



CREW SELECTION POLICY

The SA Dragons Abreast Inc. (SADA) Selection Committee comprises the Boat Captain(s) and Coach(s).

To maintain flexibility it is expected that all members will paddle and that the drummer and the sweep will be chosen from those paddlers, except where special circumstances apply. These special circumstances include the inability to train regularly due to ongoing ill health, and will be taken into account by the selection committee. Other contributing factors will be determined by the rules and regulations set out by the relevant governing body, e.g. DBSA, Aus DBF, IDBF and SADA.

SADA has determined that the following criteria will be applied by the Selection Committee:

LOCAL COMPETITION

Membership

- Participants must be financial members of both SADA and DBSA.

Attendance

- Regular attendance is required at training sessions and race days.

Competition eligibility; paddlers must:

- Cooperate with the team coach and boat captains, including training requirements, on and off water
- Aim to continually improve paddling technique and general physical fitness
- Respect others and take a team approach to the sport
- Accept decisions of the boat captains and team coach
- Help set up/ pack away equipment at training, race days and team events
- Volunteer on race days to help with the duties allocated to the club

Crew selection is based on the type of competition and categories entered. All members will be considered but final selection will be results-driven.



Club Contribution

- Participation in fundraising activities and functions is encouraged. It is part of SADA's club ethos to be actively involved in fund raising for both the club and charities associated with breast cancer. It is expected that members will contribute in some way towards these events particularly when they are planned to offset costs for club participation in competitions.
- It is against club policy for members to pay their way in lieu of participating in fund raising events.
- Members are also encouraged to provide support through active membership on committees, sub committees and working groups.

Boat Safety

- Importance is placed on personal safety particularly during training and competitions.
- Please note that weight distribution in the boat is an important consideration, both for performance and safety. The selection committee must consider this aspect when assembling boat crews for competition and training, and this, along with injuries and general fitness, may impact on who can be selected for a particular boat crew.
- Paddlers are expected to be familiar with the Aus DBF Policy and Procedures adopted by DBSA. This information is available through the DBSA website www.dragonboatsa.com
- Paddlers are also required to wear flotation devices when paddling after sunset and on the Torrens in line with DBSA regulations

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

- All paddlers are encouraged to attend regattas and to participate in heats, however in all final situations team selection will be based on paddling capabilities, physical fitness, balance of the boat, criteria for event category and paddler safety.

BREAST CANCER RACES

- DBSA policy states that for any breast cancer event, all paddlers are to be survivors of breast cancer.
- Members of SADA will be given priority to form teams before associate members are invited to fill boats.