

Flamin' Dragons Regatta Selection Policy

This policy should be read in conjunction with all club policy and procedures, noting specifically the club's code of conduct.

1.Purpose

To clearly define the expectations of the coaching committee, of paddlers wishing to be considered for selection for club representation.

2.Administration

All paddlers need to abide by the conditions set out within this document and respect decisions made by the coaching committee.

3.Procedure

3.1 Pre-selection advice

Timely notice, via email and/or verbal means will be provided to all club members to nominate for a regatta

3.2 Selection

3.2.1 Selection will be based upon a number of conditions including fitness, paddling ability, team commitment, attendance at training as well as fit in the boat

3.2.2 Paddlers offering themselves for selection may be required to undertake water trials and/or other fitness/paddling testing. Further specific fitness criteria will be advised if required

3.2.3 Paddlers will be expected to undertake training as required by the coaching committee

3.2.4 All nominating paddlers must attend at least two (2) sports sessions per week

3.2.5 Where possible teams will be announced two (2) weeks prior to local regattas

3.2.6 Where possible SIRC, State and National teams will be announced six (6) weeks prior to events

3.2.7 The coaching committee may need to make minor changes closer to the event(s) to ensure that the best teams are available to compete

3.2.8 The coaching committee will always take into consideration a duty of care approach toward reviewing paddlers who are returning from injury or sickness, extended time off the water, or those offering themselves for selection from a non-competitive recreational training program

3.2.9 Should any conditions of this policy not be met, the coaching committee has the responsibility, together with a duty of care obligation, to review the paddler's nomination for selection

3.2.10 If an individual paddler does not meet with the selection criteria, they shall be informed by the coaching committee of the reason/s for their non-selection

- 3.2.11** Whilst every endeavor will be made to include all squad members nominating for selection, it should be noted that performing at local regattas, SIRC, State and National Title levels is a significant competitive challenge and the coaching committee has the responsibility to select the best team available. Selected paddlers must also note that selection to a team does not result in the right to paddle in every race at the regatta entered. Some paddlers may only receive limited racing on any given regatta day.
- 3.2.12** All selected paddlers are expected to maintain a high personal level of fitness with participation in a variety of off water physical activities. For those paddlers wishing to enhance their personal fitness, a qualified personal trainer's advice is recommended.

4. Appeals

Any appeal against a decision of the coaching committee, is to be submitted in writing to the coaching committee, whose decision will be final.