

#### **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Progress Update**

I hope that you are all well and continue to stay safe.

The IDBF Executive has been meeting weekly to address a number of significant impacts brought on by the global outbreak of COVID-19.

With the decision that the 12th IDBF Club Crew World Championship (CCWC) will not proceed as planned for 2020, the IDBF needs to make decisions about the championships schedule for 2021 and beyond. No date has been set for when the next CCWC will be held.

#### **Review of Championships Schedule**

We appreciate your feedback and we are responding to enquiries from athletes and national federations. The needs and opinions of our athletes and members remains central to our approach and decision making process.

The IDBF is also involved in negotiations with the organising committees of future championships to review and assess the options of rescheduling. The issue is complex due to agreements that these organising committees have made concerning booking of venues, sponsorship and grants for championships they are scheduled to host.

Key concerns for everyone involved continues to be economic challenges, government restrictions on movements impacting training and travel, and health and safety without a vaccine for the virus.

### **CCWC Deposits for Aix les Bains**

The IDBF acknowledges concerns raised by clubs regarding the €500 administrative deposits which they had paid directly to the Organising Committee to cover running costs. All deposit monies are still being held by the Organising Committee. The IDBF do not have the deposits and are in talks with the Organising Committee to resolve concerns raised by clubs.

The IDBF is the only organisation determining the future of the IDBF championships. We will keep you informed as we work our way through this complex and challenging time.

Please keep safe and continue to follow the advice of your government.

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