



Annexure A- AusDBF Safety Handbook

1. DBACT Policy- Use of Powerboats on racecourse:

It is DBACT Policy that a power boat not to be used by clubs for coaching and/or videoing purposes on the racecourse, at any time when another club is using the racecourse.

A powerboat is only to be used on the racecourse when there are no dragon boats on the course, from another club.

Should a club be using a power boat on the racecourse and a dragon boat, from another club, enters the course, the power boat is to leave the racecourse.

It is the responsibility of the power boat operator to leave the racecourse in the event a dragon boat, from another club, enters the racecourse.

This policy does not apply to power boats used for regatta related purposes.

Note - The racecourse is defined as all the lanes in the straight-line racing course as well as the area outside the marked course which is used for turn races.

2. DBACT Policy- Wearing of PFDs (Personal Floatation Devices/ Life jackets):

It is DBACT Policy that PFDs/Life Jackets must be worn:

1. From 1st May until 1st September, unless the weather and water remain cold. In this case a longer mandatory period will be advised by DBACT.

2. From sunset to sunrise, using the official Australian Government times. If your paddling session starts or finishes outside of sunset to sunrise, a PFD is required during the sunset to sunrise period. For example, if your training session starts at 6am and the sun has not risen you must wear a PFD until sunrise. If your training session commences in daylight and ends after sunset, you must wear a PFD after sunset.
3. By all junior drummers and sweeps at all times. A junior is a drummer or sweep aged between 12 and 18 years.
4. By any crew member who cannot swim at least 100 meters confidently whilst wearing paddling clothing.

DBACT recommendation

DBACT strongly recommends that all sweeps and drummers wear a PFD at all times.

Winter/night training

The following is an excerpt from the current (2021) AusDBF Safety Manual in relation to 'Winter or Night Training'. Please note, that whilst this document states that the wearing of lifejackets/PFDs is recommended between sunset and sunrise, it is DBACT Policy that the wearing of lifejackets/PFDs during this time is mandatory.

Sweeps are to ensure that their dragon boat crews are appropriately dressed for both winter and night training. Sweeps must be particularly vigilant at night. In addition, sweeps are to ensure that:

- Boat lights are fitted on the dragon boat between sunset and sun rise and in periods of reduced visibility (if possible) - refer to State Maritime regulations for light requirements.
- The lights are to be waterproof and brightly visible throughout the session (check batteries are working before leaving shore)
- At least one high powered torch is carried between sunset and sunrise (check batteries are working before leaving shore)

3. DBACT Hazards at Grevillea Park:

DBACT hazards specific to Grevillea Park in addition to our safety artefacts on the DBACT website. All DBACT personnel and visitors to be aware of these items and take appropriate action/ care. Report any new hazards by email to "DBACT Safety" <safety@dbact.com.au>.

Area	Hazard
Grevillea Park on land	

	The ground can be rough, potholed and slippery in places. Rain and rabbits damage the area and this results in changing trip hazards.
	Rain causes damage to the footpaths, washing out the gravel in places. This causes additional trip hazards.
	Be prepared for the conditions hot cold wet dry rain and wind.
	If you park in the Russell Offices car park, use the approved route to Grevillea Park that avoids crossing Morshead Drive.
Facilities buildings & containers	
	Toilet block floor can be slippery when wet
	Ensure all doors are pinned open or closed to prevent them from slamming and hitting people on windy days.
	Do not stack spare boat tyres or other equipment in piles taller than 1 meter
Stored boats	
	Ensure covers are fitted reasonably tightly, all straps are used,
	Boat cover tie straps can be a trip hazard
	Tyres and covers equipment is a trip hazard
	Tyres for 20s boats should be located between benches 1& 2 at the front and between benches 9 & 10 at the rear.
Boats on water	
	Avoid grounding the boats when arriving and departing. Have someone get out and position a landing tyre if necessary.
	Ensure contents of safety bag is checked at least 6 monthly. Bag contents defined on DBACT website. Some items are perishable/ have use by dates.
Moving boats	
	Use sufficient people to move the boats. Use the boat trolleys if appropriate. Ensure the boat is properly balanced and supported. Do not allow it to hit people or equipment.
	When crossing the footpath look out for people (walkers, cyclists, joggers etc.)
	Ask for help as required.
