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Frequently Asked Questions – Dragon Boat

Will the format of the Paddling - Dragon Boat be same as 2016 Pan Pacific Masters Games?

The format is being reviewed to consider the following changes – Snr C (60s+) will only be offered in Standard Boats (20s) and we are introducing a long-distance race (time permitting).

Do I have to be part of a Dragon Boat Club to compete in this event?

Yes, you must be a Financial Member of a registered club in order to compete in this event (insurance purposes). Please ensure that you can provide your Crew Manager's name (either yourself or someone else).

What if we do not have enough members to fill an entire crew required for this event?

2 small Clubs may join to make a standard boat crew however, this must be approved by the sport convenor prior to the event. If you join, you must stay joined for the entire dragon boat event at PPMG. This is unique to the PPMG only as the AusDBF Rules & Regulations specifically state that you can only be a member of one club and compete with that club.

If the numbers of male/female competitors in my mixed crew are not 50/50 (10:10 Ratio), are we still able to compete? No – you will have to enter either Women (if all women inc drummer and steerer) or Opens. This is as per the Australian Dragon Boat Federation (AusDBF) competition rules, which can be found on the AusDBF Rules & Regulations.

Are the races judged on times or via heats?

All races are timed. Where there are more than six crews entered in a category the AusDBF Race Plan as per the AusDBF Rules & Regulations will be used. To get an idea on the structure of heats and finals progression, please refer back to the 2016 Pan Pacific Masters Games – Paddling – Dragon Boat [RESULTS](#).

Do the 'Seniors' category age restrictions apply for drummers and steerers?

Drummers - the AusDBF rule for the Snr Classes is that a drummer does not need to be age appropriate to that class with a minimum of *12 years of age to compete. However, in keeping with being a Masters Games a drummer must be at least 30+.

Steerer (sweep or helm) - Must be the age of the class. Senior A 40 +, Senior B 50+ and Senior C 60+. Please refer to rule section **2.2 Racing Divisions** of the AusDBF Rules & Regulations.

*As the registration system is set up to be age appropriate for each event, this will not allow a competition under this age bracket to apply. If the Drummer is below the overall Paddling – Dragon Boat age please email or phone the Pan Pacific Masters Games office directly (07) 5668 9888 or sportservices@goldcoastevents.com.au to make a request to be registered for this event and let the sport convenor Janine Lette events@goldcoastdragons.com.au know.

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