

TRIALIST vs SINGLE EVENT vs FULL membership

PaddleNSW has been endeavouring to simplify the legal requirements for Clubs when introducing new paddlers to our sport. While doing this, we must remain mindful of the limits of activities permitted by the various levels of membership.

So, here goes.....

TRIALIST MEMBERSHIP

Trialist membership is for introducing new paddlers to your club.

This applies to a new paddler attending a club to 'come and try' paddling. It is purely for the new paddler to experience the local waterway, get some introductory assistance from a club member, and remain in the company of that club member for the period of the trial. A qualified guide or instructor is not necessary, but an advantage to assist the newcomer.

The club may impose a fee for this participation, but there is no fee payable to PaddleNSW.

The fully completed application form **MUST** be retained by the club, and acknowledged on up to two subsequent visits by a signature and date in the space provided. Only up to 3 trial visits are permitted.

There is no participation permitted in any timed or competitive event, and paddlers cannot be provided with number boards, bibs, transponders or the like.

They also cannot participate in an organised activity that has a defined start and finish point.

Trialist membership forms are available as a download on the PaddleNSW website, at

SINGLE EVENT MEMBERSHIP

Single Event membership enables paddlers to participate in any Club or State event

This applies to a paddler attending any organised club event, and includes time trials, races, organised trips etc. It gives the paddler limited insurance cover while they are participating in the event, but not at any other time.

The fee for this membership is **MINIMUM \$10.00**, with \$5.00 of that sum payable to PaddleNSW.

The duplicate application form **MUST** be retained by the club, and the original sent to PaddleNSW with the \$5.00 so we can keep paddler details in case of future claims and pay for the insurance component of the application.

There is no limit to participation in any timed or competitive event, however every event requires a new single event insurance application.

Single Event membership forms are available on a pad, distributed to clubs on request.





FULL MEMBERSHIP

PaddleNSW is funded primarily by full membership fees. From these fees, the association has to pay its AC affiliation fees, and finance its own operations.

PaddleNSW now has relative financial security based on accumulated funds invested in interest-bearing accounts. This has been possible by the substantial contribution of voluntary administrative hours donated by the management committee.

However, the workload on our management committee members has to be reduced in order to maintain the longevity of the association. The management committee should be involved primarily in the management and business decisions of the association, and not the day-to-day running of administrative services.

To achieve this, it has become necessary to employ office staff for the processing of memberships, the maintenance of the website and for dealing with enquiries.

Additional increases in affiliation fees will prevent PaddleNSW from reaching the desired level of administrative support that can help us take the association forward.

It is imperative that all paddling members of clubs are also members of PaddleNSW. The restricted access list of current members is easily available for club executive to examine, so they can ensure every club member is also a member of PNSW. If you need a reminder of the log-in details, drop us a line at admin@paddleNSW.org.au.

PaddleNSW has simplified the membership process for clubs, and provided a much better and quicker process than the previous convoluted model. It is up to clubs to check their members for PNSW membership in order that they are compliant with the requirements of the insurance provided to them.

Memberships are open for renewal from the 1st June each year, and only available for renewal at \$50.00 until the 31st July. From that time onwards, membership will lapse, and paddlers will have to rejoin as new members, for the fee of \$60.00.

Boat insurance is available as an optional extra when joining or renewing PNSW membership.

Please assist the growth of PaddleNSW and paddlesports in general, by doing your bit to ensure your club is compliant with its membership obligations.

