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TO: ALL INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS & GUESTS

INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 2

The 2015 World Dragon Boat Racing Championships, in addition to the championships, will also involve the IDBF Congress, Council Meeting, Women in Coaching seminar and Officials Training. Teams from within the Pan American countries are invited to participate in the Pan American Club Crew Championships. For more information on PACCC please contact info@paccc2015.ca. Information regarding the IDBF Congress will be sent out separately.

Racing for the 2015 World Dragon Boat Racing Championships will take place from August 19th – 23rd inclusive, with the Opening Ceremony on Monday August 17th, 2015. Competing Teams for the WDBRC are expected to arrive in Welland between Friday August 14th and Monday August 17th, 2015.

Provisional Entries or intentions to compete in the 12th WDBRC, have been received from 24 IDBF Members, namely: Australia, Canada, China, Chinese Taipei, Czech Republic, Germany, Ghana, Great Britain, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Japan, Macau, Norway, the Philippines, Poland, Puerto Rico, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Trinidad & Tobago, Ukraine, the United States.

PROVISIONAL ENTRIES RECEIVED BY COMPETITION CLASSES

STANDARD BOAT	OPEN CLASSES				WOMEN'S CLASSES				MIXED CLASSES			
	200m	500m	1000m	2k	200m	500m	1000m	2k	200m	500m	1000m	2k
Premier	10	10	10	10	8	8	8	8	14	14	14	13
18-23s (U24)*	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	5	5	5	5
Senior A (MD) 40+	7	7	7	7	4	4	4*	4	8	8	8	8
Senior B (GD) 50+	6	6	6	6	3	3	3*	3	6	6	6	6
Senior C (SD) 60+	3	3		3	3	3		3	4	4		4
Junior A (YD) U18*	3	3	3*	3	3	3		3	5	5	5*	5
Junior B (TD) U16	2	2	2*	2	3	3			3	3	3*	3

SMALL BOAT	OPEN CLASSES			WOMEN'S CLASSES			MIXED CLASSES		
	200m	500m	2k	200m	500m	2k	200m	500m	2k
Premier	6	6	4	5	5	5	1	1	-
18-23s (U24)*	5	5	4	2	2	2	3	3	2
Senior A (MD) 40+	4	4	2	2	2	1	2	2	1
Senior B (GD) 50+	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
Senior C (SD) 60+	2	2	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
Junior A (YD) U18*	2	2	-	1	1	-	1	1	-
Junior B (TD) U16	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

In both Standard and Small Boat, competition classes with less than three (3) entries on July 3rd, 2015 when the Final Named Entries have been received, will be combined and become IDBF Championships with separate trophies for each competition.

Confirmed entries are now called for from all IDBF Members by May 15th, 2015.

When completing your Team's Confirmed Entry go to https://idbfchamps.org/login_idbf.php for electronic entries. Please take careful note of the Entry Conditions which were noted in Bulletin 1 and can be found later in this Bulletin.

If you need assistance with any of your arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact the 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee.

Administration: info@wdbrc2015.ca

Accommodation, Transportation and Meals: stay@wdbrc2015.ca

ENTRY AND PAYMENT TIMELINES

REQUIREMENT	DEADLINE DATE
Confirmed Booking and Deposit on Accommodation, Transportation, and Meals 50% Deposit on Accommodation, Transportation, and Meals	Within one week of receiving invoice
Confirmed Numerative Entries and Administration Deposits of USD \$500.00 per Team. Only in exceptional circumstances will the Admin Deposit be refunded, such as a visa refusal.	May 15th, 2015
Final Named Entries, IDBF Registration Fees, Balance of Admin Fee Named Entry Form – Against which all Regatta Fees (Administration and Registration) will be finalized and charged Administration Fee - USD \$45.00 per person minus the deposit paid with the Confirmed Entry Supporter Fee - USD \$40.00 per person IDBF Registration Fee - Basic Members USD \$20.00 per person Full Members USD \$30.00 per person Accommodation, Transportation and Meals Remaining balance of all booked arrangements due	July 3rd, 2015

VISAS

All visitors to Canada require a visa except citizens of countries where an exemption has been granted. Please visit the following website to obtain visa requirement information about your specific country:
www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/index.asp

An Official Letter of Invitation will be sent via email to each National Federation. Do not delay in beginning your visa process. Official Letter of Invitation requests can be made to the 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee at: visa@wdbrc2015.ca. Once a request is made, a member of the 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee will forward a spreadsheet to be completed. One invitation letter will be provided for the entire team.

Note: Canadian Visas are not available at the border or airport upon entry to Canada, **visas must be obtained before travel to Canada.**

FEES AND CHARGES

REGATTA FEES

All fees, except the Regatta Fees, that is, the WDBRC Administration Fee and the IDBF Registration Fee are optional. Teams are not required to use the arranged transportation, accommodation and meal plans, and are free to make their own transport and accommodation arrangements.

All payments should be made by wire/bank transfers:

1. **IDBF Registration Fee**
2. **WDBRC Administration Fee**
3. **Accommodation**
4. **Meal Plan**
5. **Transportation**
6. **Celebration**
7. **Tourism Excursions**

1. IDBF Registration Fee

\$30.00 per person USD for Full Members of the IDBF

\$20.00 per person USD for Basic Members of the IDBF

The IDBF Registration Fee is payable directly to the IDBF in respect of every individual attending the World Championships. This includes but is not limited to supporters, coaches, staff, team leaders, and athletes: everyone included on the Final Named Entry Form and wishing access to athlete areas.

IDBF Bank: HSBC, Stratford upon Avon, UK. CV 37 6ET

Account Name: International Dragon Boat Federation

IBAN: GBMIDL 4005 1539 2936 00

Sort Code: 40 43 19

Account No: 39293600

BIC: MIDLGB22

IDBF Beneficiary Address:

IDBF Finance Director

13 The Prebend Northend,

Southam Warwickshire

CV472TK, United Kingdom

2. WDBRC Administration Fee

USD \$45.00 per person

The WDBRC Administration Fee is payable for every individual participant attending the World Championships. This includes but is not limited to supporters, coaches, staff, team leaders, and athletes: everyone included on the Final Named Entry Form and wishing access to athlete areas.

An Administration Fee Deposit is of USD \$500.00 per Team is due with Confirmed Entries on May 15th, 2015.

Only in exceptional circumstances will Administration Fee Deposits be refundable, for example in the case of visa problems or refusals. The balance of the Team Administration Fee is to be paid with the Named Entries no later than July 3rd, 2015. WDBRC Administration Fees are to be paid to the WDBRC Organizing Committee:

Welland Recreational Canal Corporation

Royal Bank of Canada
41 E. Main St, (Main Branch)
Welland, ON L3B 3W4
Transit #07742 Bank #003 Acct #100-425-8
SWIFT BIC: ROYCCAT2
SORT CODE: //CC000307742

2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee

Welland Recreational Canal Corporation
60 East Main Street
Welland, Ontario, Canada
L3B 3X4

When sending wire transfers, please notify the 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee at info@wdbrc2015.ca.

Teams that make their own arrangements (e.g. transportation, accommodation) are required to pay the full WDBRC Administration Fee for each person shown on their Final Named Entry Form.

3. Accommodation

Although the initial period for requesting Official Accommodation from the 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee has now passed there are still accommodations available through the 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee.

Accommodation bookings and requests should be made to: stay@wdbrc2015.ca.

Teams are under no obligation to make their bookings through the 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee. Please be advised that neither the IDBF nor the 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee will take any responsibility for services and accommodation arranged through other service providers.

Niagara is comprised of 12 distinct and vibrant communities, all just a short drive from the Venue. The 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee is working in partnership with various accommodations and tourism operators throughout the Niagara Region to offer participants the best experience possible, on and off the water.

A variety of hotel accommodations have been arranged with pricing as low as USD \$68.00/CAD \$80.00 per person, per night, based on double occupancy with two beds per room. There are accommodation options for other occupancies, including single university residence accommodation starting at just USD \$51.00/CAD \$60.00, or triple, quad, and five/six participants per room, bed sharing options at a variety of area hotels. The following page lists the Official Accommodations for the 2015 WDBRC. Detailed descriptions of accommodations and prices are available online at www.wdbrc2015.ca. All prices are subject to applicable taxes.

Event transportation will only be provided for those Teams staying at an Official Accommodation.

Teams are free to make their own accommodation and transport arrangements, but the only method for booking at one of the Official Accommodations is through the 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee, which will assist in ensuring each Federation has personalized transportation. The 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee will do its best to place participants at requested accommodations, based on availability.

For full accommodation details and pricing options, refer to www.wdbrc2015.ca/site/official-accommodations.

Balance of accommodation costs are due July 3rd, 2015.

ACCOMMODATION RATES IN USD/CAD

Accommodation	Location	Minutes to Course	Single Occupancy (USD/CAD)	Double Occupancy (1 or 2 beds) (USD/CAD)	Triple Occupancy (2 beds) (USD/CAD)	Quad Occupancy (2 beds) (USD/CAD)	Family (5-6) Occupancy (3 beds) (USD/CAD)		
Brock University	St. Catharines	23	\$51/\$60	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Days Inn	St. Catharines	25	\$128/\$150	\$68/\$80	\$60/\$70	\$53/\$63	n/a	NEARLY SOLD OUT	
Comfort Inn	Fort Erie	25	\$128/\$150	\$68/\$80	\$60/\$70	\$53/\$63	n/a		
Comfort Inn	St. Catharines	30	\$136/\$160	\$72/\$85	\$62/\$73	\$55/\$65	n/a		
Clarion Hotel	Fort Erie	25	\$153/\$180	\$81/\$95	\$68/\$80	\$60/\$70	n/a		
Best Western	St. Catharines	30	\$153/\$180	\$81/\$95	\$68/\$80	\$60/\$70	\$56/\$66	NEARLY SOLD OUT	
Old Stone Inn	Niagara Falls	20	\$153/\$180	\$81/\$95	\$68/\$80	\$55/\$65	n/a		
Radisson Hotel & Suites Fallsview	Niagara Falls	20	SOLD OUT						
Ramada Hotel	Niagara Falls	20	\$162/\$190	\$85/\$100	\$71/\$83	\$62/\$73	n/a		
Hilton Garden Inn	Niagara on the Lake	30	\$170/\$200	\$89/\$105	\$74/\$87	\$64/\$75	n/a		
Best Western Rose Suites	Welland	5	\$179/\$210	\$94/\$110	n/a	n/a	n/a	NEARLY SOLD OUT	
Holiday Inn	St. Catharines	25	\$179/\$210	\$94/\$110	\$76/\$89	\$66/\$78	\$61/\$72		
Hilton Hotel & Suites Fallsview	Niagara Falls	20	n/a	\$108/\$127	\$76/\$89	\$66/\$78	n/a		

**All accommodation prices are subject to applicable taxes, 13% HST and 3.8% DMF
 USD rates are subject to change, based on CAD to USD exchange rate
 Rounding occurs to present pricing in whole dollars*

Special assistance may be available for new and developing countries and identified IDBF members with limited budgets. This specific support is available to Teams entering the Small Boat Championships and as approved by the IDBF. Inquiries about this program may be made at stay@wdbrc2015.ca.

4. MEAL PLAN

LUNCH

Lunch packages are available for purchase at the Venue for Training and Racing Days (Sun Aug 16 to Sun Aug 23). Lunches are a healthy choice, minimum 1500 calories, and will vary daily. Lunches will be delivered directly to your Athlete Village tent at a predetermined time. Lunches will be USD \$12.00/CAD \$13.00 per person per day and will contain:

- 2 sandwiches/wraps
- Vegetable salad/assorted raw vegetables
- Fruit
- Milk/juice
- Side (ie. Granola bar, nuts, or cheese and crackers pack)

Note: Lunches will be available for various dietary needs, upon request

BREAKFAST AND DINNER

Breakfast and dinner packages are also available at participating Official Accommodations through the 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee. Breakfast prices begin at USD \$11.00/CAD \$12.00; dinner prices begin at USD \$17.00/CAD \$20.00, based on the accommodation option.

Each meal offered by the 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee at Official Accommodations has been specially selected and prepared with athletes in mind. Dependant on the Official Accommodation, either a buffet style scenario, or a plated meal has been arranged featuring a mix of proteins, carbs, pastas, starches, fresh vegetables, and non-alcoholic beverages.

Your Accreditation Badge will identify you and provide you access to the meal plan.

All meal pricing includes gratuities.

Below is a sample menu of the meals that will be served by Official Accommodations during the 2015 WDBRC.

Please Note: The menu below is a simplified menu and is subject to change based on accommodation location. A full detailed menu for each Official Accommodation will be made available in the upcoming months.

BREAKFAST

- Variety Cereals: including Muesli, Vector, Special K & Cheerios
- Vanilla & Strawberry Yogurt Bowls
- Fruit Salad Bowl
- Variety of Fresh Whole Fruit; including Orange Wedges, Bananas, Grapefruit
- Selection of Freshly Baked Goods, Assorted Breads
- Apple/Orange Juice
- Coffee/Tea

Daily Special Items Include:

- Spinach, Pepper & Cheese Frittata with Home Potatoes and Bacon/Sausage Links
- Sunrise Sandwiches (Egg, Cheese, Ham/Sausage on English muffins) with Home Potatoes
- Scrambled Eggs with Home Potatoes and Bacon/Sausage Links

DINNER

- Pasta Bar - Penne or Vegetable Fusilli with your choice of sauce (Marinara, Bolognese or Chicken Alfredo); Penne Alfredo; Mesclun Mix (Dressing on the Side); Caesar Salad; Garlic Rolls & Butter
- Chicken Vegetable Stir Fry with Brown Rice and Orange Ginger Sauce; Oriental Vegetable Stir Fry with Chow Mein Noodles; Spinach and Mandarin Salad; Mini Vegetable Spring Rolls
- Zesty Beef Lasagna; Vegetable Lasagna; Mesclun Mix (Dressing on the Side); Caesar Salad; Garlic Sticks
- Butter Chicken with Basmati Rice; Fresh Vegetable Korma with Basmati Rice; Naan Bread; Caesar Salad; Mixed Greens
- Balsamic Glazed Pork Loin; Herbed Rice; Fresh Seasonal Grilled Vegetables; Baked Hummus & Vegetable Pockets; Assorted Dinner Rolls; Variety Coleslaw; Bean Salad

BREAKFAST & DINNER RATES IN USD/CAD

Accommodation	Location	Breakfast (USD/CAD)	Dinner (USD/CAD)
Brock University	St. Catharines	\$11/\$12	\$17/\$20
Days Inn	St. Catharines	\$13/\$15	\$23/\$27
Comfort Inn	Fort Erie	Continental Included	n/a
Comfort Inn	St. Catharines	\$12/\$14	\$19/\$22
Clarion Hotel	Fort Erie	\$12/\$14	\$19/\$22
Best Western	St. Catharines	\$13/\$15	\$23/\$27
Old Stone Inn	Niagara Falls	\$17/\$20	\$36/\$47

Accommodation	Location	Breakfast (USD/CAD)	Dinner (USD/CAD)
Radisson Hotel & Suites Fallsview	Niagara Falls	SOLD OUT	
Ramada Hotel	Niagara Falls	\$11/\$12	\$31/\$36
Hilton Garden Inn	Niagara on the Lake	\$12/\$14	\$31/\$36
Best Western Rose Suites	Welland	Continental Included	n/a
Holiday Inn	St. Catharines	\$13/\$15	\$23/\$27
Hilton Hotel & Suites Fallsview	Niagara Falls	\$17/\$20	\$33/\$38

**All meal prices are subject to applicable taxes, 13% HST
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5. TRANSPORTATION

AIRPORT WELCOMING SERVICE

The 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee will have welcome centres at Toronto Pearson International (YYZ), Hamilton International Airport (YHM), and Buffalo International Airport (BUF). Teams who purchase an airport transfer from the 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee will be greeted upon arrival and directed to their bus/van that will transport your team to your accommodations in Niagara.

In the event of lost luggage, the 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee will assist all participants, officials, and supporters with the retrieval of their luggage. Once the luggage is found, the 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee will arrange to have the luggage brought to Niagara and returned to its owner.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

The 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee is offering airport arrival and departure transfers from/to Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ), Hamilton International Airport (YHM), and Buffalo International Airport (BUF). Refer to on following page:

**All transportation prices are subject to applicable taxes, 13% HST USD rates are subject to change, based on CAD to USD exchange rate.
Rounding occurs to present pricing in whole dollars.*

COACH BUS

From/To	Group Size	Price (USD/CAD)
Toronto Pearson International (YYZ)	Up to 26 Passengers Up to 50 Passengers	\$761/\$895 \$957/\$1125
Hamilton International Airport (YHM)	Up to 26 Passengers Up to 50 Passengers	\$591/\$695 \$804/\$945
Buffalo International Airport (BUF)	Up to 26 Passengers Up to 50 Passengers	\$506/\$595 \$702/\$825

SCHOOL BUS

From/To	Group Size	Price (USD/CAD)
Toronto Pearson International (YYZ)	Up to 30 Passengers	\$761/\$895
Hamilton International Airport (YHM)	Up to 30 Passengers	\$591/\$695
Buffalo International Airport (BUF)	Up to 6 Passengers (Passenger Van) Up to 12 Passengers (Passenger Van)	\$506/\$595 \$702/\$825

AIRPORT PRIVATE TRANSFERS

	From/To	Group Size	Price (USD/CAD)
Private Sedan	Toronto Pearson International (YYZ), Hamilton International Airport (YHM), Buffalo International Airport (BUF)	Up to 2 Passengers	\$183/\$215
Private Van	Toronto Pearson International (YYZ)	Up to 10 Passengers	\$532/\$625
Private Van	Hamilton International Airport (YHM)	Up to 10 Passengers	\$383/\$450
Private Van	Buffalo International Airport (BUF)	Up to 10 Passengers	\$417/\$490

LOCAL TRANSFERS

VENUE SHUTTLES

The 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee is excited to offer a wide selection of transportation services, including, the option to order:

- Dedicated AM Venue Shuttle for your individual team (up to 55 passengers)
- Daily Regular Venue shuttle to each Official Accommodation operating on a schedule
- Daily Tourism Shuttle to Niagara Falls for all shuttle pass holders
- Dedicated PM Venue Shuttle

Dedicated AM Venue Shuttles

Teams have the option to book morning shuttles dedicated to their team, which provides a shuttle to the Venue from their Official Accommodations, each morning. Those Teams who opt-in to the Dedicated AM Venue Shuttle, receive a bus or busses dedicated to their Team for a transfer from their Official Accommodation to the Venue at the time your Team schedules on each day purchased for. The Dedicated AM Venue Shuttle is available for lease on both training days and competition days.

Team Managers will be required to inform the 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee a minimum 48 hours in advance as to what time in the morning they would like their transfer from their Official Accommodations to the Venue. Teams who opt-in for the Dedicated AM Venue Shuttle receive full, complimentary access to the Daily Venue Shuttle (available on Training and Competition Days on same day as purchase), and complimentary access to the Tourism Shuttle to Niagara Falls (available on competition days, on the same day as dedicated shuttle purchase).

Dedicated Morning Transfer - USD \$1075/CAD \$1265

** On average, the cost is USD \$20.00/CAD \$23.00 per person per day, based on 55 passengers*

** Teams who opt-in for the dedicated bus transfer will receive the Daily Venue Shuttle service and Tourism Shuttle service to Niagara Falls complimentary*

Dedicated PM Venue Shuttles

Teams wishing to order a Dedicated PM Venue Shuttle can book through the 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee. The Dedicated PM Venue Shuttle allows Teams the flexibility to return to their accommodations at a time that best suits the needs of the crew. Allowing Teams to leave the Venue without having to wait or catch the Daily Venue Shuttle. Team Managers will be required to inform the 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee a minimum 48 hours in advance as to what time in the morning they would like their transfer from the Venue to their Official Accommodations.

Dedicated Afternoon Transfer - USD \$700/CAD \$825

** On average, the cost works out to be USD \$13.00/CAD \$15.00 per person per day, based on 55 passengers*

** Teams who opt-in for the dedicated bus transfer will receive the Daily Venue Shuttle service and Tourism Shuttle service to Niagara Falls complimentary*

Daily Venue Shuttle

The 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee will also be offering a regularly scheduled, looping, shuttle service from all Official Accommodation locations to the Venue and back, for all participants and supporters, running until one hour after the last race daily. Teams will be able to purchase a shuttle pass to have access to the shuttle service that will regularly loop between all Official Accommodations and the Venue.

Daily Venue Shuttle USD \$17.00/CAD \$20.00 /person/day

Independent Transportation Services

For Teams who select to arrange their own transportation with an independent transportation services, there is a site access fee that must be paid upon each entrance to the Venue.

The site access fee for any independent transportation service is CAD \$100 per bus, per day.

No parking will be available on site for any independent buses.

The 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee is not responsible for any outside arrangements made by Teams.

6. Celebration

Celebrating fierce competition, new friendships, and a shared passion of dragon boat, Closing Ceremonies will take place on the evening of August 23rd, 2015. It will be an event you will not soon forget – a night of music and dancing under the stars with the waterway lit with fire pods as the backdrop. Food trucks, drinks, and a photo booth are some of the many features of the Closing Ceremonies as well as there will be a separate party in the same location for Junior athletes to enjoy.

Further details and pricing will be provided in Bulletin No. 3 and will be available at www.wdbrc2015.ca.

7. Tourism Excursions

Tour and package descriptions, pricing, and pre-booking information will be posted on www.wdbrc2015.ca by mid-May. Tours will be available from August 12th through August 26th. Pricing will range from \$3 to \$253 CAD (applicable taxes are included). Transportation will be included in the pricing of each tour. Individuals will be picked up at the Welland International Flatwater Centre and will be dropped off at their accommodation. Special arrangements can be made in regards to transportation locations. Private and group bookings are encouraged.

Various tours will be available to purchase onsite at the Venue during training and competition days and will not require pre-booking. However, pre-bookings are strongly encouraged for out-of-town tours and to avoid disappointment.

Booking

To book your accommodation, meals, or transportation, fill out the Services Request Form for Accommodation, Meals, and Transportation and submit it to stay@wdbrc2015.ca. Request Form can be found at: <http://www.wdbrc2015.ca/site/bulletins>.

Booking details for Tourism Excursions will be released at a future date. Keep checking www.wdbrc2015.ca for information on the various tours being offered and how to book.

PAYMENT FOR ACCOMMODATION AND SERVICES

The 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee will be accepting payment for services offered by the Organizing Committee (Accommodations, Meals, and/or Transportation) in Canadian (CAD) and American (USD) currency. On the Services Request Form, teams must indicate which currency they prefer to be invoiced in.

Note: The Canadian (CAD) pricing rates, outlined in this Bulletin, are not subject to change. The American (USD) pricing rates outlined in this Bulletin are subject to change based on exchange rate at time of invoicing.

PAYMENT DEADLINES

Deposits are to be paid by electronic transfer in CAD or USD to the 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee. Accommodation, Meals, and Transportation will be subject to applicable local taxes and applicable hospitality fees. Federations will receive a pro forma invoice for Accommodations, Meals, and Transportation prior to payment dates and a final invoice for settlement with the July 3rd Remaining Balance Payment.

CANCELLATION TERMS

In the event of an Accommodation, Meals, and/or Transportation cancellation, a charge will be made equivalent to any loss suffered by 2015 WDBRC.

After May 1, 2015: 30% of total costs

After June 1, 2015: 50% of total costs

After July 3, 2015: 100% of total costs

TAXES

Services offered by the 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee are subject to applicable local taxes and applicable hospitality fees. Rates provided in this Bulletin for Accommodations, Meals, and Transportation are not inclusive of taxes. In Canada, there are mandatory sales taxes that is levied by the provincial and federal governments. In Ontario, there is a 13% Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) consumption tax, that we are required by law to charge. The 13% HST will be charged on Accommodations, Meals, and Transportation.

For more details on the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST), visit: <http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/tax/hst/>

In the Niagara Region, a 3.8% Destination Marketing Fee (DMF) is commonly found on accommodations. DMF is used to support local tourism and marketing initiatives. This 3.8% fee will be charged on accommodations.

The following taxes will be charged on the following services provided by the 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee:

Accommodations: 13% Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) & 3.8% Destination Marketing Fee (DMF)

Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner): 13% Harmonized Sales Tax (HST)

Transportation (Airport and Local Transfers): 13% Harmonized Sales Tax (HST)

TEAM PROFILES

Teams are asked to submit a short (100 word maximum) team profile and up to five (5) images for the online program. Text and images may be submitted at any time up to July 3rd 2015.

Submissions are to be sent to info@wdbrc2015.ca

NATIONAL FLAGS AND ANTHEMS

Each Team taking part in the 2015 IDBF 12th World Dragon Boat Racing Championships is asked to bring with them two (2) Official Representative Flags for their country or territory, of a size approximately 1m x 0.5m.

One flag will be utilized at the Opening Ceremony for the Parade of Athletes, and the other will be utilized for Medal Ceremonies. Flags must be delivered to the Registration Centre at the time of accreditation, **no later than Monday August 17th at 12h00.**

Please provide an electronic file of your country's or territory's official anthem to info@wdbrc2015.ca, **no later than July 3rd 2015.**

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TRAINING SESSIONS

Standard Boat

Official Training sessions are available from Sunday August 16th to Tuesday August 18th inclusive, from 08h00 – 18h00 daily. Please note that due to the Pan American Club Crew Championships practices on Sunday August 16th, standard boat Official Training sessions will take place North of the race course.

Small Boat

Official Training Sessions are available Monday August 17th and Tuesday August 18th from 08h00 – 18h00 daily.

Crew Official Training Sessions bookings is to be completed electronically on the online registration site: www.idbfreregistration.org

Should the 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee, in consultation with the IDBF C&TC, deem it necessary and conditions allow, additional practices may be added.

PRE-TRAINING SESSIONS

Training sessions prior to August 16th or 17th respectively may be available on a limited basis at a cost. Please contact info@wdbrc2015.ca for booking information.

Rates:

Standard Boat: CDN \$50.00/hour

Small Boat: CDN \$35.00/hour

CHAMPIONSHIPS WEEK - OUTLINE PROGRAMME

All details are provisional and may be subject to change.

All races will take place at the Welland International Flatwater Centre North Course.

DATE	SCHEDULE
Saturday August 15th - Monday August 17th	Teams arrive, Team Registration at the Seaway Mall, Welland
Sunday August 16th	Crew Training Standard Boat at the Welland International Flatwater Centre North Course, North of Race Course Crew Registration at the Seaway Mall, Welland
Monday August 17th	Crew Training Standard and Small Boat at Welland International Flatwater Centre North Course IDBF Executive and Council Meeting at Welland International Flatwater Centre Opening Ceremony in Niagara Falls
Tuesday August 18th	Crew Training Standard and Small Boat - Reserve Racing Day at Welland International Flatwater Centre North Course Race Officials Meeting at Welland International Flatwater Centre Team Leaders Technical Meeting at Welland International Flatwater Centre IDBF Race Officials Examinations at Welland International Flatwater Centre
Wednesday August 19th	Racing Day 2000m All Standard and Small Boat Classes
Thursday August 20th	Racing Day 1000m Standard Boat Championships, less Senior C, Junior A Women & Junior B
Friday August 21st	Racing Day 500m Standard and Small Boat Mixed Championships All Standard and Small Boat Classes
Saturday August 22nd	Racing Day 200m Standard and Small Boat Mixed, Open and Women's Championships, all Divisions
Sunday August 23rd	Racing Day 500m Standard and Small Boat Open and Women's Championships, All Divisions Closing Ceremoines & Celebration Location to be announced
Monday August 24th	IDBF Members Congress Crews Depart

REGISTRATION HEADQUARTERS

The Registration Headquarters will be located at the Welland Recreational Canal Corporation's Community Office located at the Seaway Mall in Welland. Team Manager(s) will have a scheduled appointment time at the Registration Headquarters. Appointment times with Team Manager(s) will be based on arrival date to Niagara, appointment times will be arranged leading up to 2015 WDBRC. Transportation will be arranged to transfer the Team Manager(s) to the Registration Headquarters.

A Registration Office will also be located at the Venue in the main entrance of the Athletes Centre.

ANTI DOPING

COMPETITOR'S RIGHTS

- Be notified of selection for doping control
- Be informed of the consequences of refusing to provide a sample
- Have the doping control procedures explained
- Be provided with a selection of sealed equipment from which to choose
- Be observed when providing sample by someone of the same gender
- Receive copies of all signed documentation

COMPETITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- Know the IDBF and your IDBF Member's anti-doping regulations
- Carry photo ID to present to the Doping Control Officer (DCO)
- Inform your doctor or pharmacist that you are a competitor who may be subject to doping control
- Consult your IDBF Member in advance if you are medically required to take any medication on the prohibited list – before being permitted to take such substances, you will need to apply for medical exemption
- Keep a list of all medications, vitamins or supplements you are taking and declare them on the doping control form
- Be careful with unlicensed products such as nutritional supplements or herbal products as these may contain prohibited substances
- From notification through to completion of sample collection, stay in full view of the DCO or chaperone, whether at a competition, training venue or your home
- Re-hydrate with sealed non-alcoholic, caffeine-free beverage before the test
- Be prepared to begin sample collection procedures as soon as possible after notification

CHAMPIONSHIPS AND ENTRIES

ALL COMPETITION CLASSES – ONE ENTRY PER TEAM, PER COMPETITION CLASS ONLY

Standard Boat Championships will be held over 200m, 500m, 1000m and 2000m in the Competition Classes shown on the following page (some exceptions for 1000m and 2000m as noted in chart). A Standard Mixed Crew is a minimum of eight (8) and maximum of twelve (12) female paddlers. Reserve Paddlers: Four (4) maximum.

Small Boat Championships will be held over 200m, 500m and in some cases 2000m. A Small Mixed crew is a minimum of four (4) and a maximum of six (6) female Paddlers. Reserve Paddlers: Two (2) maximum.

Age Regulations:

18-23: Aged 18 to 23 inclusive as at June 1st, 2015.

Standard Boat: four (4) Crew Members may be 16-17 years old and two (2) may be 24-25 years old.

Small Boat: three (3) Crew Members may be 16-17 and one (1) aged 24-25 years old.

Senior A: Aged 40 or over as at June 1st, 2015

Senior B: Aged 50 or over as at June 1st, 2015

Senior C: Aged 60 or over as at June 1st, 2015

Entry Conditions

The Small Boat Championships are primarily for new and developing IDBF Member Countries. Normally IDBF Basic and Associate Members who have not taken part in a WDBRC previously or for at least the last four (4) years.

By exception IDBF Members who have taken part in a WDBRC in the past four years but who are unable to send Standard Boat Crews in a particular Racing class may be permitted to compete in the Small Boat Championships at the discretion of the Chairman of the IDBF Competition and Technical Committee (C&TC). For example, an IDBF Member with only twelve (12) racers of either sex available who has competed in a previous WDBRC, may be allowed to enter Small Boat Open or Women's Crews in a specific Racing Class.

Any IDBF Member who is unable to field Standard Boats in the developing Racing Classes – that is the Junior Division, the 18-24s and Senior C Racing Classes, may enter these specific Small Boat competitions without reference to the C&TC.

In the Mixed Championship Races where there are insufficient Women or Men available for a Mixed Standard Boat Crew, that is when there are less than eighteen (18) racers in either an Open or Women's crew, the racers concerned may be used to form a Mixed Small Boat crew. Teams entering both Small Boat Open and Women's Crews may only enter a Standard Boat Mixed Crew, not a Small Boat Mixed Crew.

A Team cannot enter both a Standard Boat and Small Boat in the same competition class. A Team entered in the Standard Boat 1000m/2000m cannot enter the Small Boat 200m/500m classes.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Teams are required to submit both their Confirmed Entries and Final Named Entries (team member details, image etc.) online at https://idbfchamps.org/login_idbf.php.

The deadline for Confirmed Entries is May 15th, 2015

ENTRY MATRIX – STANDARD AND SMALL BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Matrix is designed to help Teams decide which mix of Standard and Small Boat competitions they can enter. The examples are linked to the number of competitors in a Team, as this decides the mix of competitors it is possible to enter.

BOAT MODEL	OPEN CLASSES				WOMEN'S CLASSES				MIXED CLASSES			
	200m	500m	1000m	2k	200m	500m	1000m	2k	200m	500m	1000m	2k
Example A	<i>22-24 Men and 12-14 Women in a Divisional Squad.</i>											
Standard					X	X	Note 1	X	Note 2	Note 2		
Small	X	X		X					Note 2	Note 2		
Example B	<i>Team with 12-14 Men and 22-24 Women in a Divisional Squad.</i>											
Standard	X	X	X	X			Note 1		Note 3	Note 3		
Small					X	X			Note 3	Note 3		
Example C	<i>Team with 22-24 Men and 22-24 Women in a Divisional Squad.</i>											
Standard							Note 1					
Small	X	X			X	X			X	X		
Example D	<i>Team with 22-24 Men and 8-11 Women in a Divisional Squad.</i>											
Standard					X	X	Note 1	X	Note 4	Note 4		
Small	X	X			X	X			Note 4	Note 4		
Example E	<i>Team with 12-14 Men and 12-14 Women in a Divisional Squad.</i>											
Standard	X	X	X	X	X	X	Note 1	X	Note 4	Note 4		
Small									Note 4	Note 4		
Example F	<i>Team with 22-24 Men and 4-7 Women in a Divisional Squad. See Note 5 for a Team with B Women</i>											
Standard					X	X	Note 1	X	Note 5	Note 5	Note 5	Note 5
Small	X	X			X	X			Note 5	Note 5		
Example G	<i>Team with 12-14 Men and 4-7 Women in a Divisional Squad. See Note 5 for a Team with B Women.</i>											
Standard	X	X	X	X	X	X	Note 1	X	Note 5	Note 5	Note 5	Note 5
Small					X	X			Note 5	Note 5		

Notes: Small Boat 2000m Races are for Premier, Senior A and Senior B Open Racing Classes only

1. There are no 1000m competitions in the Women's Junior A, Women's Junior B and Women's Senior C Racing Classes
2. With this number of Women, the Team must enter the Standard Boat Races not the Small Boat Mixed Races
3. With this number of Men, the Team must enter the Standard Boat Races not the Small Boat Mixed Races
4. With this number of Men and Women the Team must enter the Standard Boat Races not the Small Boat Mixed Races
5. With eight (8) Women, the Team must enter the Standard Mixed not the Small Boat Mixed Races

SITE INFORMATION

SPECTATORS

To have access to the grandstands during competition days, spectators are required to purchase a pass. Passes will be sold for \$10.00 per day or \$25.00 for the duration of the event.

FAN PASS

Do you enjoy access to VIP seating areas and fast track service lines for vendors and the wine / beer garden? How about coupons to vendors and local businesses throughout Niagara?

For the ultimate inside access to all the exciting happenings at Dragon Boat Niagara, the Fan Pass offers numerous perks for athletes, supporters, and spectators to take advantage of throughout their stay in Canada or take advantage of while visiting their own backyard!

For CAD \$25.00, the Fan Pass will provide:

- Access into a VIP seating area (limited space)
- A number of contests and prizes throughout the event
- Fast track service lines for select vendors and the wine/beer garden
- Coupons to vendors in the Shoreline Market and Expo and local businesses throughout Niagara

These are just a few of the many Fan Pass perks! Further Fan Pass information regarding benefits as well as purchasing details will be available on the website come mid-May.

PARKING

Parking is available on site for a fee of \$5.00 Per Day or \$20.00 for the duration of the event, including training days. The site access fee for any independent transportation service is CAD \$100 per bus, per day. No parking will be available on site for any independent buses. Site access fee must be paid upon entry to the Venue.

SHORELINE MARKET & EXPO

The Shoreline Market & Expo will take place on the banks of the Welland Recreational Waterway during Dragon Boat Niagara 2015, August 14 – 23, 2015. The shoreline of the waterway will be buzzing with activity and feature a wide range of businesses: food vendors, beer and wine garden, live music, buskers, merchandisers, ethnic and cultural displays, local artisans, face painters, and much more. Visitors from around the world will be highly entertained by the many attractions in this unique setting, while watching the best dragon boaters in the World competing for glory.

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Event Websites: www.idbf.org and www.wdbrc2015.ca