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Dragon Boat Racing Championships**

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DATE

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The 15<sup>th</sup> IDBF World Dragon Boat Racing Championships will be held from 1 to 7 November 2021. Competing teams are advised to arrive no later than Sunday 31 October 2021. Teams can arrange to arrive earlier in consultation with the Organizing Committee.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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Entry to the 15<sup>th</sup> IDBF World Dragon Boat Racing Championships (WDBRC) is restricted to one Representative Team selected and entered by a National Dragon Boat Federation which is a Member of the IDBF.

Teams from countries where there is not an IDBF Member may take part subject to the agreement of the IDBF Executive Committee.

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LOCATION

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The World Dragon Boat Racing Championships will be held in Hong Kong, China. Racing will take place by the Kwun Tong Promenade, which is located in Kowloon East of Hong Kong with the stunning backdrop of Kai Tak Cruise Terminal and the Runway Park. It takes about 40 minutes from Hong Kong International Airport by car. The temperature in November is about 20°C - 25°C.

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REGATTA COURSE

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The regatta course and technical facilities will be to IDBF standards for World Championships. The number of racing lanes will be six over 200m, 500m, 1000m and 2000m, with a width of 13.5m and a depth of 3.9m.



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## NATIONALITY

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All team members must comply with the IDBF Competition Regulations (CR4.1) to represent a country in the WDBRC.

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## COMPETITION FORMAT

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The Championship will be conducted according to IDBF Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing by appointed IDBF International Race Officials assisted by National Standard Officials and volunteers. Paradrugon racing will be conducted according to IDBF's *Rules for Paradrugon Racing* (which complement general rules of racing). The Championship will use the IDBF Race plans to determine the racing programme.

All relevant IDBF documents are available at:

<https://www.dragonboat.sport/rules-and-regulations>

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## ENTRIES

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All entries must be submitted through the IDBF Race Management System (RMS) – <https://idbfchamps.org/idbf>. Team registration will open from 15 May 2021.

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## PROVISIONAL ENTRIES

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National Federations are required to submit their Provisional Entries to no later than 5 June 2021.

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## CONFIRMED ENTRIES

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Teams will be required to submit their Confirmed Entries from 31 July – 14 August 2021. Further details regarding Final Named Entries will appear in Information Bulletin No.2.



## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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### CHAMPIONSHIP FEES

Countries who wish to enter the Championship must have fully paid the IDBF annual membership fees. The current fee for full members is USD 500; Ordinary Members will be required to pay a supplement of USD 5 per racer. National Federations may contact the IDBF Deputy Treasurer - [deputy-treasurer@dragonboat.sport](mailto:deputy-treasurer@dragonboat.sport) to confirm if they have paid or for an invoice to be re-issued.

An administration fee is to be paid by every athlete, coach and team official and registered supporter (known as participants). In addition, the IDBF registration fee is required to be paid by every athlete, coach and team official. Fees for Junior and Para athletes will be announced in Bulletin 2

### ADMINISTRATION FEE

The Administration Fee is set at USD 45 per person to be paid by all adult participants. A deposit of USD 500 must be paid with the confirmed entry. The balance of Administration Fee minus the deposit must be paid with the Named Entries before 11 September 2021. It is non-refundable but exceptions may be made if an inability to participate is solely related to visa issues or COVID-19 pandemic issues.

Refund conditions:

100% of administrative fee will be always refund if providing official government statement / press release of border shut down.

80% of administrative fee will be refund if championships cancel between 8 August - 2 October.

50% of administrative fee will be refund if championships cancel between 3 - 30 October.

### REGISTRATION FEE

The IDBF Registration Fee will be USD 40 per adult participants. The IDBF Registration Fee is the only fee payable to IDBF. The IDBF registration fee will be invoiced by the IDBF Deputy Treasurer and emailed to the Team Manager to arrange payment within the given timelines.

### PAYMENT

Administration fee is to be paid to the WDBRC Organizing Committee. Payment details will be issued according to the Confirmed Entries and those shown on the Named Entry Lists.

Additional payment details of accommodations, meal package and transportation will be included in Information Bulletin No.2.



**DIVISIONS, RACING CLASSES, COMPETITION CLASSES AND RACE DISTANCES**

Standard and Small Boat Competition Classes will be offered.

If a team wishes to enter a standard and small boat in the same competition class, the competitors in the standard boat must be completely different to those in the small boat, So the 26 competitors (including reserves) in the standard boat must be completely different to the 14 competitors (including reserves) in the small boat, except for Mixed Crews where the following additional requirements apply.

When a Team enters a combination of standard and small boat teams in the same competition class must combine to form standard boat mixed crews. The following table shows the way in which standard and small boats combine into standard boat mixed crews, where X is the entry.

Competition Class e.g., Senior A									
	Open	Women	Mixed	Open	Women	Mixed	Open	Women	Mixed
Standard			X		X	X	X		X
Small	X	X		X				X	

**STANDARD AND SMALL BOATS:**

Small Boat Racing is intended for new and developing IDBF Member Countries; that is generally the IDBF Ordinary and Associate Members. IDBF Members who have taken part in a WDBRC in the past four (4) years but are unable to send Standard Boat Crews may be permitted to compete in the Small Boat Championships at the discretion of the IDBF Executive Committee. Example: an IDBF Member with only twelve (12) paddlers of either sex available, who has competed in a previous WDBRC may be allowed to enter a Small Boat Crew in the appropriate class/category after seeking approval of the IDBF Executive Committee.

**MIXED CREW REQUIREMENTS:**

Standard Boat Crews – The crew must consist of a minimum of 8 and maximum of 10 paddlers of either gender. Drummers and Helms can be of either gender.

Small Boat Crews – The crew must consist of a minimum of 4 and maximum of 5 of either gender. Drummers and Helms can be of either gender.

The following tables show the all the allowable composition of mixed crews (refer to CR2.1.3. in the Competition Regulations)



STANDARD BOAT

PADDLERS		DRUMMER and HELM
MALE	FEMALE	
10	10	any gender
10	9	any gender
9	10	any gender
10	8	any gender
8	10	any gender
9	9	any gender

SMALL BOAT

PADDLERS		DRUMMER and HELM
MALE	FEMALE	
5	5	any gender
5	4	any gender
4	5	any gender
4	4	any gender

AGE REGULATIONS:

(refer to CR2.1.4 – CR2.1.6 in the Competition Regulations)

IDBF class name	alternative symbols		age rule
Junior 18 and under	18U	Junior 18U	12 to 18 as of 31 <sup>st</sup> December in the year of competition
24 and under	24U		12 to 24 as of 31 <sup>st</sup> December in the year of competition
Senior A			40 <sup>th</sup> or later birthday falls in the year of the competition
Senior B			50 <sup>th</sup> or later birthday falls in the year of the competition
Senior C			60 <sup>th</sup> or later birthday falls in the year of the competition

Note: The Drummer in a Senior Crew does not need to conform to the relevant age limits shown above. However, they must be a minimum of 12 years of age at time of competition.

DOUBLE ROSTERING: - refer to CR2.2.2 in the Competition Regulations.

Double rostering between Divisions is discouraged. In the case of 'back-to-back races' the Officials will NOT delay races for athletes to transfer between crews.



CLASSES AND DISTANCES

<b>STD&amp;SM</b>	- <b>STANDARD and SMALL boat</b>
<b>STD</b>	- <b>STANDARD boat <u>only</u></b>

Division	Racing Class	2000m	1000m	500m	200m
<b>Junior 18U</b>	Open	STD&SM	<b>STD</b>	STD&SM	STD&SM
<b>Junior 18U</b>	Women	STD&SM	<b>STD</b>	STD&SM	STD&SM
<b>Junior 18U</b>	Mixed	STD&SM	<b>STD</b>	STD&SM	STD&SM
<b>24U</b>	Open	STD&SM	<b>STD</b>	STD&SM	STD&SM
<b>24U</b>	Women	STD&SM	<b>STD</b>	STD&SM	STD&SM
<b>24U</b>	Mixed	STD&SM	<b>STD</b>	STD&SM	STD&SM
<b>Premier</b>	Open	STD&SM	<b>STD</b>	STD&SM	STD&SM
<b>Premier</b>	Women	STD&SM	<b>STD</b>	STD&SM	STD&SM
<b>Premier</b>	Mixed	STD&SM	<b>STD</b>	STD&SM	STD&SM
<b>Senior A</b>	Open	STD&SM	<b>STD</b>	STD&SM	STD&SM
<b>Senior A</b>	Women	STD&SM	<b>STD</b>	STD&SM	STD&SM
<b>Senior A</b>	Mixed	STD&SM	<b>STD</b>	STD&SM	STD&SM
<b>Senior B</b>	Open	STD&SM	<b>STD</b>	STD&SM	STD&SM
<b>Senior B</b>	Women	STD&SM	<b>STD</b>	STD&SM	STD&SM
<b>Senior B</b>	Mixed	STD&SM	<b>STD</b>	STD&SM	STD&SM
<b>Senior C</b>	Open	STD&SM	<b>STD</b>	STD&SM	STD&SM
<b>Senior C</b>	Women	STD&SM	<b>STD</b>	STD&SM	STD&SM
<b>Senior C</b>	Mixed	STD&SM	<b>STD</b>	STD&SM	STD&SM



*PARADRAGON RACE DIVISION*

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The IDBF is pleased to announce that the WDBRC will include Para-dragon races. Para-dragon 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).

Two (2) Para-dragon race categories are offered: one for teams where every paddler has a recognised impairment (the 'PD1' race category) and a second where half the paddlers have a recognised impairment (the 'PD2' race category). Both race categories are currently offered for standard boat and small boat over all normal race distances. However, the categories, race distances, and boat types that will finally comprise the competition will depend on the level of interest expressed by national federations.

National federations are reminded that IDBF now has formal Rules for Para-dragon Racing which supplement IDBF's existing Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing. ParaDragons racing will be conducted in accordance with these rules.

Note that there is no age or gender requirement for Para-dragon racing (but the race rules set out how age and gender will be considered). Also, please note that the unimpaired paddlers participating in a PD2 crew will not be restricted in any way from entering any other (non-Para-dragon) race category.

National federations are reminded that a Para-dragon 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. These must be submitted no later than 11 September 2021 (by email to [chair-para@dragonboat.sport](mailto:chair-para@dragonboat.sport)). However, to assist national federations (and individual para-athletes) in confirming eligibility, IDBF will be willing to receive certificates from immediately after publication of this Bulletin. Blank certificates are available at Annex D to the Rules for Para-dragon Racing.

IDBF's Para Athletes Commission is willing to advise national federations on any aspect of the Rules for Para-dragon Racing and/or the eligibility of individual para-athletes. Correspondence with IDBF's Para Athletes Commission should initially be by email to:

[chair-para@dragonboat.sport](mailto:chair-para@dragonboat.sport)





## TIMELINES

### ARRIVAL AND TRAINING BEFORE THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

It is expected that most Teams will arrive during the period of 31 October – 2 November 2021. Crews must arrive Hong Kong no later than 2 November. Crews are invited to arrive earlier as training times will be made available to crews for acclimatization, starting as early as 31 October.

Date	Schedule
31 October 2021 (Sun)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Team arrivals</li><li>• Crew Training Standard and Small Boats</li><li>• Team Registration</li><li>• Assessment of selected para-athletes c14.5 of Rules for Para-dragon Racing</li></ul>
1 November 2021 (Mon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Crew Training Standard and Small Boats</li><li>• Team Registration</li><li>• Assessment of selected para-athletes c14.5 of Rules for Para-dragon Racing</li></ul>
2 November 2021 (Tue)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Crew Training Standard and Small Boats</li><li>• Assessment of selected para-athletes c14.5 of Rules for Para-dragon Racing</li><li>• Race Officials and Team Leaders Technical Meeting</li><li>• IDBF Race Officials Examinations</li><li>• Opening Ceremony</li></ul>
3 November 2021 (Wed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Race Day 1 – 2000m all competition classes</li></ul>
4 November 2021 (Thu)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Race Day 2 – 1000m all competition classes</li></ul>
5 November 2021 (Fri)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Race Day 3 – 500m all mixed competition classes</li></ul>
6 November 2021 (Sat)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Race Day 4 – 200m all competition classes</li></ul>
7 November 2021 (Sun)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Race Day 5 – 500m all open and women's competition classes</li><li>• Closing Ceremony &amp; Celebration</li></ul>
8 November 2021 (Mon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IDBF Members Congress</li></ul>



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*ENTRY AND PAYMENT TIMELINES*

Requirement	Deadline Date
Paradragon Certificates of Diagnosis can start to be submitted	From date of this Bulletin
Provisional entries	5 June 2021
Confirmed entries and administration deposit of USD 500	14 August 2021
Final named entries	11 September 2021
All Paradragon Certificates of Diagnosis submitted	11 September 2021
IDBF registration fees and balance of administration fees Name entry form – against which all regatta fees (administration and registration) will be finalized and charged. Administration fee – USD 45 for adults IDBF registration fee – full member USD 40 per person, ordinary and associate members 45 USD	11 September 2021



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Championship website

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