



# General information 2016

## Rowing Club De Delftsche Sport (DDS)



### **GENERAL:**

**The Association:** DDS is a rowing club open to everyone 11 years and older.

**Background:** The club was founded on October 18, 1885. This year DDS celebrates its 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Members:** DDS has youth members (11 to 15 years), junior members (15 to 18 years), senior members (18 years and older), honorary members, members of merit and registered supporters. The membership fluctuates annually between 360 and 400 members.

**Boats:** The clubhouse accommodates about 70 boats, all owned by the association. These boats may be used by the members provided that the requirements (see "Testing") are satisfied.

**DDS address:** Oostplantsoen 140, 2611 WN Delft, tel: 015-2121 433, <http://www.rvdds.nl>

### **REGISTRATION:**

**Youth / junior members:** If you are under 19 years, please report your interest to become a member to the commissioner youth and juniors: [com\\_jeugd\\_junior@rvdds.nl](mailto:com_jeugd_junior@rvdds.nl)

Youth and junior members may start rowing at a number of times in the year. They are taught from the beginning in practice-skiffs, supervised by DDS youth instructors.

Information on rowing dates and times can be obtained from the commissioner youth and juniors.

**Senior Members:** If you are 19 years or older, please report your interest to come and row to the instruction commissioner: [com\\_instructie@rvdds.nl](mailto:com_instructie@rvdds.nl)

**Senior members without rowing experience:** Once a year (in April) the basic course rowing starts for beginning rowers. The course consists of approximately 25 lessons, in which new members are taught the first rowing principles in 2 groups. The sculling mode (rowing with 2 oars) of rowing will be practised. Besides the rowing techniques, much attention is paid to communication and execution of rowing commands and steering the boat. The course days and times are fixed and training is twice a week, on Tuesday evening and Saturday afternoon (DiZa Group) or on Thursday evening and Sunday afternoon (DoZo Group).

**New senior members with rowing experience:** Once contacted, the instruction commissioner will make an appointment for an interview and/or rowing. Depending on the level, a **temporary** dispensation will be granted to use certain boats, in order to train for club exams, which should be passed within two months.

#### **Registration form:**

To join the club, you must complete and sign the registration form and deliver it to the commissioner youth and juniors or the instruction commissioner. This form is available in the clubhouse, or on request from the Board.

### **CANCELLATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

Cancellation of membership has to be done by post or by e-mail to the secretary of the Board

- only at the end of a calendar year, with written notice to be received **prior to the 1st of December**;
- within 8 weeks after starting rowing, where the fee will be 1/6 of full year's contribution fee (=8 weeks) with the entrance fee in addition to that.

### **TESTING (ROWING-/STEERING EXAMS):**

**Testing system:** The association has a fixed testing system. Members have permission to use certain boats based on the system. The tests take into account the skill level of the rower and the difficulty of the boat. In short: the more tests a person has passed, the more boats may be used.

After completing the basic skulling and steering exam ("Basisproef"), one can go rowing independently (without an instructor on the bank) to become more proficient in sculling, or board rowing (with one oar). At this point, on payment of a deposit, you can request the key to the clubhouse.

### **SAFETY**

You are only allowed to row at DDS when you have a valid certificate for swimming and you declare not to have any physical diseases which present a risk for rowing and swimming. A physical test is recommended.

In case of bad weather conditions, rowing can be prohibited as indicated on the website by a traffic light: green=safe, orange=risks think well before you decide to row, red=no go! It is strongly recommended to wear fluorescent clothing in order to be visible for other traffic on the river such as inland vessels.

Knowledge of the rules on the river are a part of the exam/test.

## **ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES**

**Junior Competitions:** At a regional level, small races against members of other rowing clubs. Training is once or twice a week, often in a fixed team, led by one or more experienced coaches.

**Rowing Races:** Competitions for juniors, seniors and veterans. Depending on the level, training is two times per week (for Rowing Meetings with Competition Character, "Roei-Ontmoetingen met Wedstrijdkarakter" ROW) to eight times per week (national / international level) in a fixed team led by a experienced coach. In the winter, indoor and outdoor training is organized (on Tuesday and Thursday respectively).

**Midweek rowing:** Rowing on a recreational level, on Monday afternoons and Thursday mornings.

**Touring - and marathons:** DDS members can participate in tours organized by DDS or by / with other rowing clubs in the Netherlands. There are also opportunities for trips abroad.

## **CONTRIBUTING TO THE CLUB**

Members of DDS are expected to actively participate in the social activities of the club. Volunteers are always needed for instruction, coaching, serving at the bar, editing the monthly club magazine (Slaggaard), material- and clubhouse maintenance, and staffing of the various committees.

## **FINANCE**

Anyone who joins the club in January or February pays for a full year's fees and other contributions. When joining later in the year the fees are reduced to 1/10 of full year's fee for every month left in the year.

**Entrance fee:** New members pay a one-time fee of € 25,00 for registration.

### **Contribution:**

- The basic fee payable for the association year (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31) is € 235,00 as of 2016.
- Junior members receive a discount of 20% on the annual contribution, for youth members the discount is 35%, as is shown in the table below.
- In addition to the annual DDS contribution, each member has to pay an annual contribution to the Royal Dutch Rowing Association KNRB.
- For participation in (regional) events and tours, a contribution is required, depending on transportation and registration costs.
- Members who permit DDS to automatic withdrawal of the contributions from their bank account, receive a reduction of € 5,- on the annual contribution.
- The use of boats and instruction carries no charge.
- Family discounts are available, mention this on your registration form.

### **Contribution fees 2016**

<i>Member</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>DDS contribution</i>	<i>KNRB &amp; NOC*NSRF Contribution</i>	<i>Total of fees</i>	<i>Total with automatic withdrawal</i>
<i>Senior</i>	<i>&gt; 18</i>	<i>€ 235,-</i>	<i>€ 31,88</i>	<i>€ 266,88</i>	<i>€ 261,88</i>
<i>Junior</i>	<i>15 to19</i>	<i>€ 188,-</i>	<i>€ 15,97</i>	<i>€ 203,97</i>	<i>€ 198,97</i>
<i>Youth</i>	<i>11 to15</i>	<i>€ 152,75</i>	<i>€ 15,97</i>	<i>€ 168,72</i>	<i>€ 163,72</i>

Additional discounts are possible

- 20% if an other member of the family is also a DDS member

- 20% for full-time students

**Liability:** In the case of causing damage to equipment, a member may be held liable for the cost. The Board can provide guidance in such cases.

## **BOARD / COMMITTEES**

**Board:** The board has 8 positions: chairman, secretary, treasurer, rowing material commissioner, building commissioner, instruction commissioner, competition commissioner and commissioner for youth / juniors.

**Committees:** DDS is run entirely with volunteers, who work in the various committees. There are the: rowing material-, building-, instruction-, competition-, youth/junior-, examination-, touring-, Slaggaard-, bar-, events-, anniversary-, finance-, clothing-, complaints and appeals-, safety- and internet committees. DDS has also two confidants.

## **CONTACTS**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE BOARD VIA [INFO@RVDDS.NL](mailto:INFO@RVDDS.NL)