

Dragon Boats NSW Inc.

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DBNSW Inc Sweep Accreditation Scheme Registrar Classifications

The DBNSW Inc Sweep Accreditation Scheme has been operating for a number of years now, using a simple method of classification – ie listing sweeps as either provisionally or fully accredited (in accord with the AusDBF Sweep Scheme). The development of the scheme – combined with steady growth of the sport into regional areas – has led us to modify the way we classify the many sweeps operating within New South Wales. *The scheme is a 'work in progress'.*

The 'new' classification system currently in use evolved from submissions and discussions held during the Sweeps Forum (DBNSW 2005 AGM), by considering grading systems of other activities, and by looking at the broad range of experience (or potential skills) that a sweep may have. The classification system came in to effect in November 2005. *Note: The 'enhanced' DBNSW sweep classifications does not alter the AusDBF system under which we also operate.*

Level 4 and Level 5 Classifications are being introduced in 2008 to recognise advanced levels of sweeping experience and to identify individual sweeps (helms) that demonstrate such advanced knowledge and skill.

DBNSW SWEEP REGISTRAR CLASSIFICATIONS:

CLUB SWEEPS

Level 0 (L0) - NOVICE Sweep:

- Refers to a novice sweep 'in training'.
- Refers to a sweep not yet observed or tested.
- Restricted to 'Club' Training sessions only (ie own Sports / DA crew).
- Must be under direct supervision of a Fully Accredited (L3) Sweep at all times.

Level 1 (L1) - RESTRICTED Accreditation:

- Primarily for Regional Sweeps and newly formed groups.
- Interim Accreditation Only. L1 Sweeps are expected to test for L2.
- Sweeps must be observed by a DBNSW representative (an L3 Sweep).
- Sweeps are to be given training prior to the commencement of crew sessions.
- Sweeps are restricted to steering 'club' paddlers at regular training sessions only.
- Sweeps are restricted to steering within the boundaries of their (approved) training location.
- NOT allowed to sweep School &/or Junior Crews at anytime unless authorised by DBNSW BoM.
- NOT allowed to sweep Corporate, Community or Social Crews in training, or events; even if supervised.
- *Refers also to sweeps requiring more water-time before (re)testing for Provisional (L2) Accreditation.*
- *Within established clubs (eg Sydney region), L1 sweeps still require an L2-L5 sweep to be on board.*

Level 2 (L2) - PROVISIONAL Accreditation:

- Allowed to sweep Sports Crews during club training sessions unsupervised.
- Allowed to sweep Sports Crews at regattas in conditions appropriate to experience*.
- Allowed to sweep Corporate & Social Crew training sessions ONLY when supervised by an L3 Sweep.
- NOT allowed to sweep School &/or Junior Crews at anytime unless authorised by DBNSW BoM.
- NOT allowed to provide unsupervised training or instruction to L0, L1 or other L2 sweeps**.
- NOT allowed to sweep Corporate, Community or Social Crews at DBNSW events.

** A sweeps individual experience should be considered when racing in difficult conditions (eg strong winds).*

*** DBNSW may allow specified L2 sweeps to instruct novice sweeps, if L3 sweeps are unavailable (eg in remote areas).*

Level 3 (L3) - FULL SWEEP Accreditation:

- Allowed to sweep Sports Crews during training sessions and at regattas.
- Allowed to sweep Corporate Crews during training sessions and at regattas.
- Allowed to sweep Community Crews during training sessions and at regattas.
- Allowed to sweep Social / Novice Crews during training sessions and at regattas.
- Allowed to sweep School &/or Junior Crews during training sessions and at regattas.
- Allowed to instruct & assist with sweep training & development of Sweep Levels L1-L3.

NEW SWEEP CLASSIFICATIONS:

Recognition of experience and development of sweeps that demonstrate advanced ability.

Preamble: Sweeps (Helms) that have held DBNSW Level 3 (Full) Sweep Accreditation for a significant period of time – a minimum of one accreditation period, at least – have generally developed their practical skills and knowledge of dragon boat sweeping, thereby having a greater awareness and understanding of race rules and the responsibilities required of an 'advanced' sweep.

As recognition of this development, such sweeps may be considered for advanced standing.

Level 4 (L4) - ADVANCED (Experienced) Sweep Recognition:

Awarded to Level 3 Sweeps at the discretion of the DBNSW Sweep Coordinators.

L4 classification may be awarded to Level 3 (L3) Sweeps who:

- * Have completed a minimum of one (1) accreditation period of three years.
- * Have shown consistent and continual development as a sweep during the initial accreditation period.
- * Have demonstrated confident boat manoeuvring and crew management in difficult weather conditions.
- * Have demonstrated advanced ability in race environments in a variety of locations and water conditions.

As per L3 allowances:

- Allowed to sweep Sports Crews during training sessions and at regattas.
- Allowed to sweep Corporate Crews during training sessions and at regattas.
- Allowed to sweep Community Crews during training sessions and at regattas.
- Allowed to sweep Social / Novice Crews during training sessions and at regattas.
- Allowed to sweep School &/or Junior Crews during training sessions and at regattas.
- Allowed to instruct & assist with sweep training & development of Sweep Levels L1-L3.

Note: At the discretion of the DBNSW Board of Management, and/or appointed NSW State Squad Coaches, it may be a requirement for sweeps applying for a position as a NSW State Representative Squad sweep to have attained Level 4 (L4) status.

Level 5 (L5) - INTERNATIONAL Competition Experience:

Awarded to Level 4 Sweeps at the discretion of the DBNSW Sweep Coordinators.

L5 classification may be awarded to Level 4 (L4) Sweeps who:

- * Have completed a minimum of one (1) accreditation period of three years.
- * Have shown consistent and continual development as a sweep since initial accreditation.
- * Have demonstrated confident boat manoeuvring and crew management in difficult weather conditions.
- * Have demonstrated advanced ability in race environments in a variety of locations and water conditions.
- * Are known to have International Regatta Competition experience.

As per L3 & L4 allowances:

- Allowed to sweep Sports Crews during training sessions and at regattas.
- Allowed to sweep Corporate Crews during training sessions and at regattas.
- Allowed to sweep Community Crews during training sessions and at regattas.
- Allowed to sweep Social / Novice Crews during training sessions and at regattas.
- Allowed to sweep School &/or Junior Crews during training sessions and at regattas.
- Allowed to instruct & assist with sweep training & development of Sweep Levels L1-L3.

The DBNSW Sweep Coordinators

On behalf of Dragon Boats NSW Inc.