) for these members whilst racing.

DBWA Safety rules are available in the Safety Manual on website [www.dragonboatingwa.asn.au](http://www.dragonboatingwa.asn.au).

Sweeps – are eligible to race with level 2 accreditation at the agreement of the DBWA Coaching Coordinator.

Level 2 sweeps must

- Wear yellow vests.
- Inform marshalling they are only Level 2 (and ensure it is recorded on the marshalling sheet).
- Ensure arrangements have been made with the Coaching Coordinator, or a Sweep Assessor prior to sweeping to ensure the sweeping is assessed.

Every member of the paddling crew must be able to swim 50 metres in their paddling gear or otherwise shall wear a buoyancy vest.

## Starts

Toggle starts (except the 2000m) will be used unless advised differently by the chief official on the day. Failure to use the toggles at the start will result in the team being disqualified.

## Heats/Finals

There will be heats for every division, except for the 1,000 and 2,000m for which there is only one race. Each heat will be treated as a final and will be worth a number of points based on ranking (i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> place earns more points than 2<sup>nd</sup> place, which earns more than 3<sup>rd</sup>, etc.). The points will be tallied for each series of heats. For example, if one team wins each of three heats they will get the maximum total of points for that particular race on the day.

## Points

Placing	Points
First	8
Second	7
Third	6
Fourth	5
Fifth	4
Sixth	3
Seventh	2
Eight	1

- Should two teams cross the line together \*(1<sup>st</sup> place) both gain 8 points, the next across the line gains 6 points
- Clubs are eligible to enter two boats per category, however only the points from one teams' points will be utilised towards Grand Prix points.
- Where a club has two boats, points are award to each crew on the water. The crews with the most points at the end of each regatta will then be utilised towards that clubs 'grand prix points'

(i.e Team Black and Team Blue from one club each get points if Team Black has most points they would go towards overall club points ONLY)

## Volunteers

All participating clubs must provide the required number of volunteers (2) to assist on for the entire day. Volunteers are to report to the Volunteer Coordinator at the location and time specified in the Program.

## Crew Composition

The following table lists the restrictions and requirements for the various crew types that may be racing.

Crew numbers	Restrictions and requirements
Tens (10s) crew	10 paddlers, plus drummer and sweep
Twenties (20s) crew	<b>18 to 20 paddlers</b> , plus drummer and sweep
Crew composition	Restrictions and requirements
Open crew	No restrictions
Mixed crew (20s)	Minimum 5 and maximum of 10 male paddlers (excludes drummer and sweep)
Mixed crew (10s)	Minimum 3 and a maximum of 5 male paddlers (excludes drummer and sweep)
Women's crew	All paddlers, drummer and sweep must be female
Junior crew	As per applicable crew type, however all paddlers and drummer must be a <i>minimum</i> 10 years of age and <i>maximum</i> 17 years of age on the day of competition as of the 1 <sup>st</sup> of October of that year Sweep can be of any age. PFDs must be worn at all times by members under 12 years

## Crew lists

- To be in alphabetical order from Revolutionise database.
- Maximum of 16 crew members for 10s crews; maximum of 26 crew members for 20s crews.
- Participants must abide by the race rules and requirements of the event organisers whose decision in all matters relating thereto and to the suitability and eligibility of applicants is final and binding.
- Damage caused by members is only charged for if it is caused maliciously or caused through neglect or misuse. All other damage is caused by fair wear and tear or an insurable event.
- Utilise only equipment and fittings provided or required by the event organisers.
- Paddles must conform with IDBF paddle specifications 202a only.
- Any protests must be lodged in writing and accompanied by \$100 cash protest fee within 10 minutes of the results being posted for the protested race. The protest fee is only refundable if the protest is successful.
- Exemptions for the above rules can be requested to the DBWA board for review.

# State Championship Regulations

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Clubs are eligible to enter only one team per category, with the exemption of the youth categories

- Minimum of two boats for the category to be run.
- No Grand Prix points are awarded for the State Championships.

## Regatta information and requirements

### Eligibility

Only DBWA financial Clubs are eligible to participate in the DBWA State Championships. Clubs can enter only one team in each division

Individual crew members must produce current season DBWA Registration Card (ID tag) at Marshalling prior to each race to participate.

All paddlers must have competed in at least one Grand Prix Regatta of the current season. See DBWA regulations <http://dragonboatingwa.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/DBWA-General-Regulations-24-February-2013.pdf> - page 6.

### Briefing

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### Safety

Team Managers must declare on their Crew List those crew members who cannot swim 50m. The club must provide a personal flotation device (PFD) for these members whilst racing.

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Sweeps – must be a minimum of Level 3 accredited to race at State Championships

Every member of the paddling crew must be able to swim 50 metres in their paddling gear or otherwise shall wear a buoyancy vest.

### Starts

Toggle starts (except the 2000m) will be used unless advised differently by the chief official on the day. Failure to use the toggles at the start will result in the team being disqualified.

### Heats/Finals

There will be heats for every division, except for the 1,000 and 2,000m for which there is only one race. Each heat will be treated as a final and will be worth a number of points based on ranking (i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> place earns more points than 2<sup>nd</sup> place, which earns more than 3<sup>rd</sup>, etc.). The points will be tallied for each series of heats. For example, if one team wins each of three heats they will get the maximum total of points for that race on the day.

## Points

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## Volunteers

All participating clubs must provide the required number of volunteers (2) to assist on for the entire day. Volunteers are to report to the Volunteer Coordinator at the location and time specified in the Program.

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Women's crew	All paddlers, drummer and sweep must be female
Youth crew	As per applicable crew type, however all paddlers and drummer must be a <i>minimum</i> 10 years of age and <i>maximum</i> 17 years of age on the day of competition as of the 1 <sup>st</sup> of October of that season. Sweep can be of any age. PFDs must be worn at all times by members under 12

## Crew lists

- To be in alphabetical order from Revolutionise database.
- Maximum of 16 crew members for 10s crews; maximum of 26 crew members for 20s crews.

- Borrowing paddlers is *not* permitted.
- There will be no DNQ racing.
- Participants must abide by the race rules and requirements of the events organisers whose decision in all matters relating thereto and to the suitability and eligibility of applicants is final and binding.
- Reimburse the event organisers for any damages or losses caused by the entrant to equipment provided by the event organisers.
- Utilise only equipment and fittings provided or required by the event organisers.
- Paddles must conform with IDBF paddle specifications 202a only.
- Any protests must be lodged in writing and accompanied by \$100 cash protest fee within 10 minutes of the results being posted for the protested race. The protest fee is only refundable if the protest is successful.

Exemptions for the above rules can be requested to the DBWA board for review by at the date stipulated by DBWA at that time, before the date of Competition