

Introduction

There is a current requirement that people who are not members of a State Paddle Association and Paddle Australia pay a fee to participate in an event, program or competition. Historically State Paddle Associations have liaised with their clubs around what fee a non-member needs to pay and the funds collected are typically forwarded to the State Paddle Association. These funds are collected in order to assist with event and system administration costs and also to ensure that all participants are insured during events.

The expectation is that these costs will continue to rise. With a general deterioration in the global Public Liability insurance landscape, organisational insurance premiums continue to rise each year despite Paddle Australia not making any significant claims against our policy. Claims against our Personal Accident policy over the last four years has seen our insurer paying out more in claims than we have paid in premiums across the same period. Obviously, this is not sustainable, meaning that there is a strong chance of an increase in insurance premiums.

Based on the above factors and for the overall sustainability of our sport, it has been collectively agreed by Paddle Australia and the six State Paddle Associations to clearly define a nationally consistent approach to Non-Member Single Event Fees.

This paper outlines the national Non-Member Single Event Fees and how these will be implemented in GoMembership, effective from 27 January 2020. It is important to note that all Clubs are actively encouraged to utilise the Events Module in GoMembership to promote and take registrations for all Events. Club Administrators can access the Events Support Guide [here](#) here and contact Paddle Australia on 02 9763 0670 or membership@paddle.org.au for assistance.

Please note that for events, programs and competitions that are not set up in GoMembership, Clubs will be required to collect the Non-Member Single Event Fees and on-forward the funds to their State Paddle Association, noting that this also takes effect from 27 January 2020. Each State Paddle Association will work with Clubs to define their process for this.

Existing state based arrangements in relation to the collection of non-member event fees remain current until the implementation of these nationally consistent Non-Member Single Event Fees on Monday 27 January 2020.

National Non-Member Single Event Fees

Effective 27 January 2020, the following nationally consistent Non-Member Single Event Fees will apply to events organised by Affiliated Clubs, State Paddle Associations and Paddle Australia.

Category	Off-water	Education	Recreation	Come & Try	Training	Competition
Sub-category	Meetings	Training	Community Programs	Dragonboat	Dragonboat	Dragonboat
	AGM	Professional development	Disability Programs	Freestyle	Freestyle	Freestyle
	Awards	Other	Fundraising Paddles	Marathon	Marathon	Marathon
	Social Events		Participation Programs	Ocean	Ocean	Ocean
	Other		Paddle Oz	Outrigger	Outrigger	Outrigger
			Schools Programs	Paracanoe	Paracanoe	Paracanoe
			Social Inclusion Programs	Polo	Polo	Polo
			Sponsored Programs	Slalom	Slalom	Slalom
			Social / Peer Paddles	Sprint	Sprint	Sprint
			Other	Standup	Standup	Wildwater
				Wildwater	Wildwater	Whitewater
				Whitewater	Whitewater	Multi discipline
				Multi discipline	Multi discipline	Other
				Club	Other	
				Other		
	Non-member fee	\$0	\$0	\$10 Senior / \$5 Junior (\$0 orange)	\$10 Senior / \$5 Junior	\$20 Senior / \$10 Junior

	No non-member fee
	Non-member fee

Note: Exempt if a person has an active Trial Membership

It should be noted that these fees have been set collaboratively by Paddle Australia and the six State Paddle Associations and are viewed as fair and equitable for what the non-member receives in return for the fees paid.

At all times, people can make the decision to avoid paying the Non-Member Single Event Fee by becoming a member of an Affiliated Club or a State Paddle Association and Paddle Australia to avail of full member benefits including 24/7 personal accident and public liability insurances*

Please note that the insurance coverage provided as part of a Non-Member Single Event Fee is for the duration of the single event only.

Please also note that the Queensland Event Sanctioning Fee for members will still apply for events run by Queensland Affiliated Clubs.

* Conditions apply. View insurance policy details at <https://paddle.org.au/membership/insurance/>

How the Non-Member Single Event Fees will be handled in GoMembership

It is important to note that all Clubs are actively encouraged to utilise the Events Module in GoMembership to promote and take registrations for all Events.

For Events set-up in GoMembership, the Non-Member Single Event Fee will be automatically applied to relevant events as outlined in the table above. Prior to proceeding to the checkout, the non-member will be advised that the Non-Member Single Event Fee will be added to their ticket price at checkout and will be presented with the option to “Continue to Cart” (thereby agreeing to pay the Non-Members Single Event Fee) or “Buy Membership Now”.

The Non-Member Single Event Fees outlined above will be split between Paddle Australia and the State Paddle Association at checkout at the agreed split of 50% of the Senior fee to each entity and 100% of the Junior fee to the State Paddle Association to contribute to development programs in the State.

The Queensland Event Sanctioning Fee will go directly to Paddle Queensland at checkout.

How the Non-Member Single Event Fees will be handled for events where registrations are taken outside of GoMembership

The Non-Member Single Event Fees apply to all applicable events irrespective of how / where the event registration takes place. It is the responsibility of the Club to collect the fees and forward them to their State Paddle Association. Your State Paddle Association will define the process you need to follow in relation to this. They will also be responsible for on forwarding the relevant funds to Paddle Australia.

Next steps

As stated above, the Non-Member Single Event Fee will come into effect on 27 January 2020.

A revised GoMembership Events Support Guide will be issued to Club Administrators on or prior to 20 January 2020 which will reference the Non-Member Single Event Fees as well as some enhanced Events Form functionality that will provide event organisers with the ability to capture additional information from event participants at the time of registration. Training and support will be available for Club Administrators as required.

State Paddle Associations will be in touch with their Clubs to outline the process to follow the for Non-Member Single Event Fees for events where the registrations are not taken via GoMembership.

If you have any questions, please contact your State Paddle Association or Paddle Australia on 02 9763 0670 or info@paddle.org.au