



BULLETIN N^o.1

17TH IDBF WORLD DRAGON BOAT RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS

REGATTA BEETZSEE – BRANDENBURG/HAVEL, GERMANY 14TH -20TH JULY 2025



Stadt Brandenburg.
Drachenboot an der Havel





THE CHAMPIONSHIPS' LOCATION AND DATE

The International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF) and the German Dragon Boat Association (DDV) are pleased to invite all national federation and IDBF members to compete in the 17th World Dragon Boat Racing Championships, which will be held at the Regatta Venue Beetzsee in Brandenburg /Havel, Germany from 14th – 20th July 2025.

Competing teams are advised to arrive no later than Monday, 14th July 2025.

ENTRIES

All entries must be made by IDBF Member Federations submitted through the IDBF Race Management System (RMS) – <https://idbfchamps.org/idbf>.

Team registration will open from **10th January** 2025 and will be visible as usual under “Current Entries” from first day. <https://idbfchamps.org/idbf>. Entries will not be confirmed until IDBF membership fee has been paid.

Further information about key dates for this process are provided later in this Bulletin. However, Member federations must have registered their **provisional entries by no later than 1st March 2025**.

Teams will be required to submit their Confirmed Entries by **15th May 2025**.

Further details regarding Final Named Entries will appear in Information Bulletin No. 2.

THE RACING

Racing will be conducted in both small and standard boats:

- Divisions: Premier, Senior A, Senior B, Senior C, 24U and University Class, Junior 18U, BCP and Paradrakon
- Classes: Open, Women and Mixed
- Distance: 200m, 500m, 1.000m* and 2.000m Racing will be conducted in accordance with:
- IDBF Competition Regulations (Edition 9.0 - Jan 2025)
- IDBF Rules of Racing (Edition 9.0 - Jan 2025)
- IDBF Rules for Paradrakon Racing (Edition 1.3 – January 2024)

* for standard boat only

Copies of the above rules can be downloaded from <https://www.dragonboat.sport/rules-and-regulations>





THE VENUE

The Regatta Venue Beetzsee is located in Brandenburg ad Havel, Brandenburg, Germany.

The venue is based at a natural lake and offers 6 lanes of racing with a width of 13.5m and a minimum depth of 4m across the whole racecourse. Athlete's and official's facilities are excellent.

It takes about 45 - 60 minutes from City of Potsdam, 1,5 hrs from Berlin Airport International (BER) by car.

The temperature in July is about 25°C - 30°C.

Address: Regattastrecke Brandenburg an der Havel

[An der Regattastrecke 1, 14772 Brandenburg an der Havel](#)



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 and Rules of Racing, and IDBF Rules for Paradragon Racing.

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

All relevant IDBF documents are available at: <https://www.dragonboat.sport/rules-and-regulations>





ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry to the 17th 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.

NATIONALITY

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

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

CHAMPIONSHIP FEES

Entry fees have two components: an amount paid to IDBF (the 'IDBF Registration Fee') and an amount paid to the event organiser (the 'Event Administration Fee').

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

IDBF REGISTRATION FEE:

- USD 50 per adult team member
- USD 25 for all athletes U24 and University Class, Junior (18U)

EVENT ADMINISTRATION FEE:

- 95 **Euro** for adult athletes
- 50 **Euro** for all athletes U24 and University Class, Junior (18U)
- 70 **Euro** for Supporters

Details of how to make payments and any penalties for the late payment will be included in Bulletin No.2.



THE PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

- Sat 12th / Sun 13th / Mon 14th – dedicated training days (3 days)
- Sun 13th / Mon 14th – Registration days
- Mon 14th – Opening Ceremony
- Tue 15th to Sun 20th – Competition days (6 days)
- Sun 20th – Closing ceremony
- Sun 20th – Celebration party
- Mon 21st – IDBF Congress

The current schedule is shown below. In due course, more detailed information will be provided.

Further details regarding Confirmed and Final Named Entries will appear in Information Bulletin No.2.

	Fri 11 th	Sat 12 th	Sun 13 th	Mon 14 th	Tue 15 th	Wed 16 th	Thu 17 th	Fri 18 th	Sat 19 th	Sun 20 th	Mon 21 th
Teams arrive											
Training at venue											
Registration											
Opening ceremony											
Racing											
Closing Ceremony											
IDBF Congress											

DIVISIONS, RACING CLASSES, COMPETITION CLASSES AND DISTANCES

Division	Class	Standard Boat				Small Boat		
		200m	500m	1.000m	2.000m	200m	500m	2.000m
Premier	Open	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Women	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Mixed	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Senior A	Open	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Women	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Mixed	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Senior B	Open	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Women	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Mixed	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Senior C	Open	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Women	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Mixed	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
24U	Open	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Women	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Mixed	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Junior (18U)	Open	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Women	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Mixed	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Para	PD 1					✓	✓	✓
	PD 2	✓	✓	✓	✓			
BCP	Open	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

MIXED CREW REQUIREMENTS:

As part of IDBF's continuing drive for diversity and inclusivity the proposal put forward from the Diversity and Inclusion Working Group concerning CR 2.1.3 an CR 2.1.2 was approved at the IDBF Congress 2024.

The amendments to be as follow:

CR 2.1.3 MIXED CLASS

Standard Boat Combination – minimum of eight (8) to a maximum of ten (10) female paddlers, and a maximum of ten (10) other gender paddlers.

Small Boat Combination – minimum of four (4) to a maximum of five (5) female paddlers, and a maximum of five (5) other gender paddlers.

„Female“ in this CR means a person who was assigned the biological gender of female at birth and who continues to identify with that same biological gender

CR 2.1.2 WOMEN’S CLASS

In the Women’s Racing Class crews must be all female and of any age, except for those under 12 years old to whom Reg 2.1.1. applies. ‘Female’ in this CR means a person who was assigned the biological gender of female at birth and who continues to identify with that same biological gender

Effective from 01.01.2025

AGE REGULATIONS

IDBF Age Class Name	Alternative Symbols	Age Rule
Junior 18 and under	18U	12 to 18 as at 31 st December in the year of competition
24U and University Class	24U	12 to 24 as at 31 st December in the year of competition
Premier		minimum 12 as at 31 st December in the year of competition
Senior A		40 or older in the year of the competition
Senior B		50 or older in the year of the competition
Senior C		60 or older 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.



BCP RACE DIVISION

All athletes must be registered members of the national federation they are representing.

CR 8.8.2a that “Breast cancer survivor paddlers provide a medical certificate as proof of diagnosis of breast cancer and fitness to paddle. A hard copy of this certificate must be carried by the team manager and provided on request.” (valid from 01.01.2025)

PARADRAGON RACE DIVISION

The IDBF is pleased to announce that the WDBRC will include Paradrragon races. Paradrragon 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) Paradrragon 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 Paradrragon Racing which supplement IDBF’s existing Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing. Paradrragons racing will be conducted in accordance with these rules.

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

National federations are reminded that a Paradrragon 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 15th **May** 2025 (by email to 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 Paradrragon Racing.

IDBF’s Para Athletes Commission is willing to advise national federations on any aspect of the Rules for Paradrragon 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.



KEY DATES

Requirement	Deadline
Provisional entries close Note: IDBF Registration system opens from 10 th January 2025	1 st March 2025
Final confirmation of the competition classes	1 st May 2025
Final athletes and supporter names submission – against which all fees will be charged	15 th May 2025
Paradragon Certificates of Diagnosis can start to be submitted to chair of Paradragon commission	as of the date of publication of this bulletin
All Paradragons certificates of Diagnosis submitted	30 th June 2025
ADEL certificates for ALL Athletes and Coaches can start to be submitted to chair of medical commission ALL racing classes except BCP for 2025	as of the date of publication of this bulletin
All athletes ADEL certificates submitted	15 th June
Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUE) submission	15 th June

PAYMENT DATES

Requirement	Deadline
Deposit per registered competition crew entry – 100 EUR Not refundable!	1 st March 2025
Event Administration Fee per registered athlete, juniors, supporters → OrgCom	15 th May 2025
Final team names submission	15 th May 2025
IDBF Registration Fee	30 th June 2025
Late payment sanctions per person 20 EUR after 15 th May 2025	12 th July 2025



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.

<https://world-dragonboat-championships2025.de>

If you have any questions about accommodation, please use the following email address

hotel.wdbrc2025@drachenboot.de

BUS RENTAL

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



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Phone: +43 1 226 3322,

E-Mail: office@busfinder.com,

Website: www.busfinder.com

You can reach us on weekdays from Monday to Thursday from 08:30 to 17:00 and Friday from 08:30 to 14:30 (excluding public holidays).



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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](https://world-dragonboat-championships2025.de)



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