



04 CREW SELECTION POLICY

The coaching group and boat captains make up the Selection Committee. They select race crews for local, intrastate, interstate and overseas competitions. Team members should direct any queries about selection decisions to the committee. The committee's decisions are final.

Eligibility for race selection

To be eligible for race selection paddlers must:

- be financial members of both SADA and DBSA
- regularly attend training sessions and race days
- cooperate with the coaching group and accept their decisions.
- commit to improving paddling technique and general fitness.
- respect others and act as part of a team
- help set up and pack up equipment at training, racing and other team events.
- help with club duties on race days.

Selecting crews

The committee selects race crews based on the type of competition and categories entered by the committee.

They take into consideration all the factors below when selecting crews:

- paddling ability and performance
- fitness and any injuries
- attendance at training and race days
- criteria for each event category, for example age, gender
- weight distribution to ensure boats are balanced.
- paddlers' safety.

The committee considers all members, but selection is ultimately driven by results. This can include performance in on-water and off-water (rowing machine) ergos and exercise groups.

Drummers and sweeps are generally selected from paddlers. Sweeps must be appropriately qualified in line with AusDBF Dragon Boat Sweep Classification Levels.

For breast cancer events, all paddlers must be survivors of breast cancer in line with DBSA policy.

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