

**DRAGONS ABREAST AUSTRALIA**  
ACN 104 261 029  
**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP**  
**July 08 – June 09**

This document is to be read in conjunction with the Trade Mark User Agreement between Dragons Abreast Australia (DAA) and the member group (the member).

1. Membership of DAA and licence to use our trademark does not confer the right to speak on behalf of DAA.
2. Persons authorised to speak on behalf of DAA are limited to the Directors and those persons with the formally delegated authority.
3. Dragon boating is a means of promoting the objectives of breast cancer awareness and does not limit DAA members from expanding their activities, with the endorsement of DAA, to incorporate other means of achieving its objectives.
4. The property and income of members is to be applied solely towards the promotion of the objectives of DAA and no part of that property or income may be paid or otherwise distributed, directly or indirectly, to members or affiliates, except in good faith in the promotion of those objects.
5. Members of member groups may be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses incurred while undertaking duties on behalf of DAA.
6. DAA membership fees shall be set by the National Executive and notified to members from time to time. Every opportunity will be taken to ensure that members are given sufficient notice of any fee increase.
7. As a condition of membership member groups shall provide DAA with copies of their annual financial reports and other documentation as required and agree to comply with the aims, objectives and policies of DAA, as contained in this document and notified from time to time.
8. The Dragons Abreast coordinator must be a breast cancer survivor.
9. In the event that the member group has a position of President that is separate to the role of the Coordinator, this occupant must be a survivor – unless an exemption has been received from Dragons Abreast Australia.
10. The majority of persons holding executive positions and of the committee as a whole of the Dragons Abreast member group must be survivors.
11. In recognition of the value to them of the DAA name, member groups of DAA are expected to support the national body with fundraising initiatives as may be required from time to time.
12. The principles of DAA are as follows:
  - Dragons Abreast Australia is based on participation and inclusiveness rather than on competition.
  - Our race is against breast cancer.
  - Open communication and accountability are vital to the success of Dragons Abreast Australia teams.

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- Dragons Abreast Australia consists of groups who operate autonomously in their own areas but always in conjunction with the principles of Dragons Abreast Australia as outlined in our policies and guidelines.
13. DAA's aims are:
- To help people with a diagnosis of breast cancer understand that they can still lead full and active lives despite physical limitations imposed by breast cancer.
  - To encourage women to “achieve their dream” of regaining an active, adventurous lifestyle despite a diagnosis of breast cancer.
  - To give a “face” to the breast cancer statistics
  - To promote wellness, fitness, fun and camaraderie for breast cancer survivors
  - To maintain links with other breast cancer dragon boat teams internationally.
14. Members of DAA member groups who wish to be competitive may join a competitive, sporting team and are encouraged to do so.

Dragons Abreast Australia paddlers are eligible, where their peak body permits, to be members of both a DAA club/team and another dragon boat club.

15. The role of the member group executive is to:
- Ensure the team is identified as a member of DAA in all promotional activities and competitions
  - Advise the National Office of any potential national sponsors for DAA, prior to making an approach, to ensure these sponsors complement the existing national sponsors of DAA
  - Provide copies of any media coverage to the National Office for use on the web site and in promotional & sponsorship applications for Dragons Abreast Australia as a whole.
  - Provide written feedback of activities undertaken by completion of a Bi-Monthly Report.
  - Conduct fundraising initiatives which benefit local member groups only within their local areas and ensure this fundraising is in accordance with the national policy.
  - Identify the proposed use of funds when conducting fundraising activities
  - Ensure national DAA sponsors and logo are prominently displayed
  - Encourage open communication within their member groups about team issues
  - Channel any queries and communication with the AusDBF about national events or issues, as they relate to breast cancer survivor paddlers, through the DAA National Office or nominated DAA representative to AusDBF.
13. Each member group is responsible for its internal administration, including:
- Insurance for team members and guest paddlers or passengers
  - Paddles, boats, sweep oars, coaches, sweeps, Personal Flotation Devices (PFD's)
  - Swimming ability and fitness levels of members
  - Group membership fees and training schedules.
  - Affiliation with their own State body, eg DBNSW (Dragon Boat NSW) that is in turn a member of the Australian Dragon Boat Federation (AusDBF).

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- Funding to cover local operating expenses.
  - Inserts to the national promotional brochure, containing local contact details and sponsors where appropriate
  - Coordination of payment of registration fees and travel to competitions on behalf of their participating members.
14. Individual members of member groups must:
- Support the principles and aims of DAA
  - Promote breast cancer awareness
  - Work co-operatively to support the Team Leader and one another
  - Acknowledge they have responsibilities to team mates and contribute to a positive environment in the boat
  - Be prepared to contribute to the operation of the member group other than as a paddling member.
15. Dragons Abreast member groups are to follow the safety guidelines as set down by their State Dragon Boat Association and DAA.
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