





BULLETIN No 2

17TH IDBF WORLD DRAGON BOAT RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Regatta Beetzsee, Brandenburg an der Havel, Germany

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The information in Bulletin No 2 is complementary to Bulletin No 1. The two Bulletins together serve as complete guidance.

The information in Bulletin No. 2 provides further information about the 17th IDBF World Dragon Boat Racing Championships 2025 and reminds participating nations about the important timeline that must be adhered to.

The races will take place from 15th – 20th July 2025 inclusive with the Opening Ceremony on Monday 14th July 2025. Participating teams for the 17th IDBF World Dragon Boat Racing Championships (WDBRC) should plan to arrive on Saturday 12th July 2025 or Sunday 13th July 2025.

CHANGES FROM BULLETIN 1

- The IDBF has decided to include Junior (16U) in both boat classes into the racing program.
- Deadline for non-refundable deposit payments (100 Euros for each registered crew) has been postponed to 31st March 2025.
- For all crews registered by May 1st, the non-refundable deposit must be paid by **May 1st** too.











PROVISIONAL ENTRIES

The number of provisional entries from IDBF members is extremely encouraging. If all these provisional entries were to become firm entries, then the 17th IDBF World Dragon Boat Racing Championships will be **the largest world championships ever held**! The table below shows the entries received as at 25th March 2025.

35 provisional entries have been received from IDBF members:

Australia, Canada, China, Chinese Taipei, Cyprus, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hong Kong China, Hungary, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Macao China, Malaysia, Netherlands, Norway, New Zealand, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Puerto Rico, Quatar, Serbia, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United State of America and Russia under the IOC definition of Individual Neutral Athlete – Athlete Individuel Neutre (AIN).

IDBF UPDATE REGARDING the 2000m races

The IDBF is seeing an unprecedented registration for this year's event, which is currently almost 50% higher than 2023. This has created extraordinary difficulty in managing the schedule.

The C&TC and executive committee have analyzed the schedule at length using a number of scenarios and found it impossible to run all four distances with the current number of teams.

A distance will unfortunately need to be removed.

The C&TC and Executive Committee are recommending 2 options:

- removing the 2000m from the program and returning to the original World Championship format of 200m, 500m, and 1000m, and doing so for both the standard and small boats (recommended).
- alternatively, removing the 1000m from the program and maintaining the Club Crew World Championships format of 200m, 500m, and 2000m, and doing so for both the standard and small boats.

An extraordinary team managers meeting will be held on Saturday April 5th at 10:30 UTC by Zoom to review the situation and/or other possible solutions.

Final confirmation of any decisions will take place after this meeting.

In any case it is possible, if there is decline in entries after the confirmed entry deadline, that the removed distance could be reinstated.











REGATTA VENUE

The Regatta venue will present all necessary facilities including:

Athletes' village, large grandstand, large video walls, medical center, food and souvenir shops, sanitary. Team registration, parking areas and camping will all be within 200m of the venue entrance: See race venue site map below:



COMPETITION FORMAT

The 17th IDBF World Dragon Boat Racing Championships (WDBRC) will be managed by IDBF International Race Officials (assisted by National Race Officials and volunteers) in accordance with:

- IDBF Competition Regulations, Edition 9.0, dated 1st January 2025
- IDBF Rules of Racing, Edition 9.0, dated 1st January 2025
- IDBF Rules for Paradragon Racing, Edition 1.4, dated 1st January 2025











All of the above documents can be found on the IDBF Website at: <u>https://www.dragonboat.sport/documents/rules-regulations/</u>

The Championship will use the IDBF Race plans to determine the racing program.

Entries are open to all IDBF members provided they have paid, by 19th May 2025, all membership fees that are due.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

DIVERSITY CR 2.1.2 and CR 2.1.3

Although these changes are not yet formally part of the Competition Regulations, IDBF has nevertheless decided to implement for this Championships as a 'trial rule'

WOMENS CLASS CR 2.1.2

In the Women's Racing Class crews must be all female and of any age, except for those and at least 12 years of age in the year of competition to whom Reg 2.1.1. applies.

"**Female**" means a person who was assigned the biological gender of female at birth and who continues to identify with that same biological gender.

MIXED CLASS CR 2.1.3

Standard Boat Combination:	minimum of eight (8) to a maximum of ten (10) female paddlers, and
Small Boat Combination:	a maximum of ten (10) other gender paddlers minimum of four (4) to a maximum of five (5) female paddlers, and
	a maximum of five (5) other gender paddlers.

"**Female**" means a person who was assigned the biological gender of female at birth and who continues to identify with that same biological gender.

BCP RACE DIVISION CR 8.8.2A

Breast cancer survivor paddlers to provide an IDBF certificate as proof of diagnosis of breast cancer and fitness to paddle:

https://www.dragonboat.sport/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/BCP-Declaration-of-Diagnosis-Certificate.pdf

A hard copy of this certificate must be carried by the team manager and provided on request.











AGE REGULATIONS

In 2023, the IDBF Congress made changes to the age regulations for the Junior class which are now effective. These changes are in IDBF Competition Regulations Edition 9. Key information is provided in the table below.

IDBF Age Class Name	Age Rule
Junior 18 U	All athletes, except the steerer, must be at least 12 and no older than 18 in the year of competition.
Junior 16 U	All athletes, except the steerer, must be at least 12 and no older than 16 in the year of competition.
24U	All athletes must be at least 12 and no older than 24 in the year of competition.
Premier	All athletes must be at least 12 in the year of competition.
Senior A	All athletes, exception the drummer, must be at least 40 or older in the year of the competition.
Senior B	All athletes, exception the drummer, must be at least 50 or older in the year of the competition.
Senior C	All athletes, exception the drummer, must be at least 60 or older in the year of the competition.

Note that a change was also made in the 2023 IDBF congress to combine the 24U and University classes. However, this change was only ever intended to apply to Club Crew World Championships and not to World Dragon Boat Racing Championships. Accordingly, IDBF Executive Committee, in accordance with cl7.2(2)i of the Statutes, has decided to implement a trial rule for Brandenburg that will remove (temporarily) the 'university' component and restrict all participants to being between the ages of 12 and 24 in the year of competition.

PARADRAGON RACE DIVISION

The IDBF is pleased to announce that the WDBRC will include Paradragon races. Paradragon racing is aimed at broadening the reach of our sport by encouraging the participation of Para-athletes (paddlers with physical, psychological, neurological, sensory or intellectual impairments).

Note that the unimpaired paddlers participating in a PD2 crew will not be restricted in any way from entering any other (non-Paradragon) race category.

National federations are reminded that a Paradragon Certificate of Diagnosis must be submitted for each participating Para Athlete. These certificates allow IDBF to determine the provisional 'scoring' for these participants and therefore assist national federations in ensuring that PD1 and PD2 crews will be compliant with the race rules. Completed certificates must be submitted no later than **15th May 2025** (by email to chair-para@dragonboat.sport), but earlier wherever possible. Team managers are asked to submit each certificate as soon it is ready rather than submit in bulk as this will assist the assessment process.













Blank certificates are available at Annex D to the Rules for Paradragon Racing.

All Paradragon paddlers will be subject to 'at venue' assessment to ensure that impairment scores issued on the basis of medical diagnosis certificates are suitable. These assessments will be done on 12th, 13th and 14th July 2025 at the venue medical centre. If an athlete is required to be assessed, then that assessment will take priority over any other activity. Paradragon teams planning to arrive on 14th July may find no remaining assessment slots available and this could compromise the team's ability to win medals. The message is clear – arrive early!

Finally, depending on race entries and assuming sufficient lanes of racing are available, IDBF is willing to permit National B teams to compete in PD2 standard boat in 200m, 500m and 1,000m. A final decision cannot be made however until the overall entries for the Championships are known.

ANTI DOPING

IDBF is a signatory to The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). IDBF is committed to ensuring that its athletes comply with WADA requirements.

The IDBF has made it a mandatory requirement for the following athletes and all coaches to complete or have completed an anti-doping course before being eligible for registration/accreditation at the 17th WDBRC 2025 in Brandenburg.

Athletes/Coaches with a current anti-doping course certificate must make sure it is valid until **at least 21**st **July 2025.**

For those who have not completed an anti-doping course or have an invalid certificate the appropriate course must be completed by **15**th **June 2025**

- Premier ADEL International Level Athlete (ILA)
- Senior A ADEL National Level Athlete (NLA) or ILA
- Senior B ADEL National Level Athlete (NLA) or ILA
- Senior C ADEL National Level Athlete (NLA) or ILA NEW for 2025
- 24U ADEL National Level Athlete (NLA) or ILA
- Juniors ADEL Talented Athlete or NLA
- Paradragons ADEL National Level Athlete or ILA
- Coaches ADEL High Performance Coach (HPC) <u>https://adel.wada-ama.org/learn</u>

Please note: The above refers to the RACING CLASS the athlete is to compete in and NOT the AGE of the athlete e.g. if a 45 year old athlete is to race in the Premier class this athlete will need to have completed the International Level Athlete course. Likewise, a 23 year old athlete racing in the Premier class will also need to complete the International Level Athlete course.

Anti-doping certificates will also be accepted from Sport Integrity Australia (SIA), Canadian Centre of Ethics for Sport (CCES) and NADA Germany. These certificates have a 1 (one) year validity so please check the date. ADEL certificates have 2 years.













The Team Manager should collect ALL certificates by **15th June 2025.** Filing in folders according to racing classes (Premier, Sen. A, Sen. B...) would assist quick location when requested. **Only when requested should certificates be sent to** <u>chair-medical@dragonboat.sport</u>. Random checks will be carried out from 16th June 2025 until 20th July 2025.

An information letter dated 28th February 2025 was sent out to those provisional entries as listed in the IDBF database 28th February 2025. This information letter will also be available on the IDBF Anti-Doping website under Newsletters.

Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUE)

Athletes who take substances or use methods prohibited by WADA are liable for expulsion from IDBF events and their teams may face disqualification. However, IDBF (and WADA) understand that sometimes there are overriding medical reasons for use of prohibited substances or methods and their use can be permitted on acceptance by IDBF of a Therapeutic Use Exception Application Form (TUE). The list of substances and methods prohibited by WADA can be found at:

https://www.wada-ama.org/en/content/what-is-prohibited

Global Dro is also a useful website to check medications - Global DRO - Home -

The TUE and information on the TUE process along with Checklists are available for download from the IDBF website site. Please note the following points when preparing a TUE:

- 1. **First**, check your medications yourself (GlobalDro). A TUE might not be necessary saving you a doctor's appointment and charges.
- 2. **Inform** your doctor that you are an athlete. If any of your medications are prohibited ask your doctor for a suitable alternative that is not prohibited.
- 3. Only those prescribed medications that are on the Prohibited List require a TUE
- 4. All medical evidence (diagnosis, medical history, test results etc. as stated on the TUE form at point 6) **must** be submitted with the TUE for it to be processed otherwise the TUE application will be returned. This can then be re-submitted once all required documentation has been collected.
- 5. All submissions of TUE to be in PDF document format.

Premier athletes and support personnel TUEs must be submitted to <u>chair-medical@dragonboat.sport</u> at least 30 days prior to the commencement of the Championship -15th June 2025

All other athletes and support personnel to submit to their National Anti-Doping Agency OR to <u>chair-medical@dragonboat.sport</u> for assessment at least 30 days prior to the commencement of the Championship – **15**th June 2025.

See **IDBF website** for TUE Application form and IDBF TUE Checklist: <u>https://www.dragonboat.sport/anti-doping</u>

Your attention is drawn to IDBF Regulation CR11 concerning drug abuse and doping. Random drug testing will be conducted during the event. All tests will be set against the current WADA banned substances list as shown on the WADA Website. Members of the IDBF Medical and Sports Science Commission will be on hand to monitor the testing process.











IDBF MSSC Advisory related to Anti-Doping - Life extension/anti-ageing therapies

Competitors are advised that the use of testosterone boosting agents to theoretically combat the ageing process are prohibited under WADA and the IDBF Anti-Doping rules. The use of these agents by any route for life extension or to combat the ageing process are **not permitted** and no therapeutic use exemption will be granted for this purpose. Additionally, paddlers are advised that there is substantial evidence that they pose a serious health risk. Specifically note the following from the WADA rules:

- a) Females will not be granted a TUE for testosterone use; it is strictly prohibited.
- b) Males must have a documented organic cause of hypogonadism. A list of such causes is available on the IDBF website. Please see the Male Hypogonadism document. Essentially there must be testicular, genetic, or pituitary disease.
- c) Low testosterone level from ageing (andropause) is NOT a valid reason for a TUE.
- d) Self-disclosure of the use of a prohibited substance **without** a TUE is an Anti-Doping rule violation (ARDV).

National Team Managers are to ensure that their competitors are familiar with the contents and advice given in the current edition of the IDBF Anti-Doping Policy – see <u>https://www.dragonboat.sport/anti-doping</u> and on the WADA website <u>www.wada-ama.org</u>.

Aiding and Abetting

Anyone who assists or incites or otherwise encourages a competitor to indulge in drug abuse shall also be considered to have committed a drug offence and will be subject to the same disciplinary procedures as for a competitor or crew.

CHAMPIONSHIP FEES

Deadline for non-refundable deposit payments 100 Euros for each registered age division. For example – Premier Mixed Standard boat which included all distances entered. = 100 Euro: **31**st **March 2025**

This deposit includes all three or four distances per crew.

This deposit will be offset against the crew member administration fees. Send your deposits to the following bank account:

Beneficiary Name:	Regattateam Beetzsee e.V.
Bank:	Brandenburger Bank Volksbank-Raiffeisenbank eG
	Am Hafen 1, 14770 Brandenburg an der Havel
IBAN:	DE33 1606 2073 0305 8811 45
Swift or BIC:	GENODEF1BRB

If you need an invoice please send an email to admin.wdbrc2025@drachenboot.de.













IDBF REGISTRATION FEE:

- o USD 50 per adult team member
- \circ ~ USD 25 for all athletes 24U, 18U and 16U classes

EVENT ADMINISTRATION FEE:

- o 95 Euro for adult athletes
- o 50 Euro for all athletes in 24U, 18U and 16U classes
- o 70 Euro for all Supporters (except children under 12 years)

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

The current schedule is shown below. In due course, more detailed information will be provided. At this stage, IDBF is not able to advise the racing schedule but will do so as soon as it can (and with a supplementary bulletin if necessary).

	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
	11th	12th	13th	14 _{th}	15th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st
Teams arrive											
Training at venue											
Paradragon classification											
Team managers meeting											
Registration											
Opening ceremony											
Racing											
Closing Ceremony											
Party											
IDBF Members Workshop – IDBF Agenda 2030											











DEADLINES – ENTRIES AND CERTIFICATES

Requirement	Deadline
Final date for entries (also known as 'confirmed entries')	1 st May 2025
Final date for submissions of athletes and supporter names (against which all fees will be charged)	15 th May 2025
Final date for submission of Paradragons certificates of Diagnosis	15 th May 2025
ADEL/NADA De/SIA/CCES anti-doping certificates for ALL Athletes and Coaches to be submitted to the Team Manager ALL racing classes except BCP for 2025	15 th June 2025
Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUE) submission	15 th June2025

REQUIREMENTS - PAYMENTS

Requirement	Deadline
Deposit per registered competition crew entry – 100 EUR Not refundable!	31 st March 2025
Deposit per late-registered competition crew after 1 st May 2025 – 100 EUR Not refundable!	1 st May 2025
Payment of Event Fee for all registered athletes and supporter OrgCom	15 th May 2025
Payment of IDBF Registration Fee 🗲 IDBF	30 th June 2025
Late payment sanctions per person 20 EUR after 15 th May 2025	12 th July 2025

USE OF IDBF EMBLEM AND EVENT LOGO ON OFFICIAL NATIONAL TEAM RACE SHIRT

If a Country wishes to include the IDBF emblem or Championships Logo on their official national team race shirt, please email Belinda Chung, Chair IDBF Marketing & Media Commission -

chair-marketing@dragonboat.sport to obtain approval.

Requests must include a copy of the design showing where the IDBF emblem will be positioned.





The IDBF emblem and championship Logo can only be used on the race shirt and nowhere else on the uniform.

A copy of the IDBF Style Guide can be obtained from Chair IDBF Marketing & Media Commission.



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VISA REQUIREMENTS

States and local authorities	Visa requirement for Germany: Yes/No		States and local authorities	Visa requirement for Germany: Yes/No	
Argentina	No (1)		Moldova	No (1, 5)	
Armenia	Yes		Netherlands	No	
Australia	No (1, 3)		Norway	No	
Canada	No (1, 3)		New Zeeland	No (1, 3)	
China, PR	Yes (6)		Panama	No (1)	
Chinese Taipei	No (1)		Philippines	Yes	
Cyprus	No		Poland	No	
Estonia	No		Puerto Rico	No (1, 3)	
France	No		Portugal	No	
Georgia	No (1, 5)		Qatar	Yes	
Great Britain and Nord Ireland	No (1, 3, 7)		Russia	Yes	
Hong Kong China	Yes (6)		Serbia	No (1)	
Hungary	No		Singapur	No (1)	
India	Yes		Slovakia	No	
Indonesia	Yes		South Afrika	Yes	
Iran	Yes		Spain	No	
Ireland	No		Sweden	No	
Israel	No (1, 3)		Switzerland	No	
Italy	No] [Thailand	Yes	
Japan	No (1, 3)] [Trinidad and Tobago	No (1)	
Latvia	No] [Czech Republik	No	
Lithuania	No] [Ukraine	No (1, 5)	
Macau China	No (1, 6)] [United Arab Emirates	No (1)	
Malaysia	No (1)] [USA	No (1, 3)	

- 1) Holders of national passports from countries that do not require a visa to enter Germany (statement: "No") are generally not allowed to stay in the federal territory without a visa for longer than 90 days per period of 180 days. In addition, they are not allowed to take up any gainful employment during this period. Germany has concluded bilateral visa exemption agreements with certain countries, which may allow a longer stay in Germany beyond 90 days per period of 180 days. Further information can be found on the websites of the German diplomatic missions in the affected countries.
- 3) Residence permits (also for stays longer than 90 days) can be applied for after visa-free entry.
- 5) The visa exemption only applies to biometric passport holders.
- 7) Citizens of the British overseas territories ("British Nationals (Overseas)") are also exempt from the visa requirement.



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An Official Letter of Invitation will be sent via email to each National Federation. We will then send an invitation letter for the entire team.

Please note that a visa should be obtained before entering Germany. Do not delay in beginning your visa process. Official Letter of Invitation requests can be made to the 17th IDBF WDBRC Organizing Committee at <u>visa.wdbrc2025@drachenboot.de.</u>

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

The City of Brandenburg an der Havel is one of the popular tourist destinations in the state of Brandenburg because of its many water sports and outdoor recreation opportunities and because of its proximity to Berlin and Potsdam. A large selection of accommodation in the region is available to participants - from 2 star to 5 star hotels. Most hotels are located in the city of Potsdam and the region around the city of Brandenburg an der Havel, all 60 minutes under normal circumstances by car from the race location.

Accommodation details, including hotel, transport and meals, will be available on the event website. <u>https://world-dragonboat-championships2025.de</u> or use the QRC.

BUS RENTAL

For all bus requests, teams are kindly asked to contact the external partner.

EBA busfinder GmbH | Dietrich-Keller-Straße 24/8, A-8074 Raaba-Grambach



Phone:	+43 1 226 3322,
E-Mail:	office@busfindr.com,
Website:	www.busfinder.com

You can reach the busfinder office on weekdays from Monday to Thursday from 08:30 to 17:00 and Friday from 08:30 to 14:30 (excluding public holidays in Austria).













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Championships Website

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https://www.dragonboat.sport

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The IDBF and DDV encourage your association to enter the 17th IDBF World Dragon Boat Racing Championships 2025, in Germany and looking forward to welcoming you to join the championships.



HTTPS://WORLD-DRAGONBOAT-CHAMPIONSHIPS2025.DE





