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Cover photo: 2018 11th CCWC, Szeged, Hungary. The 13th CCWC will be held in Sarasota, USA in 2022. Photo: JD-IDBF.

## MESSAGE FROM MIKE

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## THE SOUND OF THE DRUM

Something has been missing from my life for far too long, as I expect it has also been missing for you. It is the sound of the drums beating as dragon boats race to the finishing line. Sadly, Covid has caused the cancellation of the Club Crew World Championship (CCWC) in France in 2020 and more recently the cancellation of the World Dragon Boat Racing Championship (WDBRC) in Hong Kong due to be held in November this year. Numerous continental and national championships have also been forced to be postponed or cancelled.

Fortunately, last weekend I was able to hear and see dragon boats racing again in the North of England in the first race held for clubs from Great Britain since 2019. You need to say 2019 very quickly as it seems so far in the past, but it is the extent to which Covid has caused so much devastation to our sport.

When the decision to cancel the CCWC in 2020 was taken by the IDBF Council we all thought that the WDBRC 2021 due to be held in November would give us the best chance of holding the next Championship. How wrong we were and we underestimated the extent to which Covid would affect our sport.

Many other sports have been able to host their Championships but it is the very size of the number of competitors that has caused us difficulties. Sports involving individuals, small teams or professional athletes have been much less affected.

Whilst we lament the loss of our sport, we are more fortunate than the many around the world, including people from the dragon boat community, who have lost their lives to this terrible virus.

I look forward with great hope that the international dragon boat community will be reunited and meet again in Sarasota from 18th to 24th July 2022 to share our passion for the sport of dragon boat racing.

*Mike Thomas*

President IDBF

With the excitement of the Tokyo 2020 Olympics continuing with the Paralympics this week, one question that our dragon boat community has been asking is why is our sport not in the Olympics? Below is a little bit of the history about the Olympic Games and how dragon boating would fit in.

## **What is the Olympic Games?**

The modern Olympic Games is considered the world's foremost sports competition and is normally run every four years, alternating between the summer and winter Olympics.

## **Why does everyone want to be at the Olympics?**

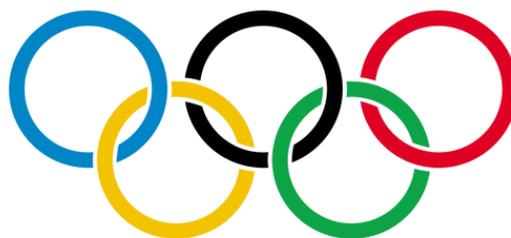
The Olympic Games and its media exposure provide athletes with the chance to attain national and sometimes international fame. It also provides new sports with the opportunities to showcase their sport to the world which in turn creates a desire to participate in the sport and attracts new sponsors. Increased finance and participation numbers can greatly enhance a sport and aid its development in new countries and ethnic societies around the world. For dragon boating to be part of the Olympics would be a lifetime ambition for the IDBF.

## **What does the Olympic logo represent?**

The Olympic logo consists of five interlocking rings, coloured blue, yellow, black, green and red on a white field, known as the "Olympic rings". The logo was originally created in 1913 by Coubertin. The rings are intended to represent the five continents of Europe, Africa, Asia, America, and Oceania.

The IDBF has five continental representatives:

1. European Dragon Boat Federation
2. Dragon Boat Federation of Africa
3. Asian Dragon Boat Federation
4. Pan-American Dragon Boat Federation
5. Oceania Dragon Boat Federation



## **How many athletes are at the Olympic Games? What does the athlete quota mean?**

The Olympic Games has grown from 241 participants representing 14 nations in 1896 to 11,092 participants in the Tokyo 2020 Games representing 206 nations. The athlete quota for Paris 2024 has been set at 10,500 athletes which will also mean a reduction in officials and therefore the overall size and complexity of the Games.

The Olympic quota is a real issue when it comes to the introduction of new sports. The IOC evaluates a multitude of international sport federation bids and considers the impact each sport contributes towards cultural legacy, Olympic values, and popularity among younger generations. Every Olympic cycle we see new sports join the program and less popular sports removed. Paris 2024 will include skateboarding, sport climbing, surfing and breaking, but this means that karate, baseball, and softball will be removed.

## **What does this mean for dragon boating?**

Well it would mean that only a mixed small boat could be included as part of the Games which would provide the gender equality and inclusion required, but would also keep control on the athlete numbers. However being a big team sport means even with a dozen nations we would add large numbers to the athlete numbers which would reduce our chances of being included.

## **How come skate boarding and breaking are at the Olympics?**

The goal of the Olympic Movement is to “contribute to building a peaceful and better world by educating youth through sport”. To accomplish this, the IOC must focus on providing relevant and interesting content for its viewers and participants. The IOC recognised this need by allowing each Organising Committee to propose new temporary sports for their individual hosting of The Games.

Dragon boating is dynamic, colourful and exciting to watch, although an ancient sport, could be considered attractive to the youth of today. The IDBF would also be looking for a host city to propose the inclusion of dragon boating in the Games.

## **Has there always been a strong female presence at the Games?**

The Paris 1900 Olympic Games saw women compete for the first time with only 22 women out of a total of 997 athletes (2%). According to the Olympic Charter, the IOC’s role is to encourage and support the promotion of women in sport at all levels and in all structures with a view to implementing the principle of equality of men and women”. Since then female participation in the Olympic Games has increased significantly with 48.9% of athletes in Tokyo 2020 Games female.

Since the inception of the dragon boat World Nations Championships in 1995, the IDBF has always offered equal opportunities for women to race in their own women’s category as well as including the mixed category. Has dragon boating been leading the way? As we saw in Tokyo 2020 the mixed class was debuted in the relay in the athletics and swimming programs.

## **Do we ever see dragon boating becoming an Olympic Sport?**

Yes, we do and the IDBF (World Governing Body) is working very hard to achieve this. The IDBF have been waiting for over two years for the new details on the IOC recognition process to be issued. As soon as this is received, we will once again make an application. What is most important, is that dragon boating is recognised by the IOC as an Olympic sport, as this will give us more credibility especially on a domestic basis and can help members and athletes access financial support in their countries.

## **Is dragon boating an Olympic sport?**

Dragon boating is currently not an Olympic sport or an IOC recognised sport, but the IDBF have been working very hard over the last 30 years to make this happen. Firstly a sport has to be accepted into General Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF), then applies to the IOC.

## **Why does the International Canoe Federation (ICF) want to take ownership of dragon boating?**

The ICF continue to pursue a number of other paddle sports including SUP and rafting as well dragon boating. The main reason being these sports along with dragon boating are on an upward trajectory. The ICF can see that dragon boating globally is attracting large numbers of athletes covering a wide demographic. These participation numbers showing a gender and youth balance are what the ICF would love to have on their own books. More participation means more funding available for the ICF.

We all know that the athletes choose the IDBF Championships over all others as this is where the quality and depth of athletes compete. An athlete will always want to compete at the highest level and at the best Championships.

# ROAD TO IOC RECOGNITION

DRAGON BOAT RACING IS A DYNAMIC, COLOURFUL AND EXCITING SPORT, STEEPED IN TRADITION, IT IS INCLUSIVE AND ACCESSIBLE TO ALL

**2000**

IDBF first applies for membership to GAISF, but fails to get accepted.

**2005**

IDBF submits its second application for membership to GAISF, but does not gain sufficient votes for membership. 2005 Olympic Council of Asia recognises the Asian Dragon Boat Federation.

**2006**

GAISF Council reconfirms the IDBF as the World Governing Body for the sport of dragon boating, but fails by 3 votes to gain membership.

**2007**

GAISF members ratify the GAISF Council ruling that dragon boating and canoeing are two different sports and the IDBF are voted into GAISF membership.

**2008**

A Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) Opinion given to the ICF confirms that "becoming a member of GAISF the IDBF is recognised to be the only federation governing its sport on a world level" (CAS Advisory Opinion C1649 dated December 2008, para 26 refers).

**2009**

The IOC invites the IDBF to submit an application for recognition as an IOC International Federation. The IDBF makes its first application for recognition, but fails to gain the recognition.

**2012**

The second IDBF application for recognition as an IOC International Federation is submitted, but once again fails.

**2016**

The third IDBF application for recognition as an IOC International Federation is submitted. As a founding member of AIMS (The Alliance of Independent Recognised Members of Sport), the IDBF is accepted by the IOC as an International Federation within the 'Olympic Family' and follows the ideals of and commitments to the Olympic Charter.

**202X**

IDBF will re-apply for recognition as an IOC International Federation once submissions re-open with the IOC.

## GOAL

IDBF to be officially recognised by the IOC as the International Federation for dragon boating



WORLD GOVERNING BODY FOR DRAGON BOAT SPORT

# TOKYO 2020 STATEMENT

**NEWS RELEASE (#2021-06) | 22 August 2021 - available [online](#).**

Whilst we all await the commencement of the Paralympic Games let us remember the magnificent achievement of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. We were all able to observe in our homes all the events of the XXXII Olympiad and the achievements of the athletes. For the IDBF members, the beauty and the athleticism of the water sports contested in Tokyo on the Sea Forest Waterway were particularly inspiring.

The Olympic Games celebrate excellence, perseverance, and solidarity. As the founding governing body of a sport that is seeking recognition by the International Olympic Committee, we have provided Olympic level leadership to the development of Dragon Boat sport since 1991. We aspire to be part of the Olympic family. We will continue to build our sport and prove that we are the organisation to represent the millions of paddlers around the world to pursue their Olympic dreams.

There was a huge disappointment when unfortunately, we needed to cancel the 15th IDBF World Dragon Boat Championships due to be held in November in Hong Kong. It was particularly so sad that in the 30th year of the formation of the IDBF that we could not return to the birthplace of the modern sport of dragon boat racing to celebrate on the water all the amazing skills of teamwork that make our sport so exciting.

Let us all meet again in Sarasota during 18-24 July 2022 for the next Club Crew World Championships, when we can once again celebrate the remarkable skills of the athletes and teams involved.

当我们正在等待残奥会开幕的同时，亦让我们回想起东京 2020 年奥运会的辉煌成就。我们都能够在家中观看到第三十二届奥林匹克运动会的所有赛事和运动员的成绩。而对 IDBF 成员来说，在美丽的东京海之森水上竞技场进行的水上竞技和运动能力、尤其令人鼓舞。

奥运会颂扬卓越、坚持和团结。作为一项正在寻求国际奥委会认可的运动的创始管理机构，自 1991 年以来，我们带领龙舟运动的发展至奥林匹克的级别。我们渴望能成为奥林匹克大家庭的一份子。我们将继续发展我们这项运动，并证明我们是代表世界各地数百万桨手追求奥林匹克梦想的组织。

我们极之失望、不幸的是我们不得不取消原定于今年 11 月在香港举行的第 15 届 IDBF 世界龙舟锦标赛。尤其遗憾的是，在 IDBF 成立的第 30 个年头，我们无法回到龙舟比赛运动现代化的发源地可以在水上庆祝我们这项如此令人兴奋、令人惊叹的团队合作技巧的运动。

让我们大家于 2022 年 7 月 18 - 24 日在萨拉索塔举行的下一届世界俱乐部锦标赛中再次相聚，届时我们可以再次分享运动员和团队展示的相关卓越技能。

Mike Thomas  
IDBF President

# IDBF COMPLIANCE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION

**BRIDGET WALTER, CHAIR MEDICAL COMMISSION**



The IDBF has the responsibility of WADA Compliance regarding the education of its International Level (Premier) athletes and support personnel (Art. 18 World Anti-Doping Code 2021). Their first experience of Anti-Doping for any athlete should be through education and not at a testing station. The IDBF also has the responsibility to ensure that its National Federations are providing education on anti-doping to their National Level athletes and support personnel. Below excerpt is from IDBF Anti-Doping Rules 2021 Introduction page 5/6.

### **Education**

The basic principle of Anti-Doping Education is to preserve the spirit of sport, as described in the introduction to this Anti-Doping Rules, from being undermined by doping. An important part of Anti-Doping *Education* is to dissuade *Athletes, Athlete Support Personnel, other Persons* from using *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods*. The IDBF supports the WADA Outreach Programme, its aims and objectives.

### **IDBF National Federations and their Members and Affiliates**

IDBF *National Federations* and their Members and Affiliates are required to assist in Anti-Doping *Education* by introducing programmes that promote the spirit of sport in order to establish an Anti-Doping environment that influences the behaviour among *Athletes, Athlete Support Personnel, other Persons* and any *Participants* of the Sport and creates an Anti-Doping culture.

IDBF National Federations and their Members and Affiliates should educate and counsel all *Participants* in the sport regarding the IDBF Anti-Doping Rules and other Anti-Doping rules (ex: Code and *International Standards*) and in particular the information on:

1. *Substances* and *Methods* on the *Prohibited List*;
2. Health consequences of doping;
3. *Doping Control* procedures;
4. Athletes, Athletes Support Personnel and Other Persons rights and responsibilities.

*1 [Comment: Where the Code requires a Person other than an Athlete or Athlete Support Person to be bound by the Code, such Person would of course not be subject to Sample collection or Testing, and would not be charged with an anti-doping rule violation under the Code for Use or Possession of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method. Rather, such Person would only be subject to discipline for a violation of Code Articles 2.5 (Tampering), 2.7 (Trafficking), 2.8 (Administration), 2.9 (Complicity), 2.10 (Prohibited Association) and 2.11 (Retaliation). Furthermore, such Person would be subject to the additional roles and responsibilities according to Code Article 21.3. Also, the obligation to require an employee to be bound by the Code is subject to applicable law.]*

*IDBF shall ensure that, as per Article 19 of these Anti-Doping Rules, any arrangements with their board members, directors, officers, and specified employees, as well as with the Delegated Third Parties and their employees – either employment, contractual or otherwise – have explicit provisions incorporated according to which such Persons are bound by, agree to comply with these Anti-Doping Rules, and agree on the IDBF's authority to solve the anti-doping cases.]*

Source: IDBF 2021 Anti-Doping Rules Page 5 of 68.

## Co-ordination and Co-operation

All IDBF *National Federations* and their Members and Affiliates and Participants in the sport, shall cooperate with each other and relevant organizations, agencies and authorities to coordinate their efforts in anti-doping information and *Education*.

## Roles and Responsibilities of IDBF National Federations and their Members and Affiliates

IDBF National Federations and their Members and Affiliates as a condition of IDBF Membership, the Anti-Doping Rules and Education Programmes' of IDBF National Federations and their Members and Affiliates are to comply with the IDBF Anti-Doping Rules and all Athletes, Athletes Support Personnel and other Persons within their jurisdiction, recognize and are bound by, the IDBF Anti-Doping Rules. The IDBF will monitor the Anti-Doping Programmes' of the IDBF National Federations and their Members and Affiliates and take appropriate action in cases of non-compliance' with this Anti-Doping Rules.

## IDBF Affiliate Dragon Boat Festivals and Event Organisers

The IDBF considers that it is the responsibility of all IDBF Affiliated Dragon Boat Festival and *Event* Organisers, to take appropriate action to encourage compliance with the IDBF Anti- Doping Rules by *Athletes*, *Athletes Support Personnel* and other *Persons* taking part in their events.



## Online educational resources

The WADA ADEL (Anti-Doping Education and Learning) website (<https://adel.wada-ama.org/>) provides a comprehensive program for all - athletes, coaches, team managers, parents, team medical persons, schools etc for anti-doping education.

The program is set up in learning modules which are in various languages and allows for completion in multiply sittings if wished. We all have demands on our time so to be able to complete a section, log out and later log in again to work on it further is a good help in our busy lives. The ADEL is also available as an App (Apple or Google) which again adds convenience to our busy lives as it can be downloaded on to mobile devise and therefore available anytime, anywhere (subject to availability of network service of course).

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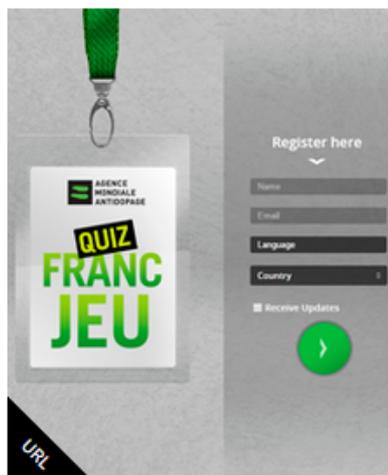
For those of you who have already taken the initiative and registered on the ADEL program – WELL DONE!

Contact Bridget Walter, Chair of IDBF Medical Commission via email [chair-medical@dragonboat.sport](mailto:chair-medical@dragonboat.sport):

- If you would like to notify the IDBF of any modules you have completed
- If there are any questions or problems with accessing or registering on ADEL website
- For all National Federations, please send information on the education program you have for your athletes and support personnel.

# ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION

Why not start for your education journey by doing the [WADA Play True Quiz](#).



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## DID YOU MISS?



### Cancellation of the 15th IDBF World Dragon Boat Racing Championships - Hong Kong

The IDBF Council convened a meeting on Saturday, 24 July 2021 to consider the ongoing implications of COVID-19 on our Championships. It was decided that the 15th IDBF World Dragon Boat Racing Championships (WDBRC), to be held in November 2021 in Hong Kong, China is officially cancelled. The Hong Kong Organising Committee (HKOC) were also in total agreement with the cancellation of the Championships.

- The safety and welfare of athletes and everyone involved was paramount in the decision process.
- A replacement event was considered but the continued risk to the health and safety of the athletes, race officials and everyone involved would still be present at another location.
- The next IDBF Championships will now be the Club Crew World Championships in Sarasota, USA in 2022. The dates are 18-24 July 2022.

Meetings with the HKOC, IDBF members (national dragon boat federations) and the IDBF Executive Committee, were also held to keep everyone informed on the status of the Championships and the impact of the virus.

The IDBF would like to wholeheartedly thank the HKOC for their hard work, dedication, and commitment in the preparation of the Championships. We look forward to returning to Hong Kong in the future.

Other than this year's WDBRC being cancelled, the EDBF also cancelled their 2021 European Nations Championships for similar reasons. The ADBF and Pan-Am Club Crew Championships have also been postponed. Read the full [media release](#) online.

## IDBF INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT HALL OF FAME LAST CALL - NOMINATIONS

The International Dragon Boat Hall of Fame aims to recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements of the men and women who have made a significant contribution to the sport of dragon boat. Whether it is their excellence on the water or their efforts behind the scene, they have demonstrated their commitment to building our sport and inspired others to achieve their best.

### KEY DATES-2021

- Nominations open - March
- **Nominations close - 31 August**
- Review of nominations and shortlisting - September
- Finalists announced - October
- Hall of Fame winners announced (online celebration event) - November  
*(Awards will be presented in person at the 2022 CCWC event in Sarasota, USA)*

### HOW TO APPLY

1. Download the [Hall of Fame Information sheet](#) (PDF)
2. Complete the [Nomination Form](#) (Word)
3. Submit the completed Nomination Form with supporting documents to: [halloffame@dragonboat.sport](mailto:halloffame@dragonboat.sport) by **31 August 2021**

More information including nomination forms go to: <https://www.dragonboat.sport/hall-of-fame>

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