

Member Protection Information Officer

The Australian Dragon Boat Federation is committed to creating a safe, fair and inclusive sporting environment. It seeks to prevent all forms of harassment, discrimination and abuse and to promote positive behaviour and values. AusDBF's [Member Protection Policy](#) says inappropriate or unlawful behaviour will not be tolerated.

The policy is designed in conjunction with the Australian Sports Commission to set out codes of behaviour with which everyone associated with dragon boating is expected to abide. Disciplinary action will be taken against individuals if there is a breach of this policy.

Member Protection Information Officers are trained to be the first point of contact for any person considering making a complaint under the Member Protection Policy. They provide confidential, impartial and timely information and support. They act as a sounding board and provide information about the local complaint resolution options available to address the individual's concerns.



Reverend Leonie Silk has kindly agreed to take on the role of Member Protection Information Officer for Dragon Boat Tasmania. Leonie is an ordained Anglican priest and paddles with DATH. She can be contacted here: leonesilk@bigpond.com or ph 0499834023.

Leonie is the 'go to person' who can help you to understand your rights, your responsibilities and any options open to you to resolve a complaint or concern.

She can discuss, in confidence, possible strategies or provide contact details for counselling or other referrals as appropriate. If you have a concern about discrimination, harassment or believe the AusDBF Member Protection Policy has been breached please contact Leonie.

What do Member Protection Information Officers do?	What DON'T Member Protection Information Officers do?
🕯 Listen	🕯 Advocate
🕯 Act as an impartial support person	🕯 Take sides or judge
🕯 Provide information about discrimination, harassment and child abuse	🕯 Give advice
🕯 Provide information about the Member Protection Policy and the options available to resolve the complaint	🕯 Intervene
🕯 Provide information about relevant laws and the right to complain externally	🕯 Investigate
🕯 Discuss possible strategies the individual can use to deal directly with the other person	🕯 Breach confidentiality
🕯 Provide contact details for counselling or other referrals as appropriate or as requested	

Further reading:

AusDBF [Member Protection Policy](#)

[Australian Sports Commission Codes of behaviour or conduct](#)