

Dragon Boats NSW Inc.

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DBNSW Sweep Re-Accreditation Process (NEW)

(Amendment to the Sweep Accreditation Guidelines)

Effective from 1st January 2006. Updated July 2008.

The DBNSW Sweep Coordinators reviewed the re-accreditation process in December 2005 and following approval by the DBNSW Board of Management (BoM), a new system of **re-accreditation** was introduced for Level 3 Sweeps accredited by DBNSW Inc.

Background

Prior to 2006, sweeps accredited by DBNSW Inc. were required to undergo re-accreditation after 3 years. This involved a test virtually identical to that taken by novice (non-accredited) sweeps seeking Provisional (Level 2) accreditation - involving both a water test and a written test. Given the increasing number of new sweeps undergoing testing, it was felt the requirement to have continuous on-water evaluation tests for established & experienced sweeps placed undue pressure on the accreditation panel and was an unnecessary inconvenience for experienced (proven) sweeps.

The NEW System of Re-Accreditation

Under the new system of re-accreditation, when it is known that fully accredited active sweeps (ie Level 3, or higher) have been sweeping regularly within the preceding three (3) year accreditation period, they can 'automatically' be re-accredited ...

- When DBNSW sweep history records indicate significant seasonal incident-free sweep activity,
- Following observation by one or more NSW Sweep Coordinators at a DBNSW sanctioned event,
- After satisfying the NSW Sweep Coordinators of individual competency via written and/or practical means (if sweeping occurred interstate &/or overseas), and if appropriate records are not available.
- Following receipt of a written club submission (eg from club president / head coach / administrator), stating a sweep has been active in training, even though records indicate limited or no race activity.

At the Sweep Coordinators discretion, Level 3+ Sweeps will be re-accredited for a further three (3) years, from either...

- The date their previous accreditation period expired, or
- The date they were successfully observed at an event.

The sweeps name & status will be (re)entered in to the DBNSW Sweeps Registrar as being (re)accredited from the date set by the sweep coordinator overseeing the process. As guidelines, policies or rules are implemented or updated; sweeps may also be required to acknowledge their awareness of rule changes, updated procedures and/or guidelines that have been put in place since their previous accreditation period.

Outcome

This simplified system of re-accreditation will ensure that a backlog of re-accreditation does not develop and will minimise inconvenience to active and experienced sweeps that are quite likely to be sweeping at regattas anyway ... and at which they are regularly observed, as matter of course.

With recording procedures in place, the system of logging sweep activity at DBNSW Inc and AusDBF sanctioned events will assist with keeping the necessary records.

DBNSW Sweep Accreditation Coordinators

For and on behalf of Dragon Boats NSW Inc.