

Welcome

Welcome to a new era in paddlesports administration in NSW. Since interim affiliation has been negotiated with Australian Canoeing, PaddleNSW is now the recognised governing body for paddlesports in NSW.

All current AC direct member paddleclubs will now join AC via PaddleNSW, and existing member paddleclubs will reap the benefits of AC membership at no additional cost.

Fees

Club membership fees for PaddleNSW Category 2 (club) membership are set at \$150.00 p.a. (with no GST applicable), payable before the 30 June. Due to the delayed changes to the membership structure, this date has been moved to 31st July for 2010 only. Membership must be current for insurance to be valid.

Individual paddlers must join PaddleNSW separately to their club memberships. Clubs should ensure that their members have PaddleNSW membership prior to joining or renewing their club membership. PaddleNSW has password-protected access to the membership list for club membership secretaries...please contact us.

For individuals, PaddleNSW has a two-tier fee structure.

- **Standard Adult** membership provides access to all PaddleNSW events not included in National Team selection processes. Cost for membership to 30th June 2010 is \$50.00
- **Premium Adult** membership provides additional access to National events, National Selection trials, and ACAS certification courses. Elite athletes, competitors at the nationals, and persons undertaking Coaches, Instructors and Officials courses will require this membership. Cost of membership to 30th June 2010 is \$80.00
- **Junior** membership (between 12 years and 17 years at 30th December 2009), is \$35.00 for standard and \$60.00 premium.
- **Children under 12** years are included on their parent's registration free of charge.
- There is no 'family' category of membership.

Benefits of membership

PaddleNSW has been established to provide services for the Paddlers of NSW, and as a result, we also provide services for their clubs. Membership of PaddleNSW is open to all paddlers, whether they are members of a club or simply individuals who like to paddle and compete in events. Clubs have a separate membership category, which entitles them to a separate suite of services to individual members. Clubs have not seen any reduction in membership because of this policy, in fact there have been tangible benefits to club membership through the introduction of new members to the club scene.

Paddleclubs who join PaddleNSW will receive many benefits far outweighing the cost of membership. These are summarised on the membership application form, and include 3 types of insurance, website presence, newsletters, assistance with membership processes, access to a range of services aimed at creating better governance, and the option to host PNSW series and State Championship events.



Insurance

We are responsible to our members for the safe conduct of events, and the good governance of their associations and clubs. As we provide insurance for club activities, we ask that clubs act in the interests of the PaddleNSW membership as a whole.

In order to comply with the requirements of PaddleNSW membership and insurance, clubs must demonstrate that they are conducting their affairs according to the principles of good governance, and that their events are run according to the appropriate guidelines. In order for club activities to be classified as sanctioned events, guidelines for the conduct of events and appropriate safety procedures must be followed. PaddleNSW is here to assist in that good governance. We respond to requests for assistance and information quickly, develop the appropriate event guidelines, and publicise courses and other services which will help clubs better manage their affairs.

PaddleNSW website

The PaddleNSW website is worth a look. It is very comprehensive and contains much information on events, club activities, and other interesting news items. All current policies and guidelines, together with results from all State-based events, are contained in the Archives, and Clubs have a page (or several) they can use to publicise their activities. We welcome contributions from our members to add extra interest to the website.

Club Constitutions

Sports administration in NSW will be undergoing a process of change later in 2009. The NSW Dept of Fair Trading has developed new rules of incorporation of associations based more on business principles rather than the previous volunteer administration structure. The NSW DASR has adopted the new sporting association constitution models as the basis for a vertical constitutional structure where each tier fits in with the one above and the one below. In the case of paddlesports, the constitutions of club, state and national associations will be updated and simplified, while accounting for more modern methods of communication.

What this means for your club, is that your constitution will be examined and updated with assistance from the DASR and PaddleNSW and the process of renewal will be made as painless as possible. PaddleNSW is also be undergoing renewal of its constitution...no one will be spared!

The NSW DASR

PaddleNSW has the support of the NSW Dept Arts, Sport and Recreation, and appreciates the assistance it has provided our organisation from its very inception. We receive both financial and administrative assistance which is indispensable in providing the framework for good association governance. The NSW DASR is regarded as providing by far the best services to associations compared with other States. We are proud to be involved with sporting administration in a State which is leading the way in good governance.

Conclusion

PaddleNSW is here to provide services for you, and grow our sport in NSW. We look forward to a rewarding alliance with your club now and in the future.

