

More insurance and membership questions answered.

Eventually all our club newsletters will be combined with relevant documents but in the meantime, here is some more information resulting from the many questions posed by members.

Membership

PaddleNSW membership is needed for:

- Paddlers who are members of your club (*standard or premium membership is required*)
- Paddlers who wish to partake in a club event (*for one event, single event insurance is required*)
- Paddlers who are coming to try the sport, and who are using equipment supplied by the club. (*Single event insurance is required..see below*)
- Members of the club executive (*Full membership is required, as PNSW provides the insurance for the club executive*)

PaddleNSW membership is NOT required for:

- Non-paddling parents and social members of your club (*just club membership will suffice*)
- Volunteers providing services for the club. (*are covered by the club's insurance providing the club has not been negligent in its duty of care*)
- A person coming to **try paddling** up to three times with the club, and who owns their own equipment. (*a single event membership form must be completed and kept by the club. No fees apply*)
- Children of Members who are under 12 years of age (*providing they are nominated on their parent's membership registration*)


Single Event membership

Clubs must ensure that single event membership is taken by any paddler partaking in an event or organised club activity. These activities do not include those applying to Premium members; single event membership does not permit participation in Australian Canoeing organised activities. The forms are available on the PaddleNSW website membership page, as Category 5 memberships. Clubs should download the forms and have a supply ready for use. At the end of each month, all completed single event forms, plus the \$10.00 fee collected for each form, must be sent to the PaddleNSW address indicated on the form. The forms are kept at the PNSW offices for future reference if claims are made, so it is very important to send these in.

Clubs and PaddleNSW events

Clubs holding events for their own members, a group of clubs sharing event management, or events conducted under the direct governance of a PaddleNSW Paddlesport Committee all need proper event management procedures.





Clubs organising their own events:

The event must be conducted according to the conditions laid down by the relevant authorities, including NSW Maritime, Local Councils, National Parks, or if in enclosed waters such as SIRC, the controlling body of that waterway. The relevant guidelines provided by PaddleNSW should be followed. Specific guidelines are available from PaddleNSW and Australian Canoeing. PaddleNSW has event management guidelines as well as many other useful documents relating to event management are available on the Archives page of the PNSW website. A duty of care must be demonstrated by the organising club, and this includes enforcing the compulsory membership of PaddleNSW (full or single event) for participants. PaddleNSW has no financial interest in the conduct of these events, unless specifically requested by the club.

Clubs sharing the responsibility of organising events:

As above, all the relevant conditions for conducting the event must be followed. There is only provision for one chief official to be nominated, and this person must work in with all stakeholders. There must be a written agreement between the clubs as to the sharing of proceeds, and the sharing of costs. Only one club bank account can be used as the working account for the event. All participating clubs or organisations must be members of PaddleNSW, and participants must likewise all be members of PaddleNSW. Once again, there is no PaddleNSW financial interest in the conduct of these events.

PaddleNSW events:


PaddleNSW conducts many events, either under its own management (eg: Canoe Polo series) or by inviting clubs to assist the running of the event (eg: rounds of the Marathon 10 series). In all cases, proceeds are distributed according to a prearranged formula, negotiated between Committee and PaddleNSW Management. In certain circumstances, the entire funds may be allocated to the Paddlesport committee.

PaddleNSW Paddlesport committees

Paddlesports Committees are assembled by the PaddleNSW Management Committee from nominations received at the AGM, or any other time as the need arises. The Paddlesport Committee is responsible for the conduct of the sport, including the management of State Championships and nomination of host clubs for series events. They manage the rules and conditions governing the conduct of the paddlesport in NSW, bearing in mind the overriding PaddleNSW policies for Constitution of Classes and Awarding of Medals.

Most importantly, Paddlesports Committees must ensure the financial viability of the events they conduct, and of the committee in general. Funds accumulated by the Paddlesport Committee are to be used by the Committee, and not by PNSW for other purposes, even though the funds pass through the general PNSW account. Newsletter No.2 indicated the procedure for management of these funds.

The PaddleNSW Management Committee will nominate from amongst its number a liaison person to communicate with the Paddlesport committee. Every 3 months or whenever deemed necessary, each Paddlesport Committee will be invited to send a representative to address a meeting of the Management Committee. This may include presentation of financial statements. At other times, normal Paddlesport business can be channelled to the Management Committee through its liaison person.





Club Development Opportunities

\$35 Million for Community Building Partnerships

A new fund, the [NSW Community Building Partnership](#), was announced in the NSW Budget on Tuesday 16 June 2009.

This new \$35 million fund will support local jobs and deliver community infrastructure across New South Wales. Up to \$300,000 will be available for each of the 93 NSW electoral districts - with a further \$100,000 available to be invested in districts with higher unemployment.

The partnership is open to community groups, not-for-profit organisations, non-government organisations and local councils, and is available for a wide range of projects such as:

- Community halls and playgrounds
- Cultural and sporting facilities
- Parks, cycleways and boat ramps.

Applications are now open

Applications opened on 22 June and **close on 10 August 2009**.

Projects should commence in 2009 and must be completed by the end of December 2010.

More information

The application forms and details are online at www.communitybuildingpartnership.nsw.gov.au

For additional information you are encouraged to contact your local state Member of Parliament or call (02) 9228-4232.

Injuries and Duty of Care

Please read the attached document relating to the responsibilities for club officials to exercise their duty of care.

Keeping you informed and active

The PaddleNSW Management Committee

