



10th IDBF Club Crew World Championships
DRAGONS DOWN UNDER ADELAIDE 2016, 1st – 7th April

West Lakes Regatta Course, 100 Military Road West Lakes, Adelaide, South Australia

INFORMATION BULLETIN No. 1

To: ALL IDBF MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBER DRAGON BOAT ORGANISATIONS.

The Organizing Committee of “DRAGONS DOWN UNDER – ADELAIDE 2016” - the 10th IDBF Club Crew World Championships, in conjunction with the Australian Dragon Boat Federation (AusDBF) and the International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF), cordially invite Club Crews from around the world to participate in the Club World Championships, which will be held at the West Lakes Regatta Centre, Adelaide, South Australia. The 2016 CCWC races will take place from the 1st - 7th April 2016, over distances of 200m, 500m and 2000m, as shown below.

COMPETITION REGULATION AND RACING RULES: The Championships will be conducted under IDBF Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing.

PROVISIONAL ENTRIES: National Federations are requested to make the Provisional Entry for their Clubs on the following link <https://idbfchamps.org/idbf> from 30th September 2015 by no later than

WEDNESDAY 14th OCTOBER 2015

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM: This program is provisional and is to assist crews with their planning.

ARRIVAL: Competing crews are advised to arrive in Adelaide no later than Thursday 31st March 2016

Tuesday 29th March 2016	Boats Available for training at Aquatic Reserve
Wednesday 30th March 2016	Crew Registration at West Lakes - Boats Available for training at Aquatic Reserve
Thursday 31st March 2016	Senior Crew Registration at West Lakes - Boats available for training at Regatta Course. Afternoon - Crew Managers meeting. Opening Ceremony
Friday 1st April 2016	Senior A, B, C, BCS, ACS & APC 2000m racing - Senior A Standard and Small Boat, Others Standard Boat only – 500m racing
Saturday 2nd April 2016	Senior A, B, C, BCS, ACS & APC 500m racing - Standard and Small Boat
Sunday 3rd April 2016	Senior A, B, C, BCS, ACS & APC 200m racing - Standard and Small Boat
Monday 4th April 2016	Premier, U24 & Junior Crew Registration at West Lakes - Boats available for training at Regatta Course. Afternoon - Crew Managers meeting
Tuesday 5th April 2016	Premier, U24, Junior A & B 2000m racing - Premier Standard & Small Boat, Youth & Junior Standard Boat – 500m racing
Wednesday 6th April 2016	Premier, U24, Junior A & B 500m racing - Standard & Small Boat
Thursday 7th April 2016	Premier, U24, Junior A & B 200m racing - Standard & Small Boat Closing Ceremony
Friday 8th April 2016	Crews Depart



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ENTRIES

All entries to the 2016 CCWC must be sanctioned by the IDBF member organization to which that crew belongs, where one exists. Crews from countries or territories where there is not an IDBF member may compete, subject to the agreement of the IDBF Executive Committee.

DIVISIONS, RACING & COMPETITION CLASSES & ENTRY CONDITIONS

The Championship Divisions, Racing and Competition Classes that will be contested are listed below.

Both Standard and Small Boat Championships are on offer with the Small Boat Races primarily aimed at new Clubs on the international stage but also at older Clubs with only a small number of paddlers available for a particular Racing Class or Classes.

Classes may be combined in the early rounds of competition but the Grand Finals will be separate. Each IDBF Member may sanction up to 5 different crews per Competition class – one crew only per Club.

A Club can enter Standard or Small Boat Crews or both in all Racing Classes but for a Club to enter both a Standard and Small Boat crew in the same Divisional Racing Class or competition, the paddlers in the Small Boat Crew must be different paddlers from those used in the Standard Boat crew - including reserves, with the exception of Mixed Crews.

Mixed Crews Exception: A Club may enter an Open Standard Boat and also a Women's Small Boat Crew or vice versa, in any Racing Class when there are less than 18 paddlers of either sex available to race. In these cases the same Small Boat paddlers can also race in a Standard Boat Mixed Crew but NOT in a Small Boat Mixed Crew.

BCS Crews; All Cancer Survivors Crews (ACS) and Para-dragons (Adaptive Paddlers Crews) will race in Standard Boats in their respective Divisions over 200 and 500m. There will be 2000m races offered for BCS, ACS & APC.

BCS/ACS/ADP Standard Boat crews will not count against the 5 crews per IDBF Member but BCS/ACS crews wishing to race in a Small Boat – (see also information on BCS/ACS/ADP Entries below), must be sanctioned by their IDBF Member and will count towards the 5 crew maximum.

Double rostering of paddlers between Divisions is discouraged. Helms and Drummers may be used across the Divisions (subject to the rules for Juniors and Seniors) but in the case of 'back to back races' the Officials will NOT delay races for Helms/ Drummers to transfer between crews.



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STANDARD BOAT (22 Racers): (Mixed Crews = min of 8 and max of 12 female paddlers)

Division	Premier Racing Class	Senior A Racing Class	Senior B Racing Class	Senior C Racing Class	18 - 23 Racing Class	Junior A & B Racing Class	BCS/ACS/ADP Racing Class
Open	200m,500m,2K	200m,500m,2K	200m,500m,2K	200m,500m,2K	200m,500m,2K	200m,500m,2K	200m,500m,2K
Women	200m,500m,2K	200m,500m,2K	200m,500m,2K	200m,500m,2K	200m,500m,2K	200m,500m,2K	200m,500m,2K
Mixed	200m,500m,2K	200m,500m,2K	200m,500m,2K	200m,500m,2K	200m,500m,2K	200m,500m,2K	200m,500m,2K

SMALL BOAT (12 Racers): (Mixed Crews = min of 4 and max of 6 female paddlers)

Division	Premier Racing Class	Senior A Racing Class	Senior B Racing Class	Senior C Racing Class	18 - 23 Racing Class	Junior A & B Racing Class
Open	200m,500m,2K	200m,500m,2K	200m,500m	200m,500m	200m,500m	200m,500m
Women	200m,500m,2K	200m,500m,2K	200m,500m	200m,500m	200m,500m	200m,500m
Mixed	200m,500m,2K	200m,500m,2K	200m,500m	200m,500m	200m,500m	200m,500m

AGE REGULATIONS:

Note: The Drummer in a Senior Crew and the Helm (Sweep) in a Junior Crew do not need to conform to the relevant age limits shown below.

Premier Class: minimum age is 12 as at 1 June 2016, no maximum age limit.

Senior A (Master Dragons) age 40 or over, **Senior B** (Grand Dragons) age 50 or over, **Senior C** (Silver Dragons) age 60 or over

Junior A (Young Dragons) minimum age 12 maximum 18, **Junior B** (Teen Dragons) – minimum age 12 maximum 16

18-23s (U24s) minimum age 18 maximum 23 (Standard Boat: 4 crew members may be 16-17 years old & 2, 24-25 years old. Small Boat: 3 crew members may be 16-17 and 1 aged 24-25

All age groups, ages shown above are as at 1 June 2016.



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BCS DIVISION: The International Breast Cancer Paddlers' Commission (IBCPC) is the IDBF Commission responsible for confirming that all Breast Cancer Racers have been diagnosed with breast cancer. Normally BCS crews are all women and race as Women's Crews but for this CCWC, if a BCS crew has a Male BCS paddler (paddlers) or BCS Helm/Drummer, they can race in a BCS crew. In addition BCS may race in a 2000m race or as part of an ACS Crew - in such 2000m races BCS may have non Breast Cancer paddlers in their crews. When a BCS (or ACS) crew race outside their Division – e.g. for a BCS crew in the Women's 2000m or an ACS crew in an Open or Mixed Class Race, the normal IDBF Competition Regulations will apply.

ADAPTIVE PADDLERS DIVISION (PARADragONS): ADP crews can race with between 16 and 18 paddlers in a boat, of either gender and of any age or type of crew, that is, crews may also include paddlers with other types of disability, other than their own and also crew members of either sex, who have no disabilities, provided that at least 10 of the paddlers in a crew are Para dragons.

MIXED RACING CLASSES for ACS, ADP & BCS Divisions: For ACS or ADP crews- see table below, a total of 8 male Para dragon or ACS paddlers must be included in a crew. Additional male paddlers do not have to be Para dragons/ ACS but are expected, ideally, to be ACS or ADP family members or supporters.

The composition of a Mixed Adaptive Paddler or ACS Crew is:-

Number of Paddlers on a boat	16/17	18	20 (ACS Only)
Men with disability or ACS	8	8	8
Women with disability or ACS	2	2	4
Men without disability or ACS	4/5	5	4
Women without disability or ACS	2	3	4

DRAGON BOATS: "Pei Sheng" IDBF Specification dragon boats (IDBF 1222 & IDBF 912) will be provided for the Championships.

PADDLES: Crews are informed that only IDBF Spec 202a Racing paddles will be permitted in the CCWC- Paddles can be rented at the regatta site.

PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES/AIDS (PFD/PFAs): Under the IDBF Competition Regulations participants are not normally required to wear PFDs when racing, unless the Chief Official so decides for the Junior Racing Classes or in inclement weather. However, approved PFDs will be available from the Organizing Committee for those participants who may wish to use them, by prior notification and application.



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CLUB CREW MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

The practice of Clubs' recruiting paddlers specifically for a CCWC is against the intention of the IDBF Competition Regulations and the spirit of the Championships. Any Club found not to be complying with IDBF Competition Regulations 4.3 and 4.3.1 shown below, will not be allowed to progress to a Final and will be drawn in the outside spare lane in all other rounds of each competition entered.

CR 4.3 Club Crews: In IDBF Championships for Club Crews a Racer can only represent one Dragon Boat Crew. **See Bye Law 12.3** for the definition of a Dragon Boat Club Crew. All competitors must have been bona fide members of the Dragon Boat Crew that they represent, for at least **SIX (6)** months before the Club Crew Championships in question.

CR 4.3.1 A bona fide Club Member is one that has regularly trained and/or competed for the Club Crew that they represent during the minimum period of six months shown in 4.3. A bona fide Club Member will normally be resident in the Country in which the Club Crew is located.

A Club Member who trains and competes with a Club Crew from a different Country or Territory or a geographical Region within a Country to the one in which the Club Member himself (or herself) is normally domiciled, will only be considered as a bona fide Club Member if they can prove that they have physically attended their Club to train or compete for a period or of at least twelve (12) weeks, over a minimum period of two (2) racing seasons.

ACCOMMODATION:

The Organising Committee of the Dragons Down Under – Adelaide 2016 CCWC has made arrangements for a choice of accommodation packages, ranging from **A\$122 to A\$220** per room per day, which includes accommodation in Camping, Back Packers, three to five-star Hotels or Apartments. **Note:** Pricing is per room.

Please refer to the website: www.adelaide-dragonboat2016.com/index.php/travel for details of accommodation on offer and book direct with your chosen venue. If you would prefer to deal through a travel and accommodation provider, Stage and Screen are the sponsors of AusDBF and bookings can be made through: dragonboat.travel@stageandscreen.com.au

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE TRANSPORT SERVICE: (one trip on arrival and one trip on departure, per Crew). The Organising Committee has arranged for pick-ups from Adelaide Airport and costs and booking form will be included in Bulletin 2.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION: Transport to and from the Regatta Course on training and racing days has been arranged and a bus service will run past the recommended accommodation venues and will be scheduled to ensure that crews can travel to and from the venue when required – see the website www.adelaide-dragonboat.com for the proposed bus routes. The cost of this service is included in the administration fee. The Organising Committee is also negotiating free public transport for all participants for the duration of the event.



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RACE DAY LUNCHES:

Lunches, at varying prices will be available for purchase by all participants and their supporters at the competition site area.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS:

28th March – Welcome function

3rd April – Seniors Celebration.

7th April – CCWC Celebration

Details and costs for these functions will be published in Bulletin 2

REGATTA FEES:

An IDBF Registration Fee of USD 15:00 per person is to be paid by all participants. For this CCWC an Administration Fee of USD 55.00 per person will be charged by the Organizing Committee. This fee will cover transport, crew tent in the athlete’s village and welcome kit.

REQUIREMENT	DEADLINE DATE
Provisional Entries	14th October 2015
Confirmed Numerative Entries + Admin Fee Deposit of USD 500.00 per Club (Admin Deposit refundable only in exceptional circumstances)	7th January 2016
Final Named Entries with IDBF Registration fee - USD 15.00 per person and the admin fee of USD 55.00 per person less deposit paid Clubs submitting late Final Named Entries cannot be guaranteed an entry if the race program has been completed If accepted, Late Named Entries will attract a late entry fee of USD 50.00 per crew, payable to IDBF to cover the admin costs of making late changes to the racing program	28th February 2016

PAYMENTS:

Local payments – details will be included in Information Bulletin No.2

IDBF Registration Fees – details will be included in Information Bulletin No.2

Admin Fees and Admin Fee Deposits – details will be included in Information Bulletin No. 2