



13TH IDBF CLUB CREW WORLD DRAGON BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS | JULY 18-24, 2022

INFORMATION BULLETIN NO.1

The United States Dragon Boat Federation (*USDBF*) and the International Dragon Boat Federation (*IDBF*), cordially invite Club Crews from around the world to participate in the Club Crew World Championships. (*CCWC*)

DATE

The 13th IDBF Club Crew World Dragon Boat Racing Championships will be held in Sarasota, Florida, USA. Team arrival and training will be held Thursday, July 14th to Sunday, July 17th. Competition will be held from Monday, July 18 to Sunday, July 24, 2022.

LOCATION AND VENUE

The 13th CCWC will be held at Nathan Benderson Park (NBP), located in Sarasota, Florida. It is a world-renowned paddling and aquatics facility that has hosted multiple past international and national events where hundreds of thousands of athletes and fans have experienced unforgettable competition. Over \$40 million has been invested into the facility's development, including 2,000-meter racing lanes and straight shorelines, coaching lanes, a wave-attenuator system, starting gates and a state-of-the-art finish tower.

The 600 acre park is in Sarasota County, situated on the County line with Manatee County just to the north. The region is south of Tampa on Florida's Gulf Coast. The area is well-known as a vacation destination, famous for award-winning beaches such as Siesta Beach. The Park itself is situated within a vibrant entertainment district called University Town Center, consisting of dozens of restaurants and an upscale shopping mall just within walking distance from the race course.



Nathan Benderson Park; Sarasota, Florida



REGATTA COURSE

Address: 5851 Nathan Benderson Circle, Sarasota, Florida 34235

Width: 130 meters

Depth: 3.5 meters minimum

Racing Lanes: 9 lanes each of 13.5 meters wide

Docks: multiple – and will be positioned for greatest flexibility and ease of loading

Water Quality: healthy quality and tested monthly; the lake is part of an overall water system which feeds into the water supply for the City of Bradenton

Avg Temp: July average temperatures are a low of 73° F (23° C) and a high of 93° F (34° C)

For more information regarding the event site, please visit <https://nathanbendersonpark.org>

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

It is expected that most Teams will arrive during the period of July 14th – 17th 2022. Crews are advised to arrive in Sarasota no later than Sunday, July 17th.

The race schedule is subject to change based on the entries for each competition class.

Date	Schedule
Wednesday, July 13, 2022	Teams Arrive
Thursday, July 14, 2022	Training
Friday, July 15, 2022	Training Team Registration
Saturday, July 16, 2022	Training Team Registration
Sunday, July 17, 2022	Training Team Registration until 2 hours before opening ceremony Race Official meeting Team Managers meeting Opening Ceremony
Monday, July 18, 2022	Racing Day 1 – 200m
Tuesday, July 19, 2022	Racing Day 2 – 200m
Wednesday, July 20, 2022	Racing Day 3 – 200m or 500m
Thursday, July 21, 2022	Racing Day 4 – 500m
Friday, July 22, 2022	Racing Day 5 – 500m
Saturday, July 23, 2022	Racing Day 6 – 2000m Paradragon forum (<i>details in Bulletin #2</i>)
Sunday, July 24, 2022	Racing Day 7 – 2000m Closing Ceremony and Party
Monday, July 25, 2022	IDBF Council Meeting

VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

Information about COVID-19 and travel to the USA and Florida can be found at www.floridahealthcovid19.gov/travelers/. The local organizing committee is committed to providing a safe environment for event participants. In coordination with the Florida Department of Health and local emergency management, COVID mitigation protocols will be implemented throughout the event. Additional information about these protocols will be provided in future bulletins.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry to the IDBF 13th Club Crew World Dragon Boat Racing Championships (CCWC) is restricted to five (5) standard boats and two (2) small boats per competition class for each country. All entries must be endorsed by the respective National Federation.

National Federations are required to provide the IDBF with a list of the clubs who have been endorsed by sending this list to chair-ctc@dragonboat.sport. Teams from countries where there is not an IDBF Member may take part subject to the agreement of the IDBF Executive Committee.

Such Federations in a country where there is not an existing IDBF Member may enter the CCWC; this is subject to becoming an IDBF Associate Member and to the conditions published in this Information Bulletin.

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. However, please note that these regulations do not apply to the Paradrakon race category. Please refer to the Paradrakon section below for more information.

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 of at least twelve (12) weeks, over a minimum period of two (2) racing seasons.

COMPETITION REGULATION AND RULES OF RACING

For the 2022 Club Crew World Championships, racing will be conducted under IDBF *Competition Regulations Edition 8* (released 01 January 2020) and *Rules of Racing Edition 8.1* (released 24 January 2020). These rules will be supplemented for the Paradrakon category by IDBF *Rules for Paradrakon Racing, Edition 1.1* (released 28 June 2021) Copies can be downloaded from <http://www.dragonboat.sport/docs>.

The Championships will use the IDBF Race Plans to determine the racing program. The racing will be conducted by appointed IDBF International Race Officials assisted by National Officials and volunteers.

ENTRIES

All entries to the Sarasota 2022 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.

PROVISIONAL ENTRIES

National Federations are requested to make the Provisional Entry for their Clubs on the following link <https://idbfchamps.org/idbf> by no later than **Sunday, February 20, 2022**.

Entries can only be submitted online. This will be **open from January 15, 2022**. The IDBF member country or region (local federation) gets a “master” PIN directly from IDBF, to be able to register online the Provisional Entry. National Federations must be fully paid-up members of the IDBF to enable their clubs to enter. Invoices for Annual IDBF Membership fee for 2022 will be issued by **January 10, 2022**.

Provisional entry is to be submitted by the IDBF member organization NOT the club. In case an IDBF Member (local Federation) does not know the complete list of clubs entering a competition class they still can submit the Provisional Entry without names and, these clubs can be entered with “name to be advised”, but these clubs must be named later when submitting the Final Named Entry.

The IDBF members should generate the PIN codes for their member clubs and team managers. Team managers can upload/update database and submit Confirmed Entry and Final Named Entry using this specific PIN code online.

In case of Countries or Territories where there is not an IDBF Member, or it is unknown, clubs willing to attend from such country should contact the IDBF General Secretary at general-secretary@dragonboat.sport.

CONFIRMED ENTRIES

Teams will be required to submit their **Confirmed Entries** by **Sunday, May 22, 2022** and **Final Named Entries** by **Sunday, June 19, 2022** (team member details and photographs etc.)

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

COMPETITION CLASSES AND RACE DISTANCES

Both Standard and Small Boat Championships are available.

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; therefore, the 26 competitors (including reserves) in the standard boat must be completely different to the 14 competitors (including reserves) in the small boat. Competitors from the open and women classes may combine to form Mixed Crews. (See “Mixed Crew Requirements” section below) Note that this limitation does not apply to the unimpaired paddlers participating as part of a Paradrakon ‘PD2’ crew – please refer to the Paradrakon section below for additional information.

MIXED CREW REQUIREMENTS:

Standard Boat Crews – The crew must consist of a minimum of 8 and a 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 a maximum of 5 of either gender. Drummers and Helms can be of either gender

A new regulation was introduced in 2020 which is in Edition 8 of the Competition regulations:

CR 2.2.1 Mixed crews

When there are sufficient numbers of men and women competitors entered in either or both small or standard boat open and women classes then the mixed entry must be made in the standard boat.

The following table shows the composition of crews:

Standard boat

10 male paddlers / 10 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender
10 male paddlers / 9 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender
9 male paddlers / 10 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender
10 male paddlers / 8 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender
8 male paddlers / 10 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender
9 male paddlers / 9 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender

Small boat

5 male paddlers / 5 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender
5 male paddlers / 4 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender
4 male paddlers / 5 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender
4 male paddlers / 4 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender

PARADRAGON RACING

Paradragon racing is aimed at broadening the reach of our sport by encouraging those with physical, psychological, neurological, sensory, developmental or intellectual impairments to participate.

Two Paradragon categories are offered: one for teams where every paddler has a recognized impairment (Defined as 'PD1' in *Rules for Paradragon Racing*) and a second where at least half the paddlers have a recognized impairment ('PD2'). Clubs intending to enter crews in the PD2 category are encouraged to review the requirements for the mix of unimpaired and Paradragon paddlers (set out in Annex C of the *Rules for Paradragon Racing*).

Because Paradragon racing is still relatively new, IDBF has decided that it will relax certain race regulations that would normally apply. These relaxations relate to Competition Regulation 4.3:

1. The Paradragon club can be constituted solely for the purposes of entering the Championships and there is no requirement for it to have been in existence for at least six months or for its members to have been members for the same period. National Federations are asked to be aware of this when endorsing entries.
2. Racing for two clubs is permitted without penalty for:
 - a. unimpaired paddlers in a Paradragon PD2 team – they may also compete as members of another Club; and
 - b. Paradragon paddlers – they may also compete as members of another Club provided that club is not another Paradragon club.

However, note that the caveats set out in Competition Regulation 2.2.2 (Double Rostering) will apply to all paddlers participating in Paradragon racing.

Finally, Clubs should note that only "Open" Paradragon racing is offered (and IDBF's *Rules for Paradragon Racing* set out how age and gender are taken into account.)

Any questions regarding the set of rules or the nature of competition should be sent by email to: chair-para@dragonboat.sport

AGE REGULATIONS:

18 and under - 13th to 18th birthday falls in the year of the competition (minimum age of 12)

24 and under: the 13th to 24th birthday falls in the year of the competition (minimum age of 12)

Senior A - 40th or later birthday falls in the year of competition.

Senior B - 50th or later birthday falls in the year of competition.

Senior C - 60th or later birthday falls in the year of competition.

University – 18th or later birthday falls in the year of the competition and must be a recognized student of the university.

Note: *The Drummer in a Senior Crew and the Helm (Sweep) in an 18 and under Crew do not need to conform to the relevant age limits shown above.*

DOUBLE ROSTERING

Double rostering concerns competitors in more than one competition class.

A new regulation was introduced in 2020 which is in Edition 8 of the Competition Regulations:

CR 2.2.2 Double rostering

A competitor, including drummer and helms, should only enter one (1) competition age class. No allowance will be made in the program or races delayed to allow a competitor to participate in more than one (1) competition class.

Please note that if a competitor enters more than one age class no changes will be made to the program to accommodate requests about double rostering.

CLASSES AND DISTANCES:

The following racing classes will be offered in Standard and Small boats.

STANDARD BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS (22 Competitors)

Racing Class	Premier Division	Senior A Division	Senior B & C Division	BCP Division	ACP Division	24 & under	University Division	18 & under	PD1 Division	PD2 Division
Open	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m		200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m		200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m
Women	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m		200m 500m 2000m		200m 500m 2000m		
Mixed	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m			200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m		

SMALL BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS (12 Competitors)

Racing Class	Premier Division	Senior A Division	Senior B & C Division	BCP Division	ACP Division	24 & under	University Division	18 & under	PD1 Division	PD2 Division
Open	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m		200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m		200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m
Women	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m		200m 500m 2000m		200m 500m 2000m		
Mixed	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m			200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m		

WADA – ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

IDBF is a signatory to The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). IDBF is committed to ensuring that its athletes comply with WADA requirements and random testing will be conducted at the 13th CCWC. 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>

IDBF Quick Checklist for TUEs Submission

Issue	Process
<p>IDBF Therapeutic Exemption Form (TUE)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ For banned substances or methods <i>In Competition ONLY</i> (IDBF ADR 4.4.) ➤ Refer to WADA Prohibited List or e.g., Globaldro.com to check medication ➤ To be submitted by athlete or Team Manager ➤ TUE Form is available from IDBF Website/Anti-Doping. Word doc. and PDF. ➤ Correctly and completely filled out. All information entered by hand must be easily readable. ➤ Submission with full medical diagnosis information (as per Note 1 TUE form) is mandatory ➤ Submission as PDF ONLY ➤ Submission at least 30 days before championships begin (IDBF ADP 4.4.4) ➤ Submissions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ International Athletes - to chair-medical@dragonboat.sport ○ National Athletes – to their National Anti-Doping Organisations (NADO). Ensure a copy of the TUE Approval is sent to chair-medical@dragonboat.sport ➤ TUE for Asthma medications – There have been changes in the Prohibited List 2021. Please consult the WADA TUE Asthma Check List ➤ Athletes should have a copy of their TUE at the Championships ➤ Original or copy of TUEs DO NOT need to be handed in at the Championship registration if already submitted and approved prior to the Championships ➤ Any TUEs presented for approval at the Championship may not be processed due to time and personnel availability ➤ TUEs are valid for 2 Years (IDBF 2021 ADR) <p>Links via https://www.dragonboat.sport/anti-doping: IDBF-WADA TUE Submission Information WADA-IDBF Asthma Check List WADA-IDBF TUE Submission Information WADA Prohibited List 2021 IDBF TUE Form (PDF and Word versions) IDBF Anti-Doping Rules</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ANY TUE SUBMITTED THAT DOES NOT MEET THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED UNTIL ALL NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS ARE MET. THIS WILL PROLONG THE TUE GRANTING PROCESS.</p>

ACCOMMODATION, TRANSPORTATION AND MEALS

ACCOMMODATION

The local organizing committee has coordinated special rates for accommodations in the Sarasota-Bradenton area. Please contact accommodations@2022ccwc.com, or visit the event webpage, www.2022ccwc.com, for more information.

TRANSPORTATION

Distance to Major Cities

- Tampa: 50 miles / 85 km
- Orlando: 125 miles / 200 km
- Miami 230 miles / 370 km

Airports

Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport: 7 miles (11 km) to venue, 25 minute drive.

Serviced by the following airlines: Air Canada, Allegiant, American Airlines, Delta, Elite Airways, Frontier, Jet Blue, Southwest, Sun Country Airlines, United Airlines

Tampa International Airport: 52 miles (84 km) to venue, 1-hour drive

Serviced by the following airlines: Alaska Airlines, Air Canada, American Airlines, Breeze Airways, British Airways, Cayman Airways, Copa Airlines, Delta, Edelweiss, Frontier, Jet Blue, Lufthansa, Silver Airway, Southern Airways Express, Southwest, Spirit Airlines, Sun Country Airlines, Swift Air, United Airlines, WestJet.

The Local Organising Committee will organise transportation from Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport, and Tampa International Airport. The LOC will confirm costs to those clubs requiring transportation

MEALS

There will be lunch available at the venue in various price categories. We will share further details in the Newsletter and in Bulletin 2.

ENTRY AND PAYMENT DEADLINES

REQUIREMENT	DEADLINE DATE
Provisional entries close	Sunday, February 20, 2022
Confirmed entries close	Sunday, May 22, 2022
Final Team Names Submission - Against which all Regatta Fees (Administration and Registration) will be finalized and charged <i>Reminder of fees</i> Administration Fee – All competitors including all team officials and coaches of age 19 and over are required to pay an administration fee of USD \$80, those of age 18 or under are required to pay an administration fee of USD \$40. Supporters Fee – USD \$25 per person, payable to Organizing Committee IDBF Registration Fee – All competitors including all team officials and coaches of age 19 and over are required to pay a registration fee of USD \$50, those of age 18 or under are required to pay a registration fee of USD \$25	Sunday, June 19, 2022

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

CHAMPIONSHIP FEES

Countries that wish their clubs to enter the Championship must have fully paid the IDBF annual membership fees. The fee for 2022 is USD \$500 for full members and USD \$100 for ordinary members.

An Administration Fee and an IDBF Registration fee is to be paid by every competitor, coach, and team official.

DEPOSIT

A Deposit of USD \$600 per club is to be paid with the Initial Entry by February 20, 2022. It is non-refundable but exceptions may be made if an inability to participate is solely related to visa issues.

ADMINISTRATION FEE

All competitors of age 19 and over are required to pay an administration fee of USD \$80, those of age 18 or under are required to pay an administration fee of USD \$40. The Administration Fee must also be paid by all Club Officials and Coaches. The balance of Administration Fee, minus the deposit must be paid with the Named Entries by June 19, 2022. Administration Fees paid after June 19, 2022 may be subject to a surcharge of USD \$285 per Club.

REGISTRATION FEE

All competitors of age 19 and over are required to pay a registration fee of USD \$50, those of age 18 or under are required to pay a registration fee of USD \$25. The Registration Fee must also be paid by all Club Officials and Coaches. Team managers will register their team members on the IDBF registration system and generate their own invoices. Each invoice generated/processed will incur a processing fee of USD \$50. Teams registering after June 19, 2022 will automatically be charged a surcharge of USD \$5 per person. When making payments, the club name and invoice number must be shown on the bank payment form and a copy of the payment emailed to deputy-treasurer@dragonboat.sport.

Details of the IDBF bank account to be used will be shown on the invoice.

SUPPORTERS FEE

A fee of USD \$25 per person is payable to the Organizing Committee for all official supporters who require access to the competitor's area. Children of supporters under the age of 16 are free.

PAYMENTS

Administration Fees and Supporters Fees are to be paid to the 13th CCWC Organizing Committee.

Please visit the event webpage, www.2022CCWC.com, for information on paying these fees. Payments can be made by either credit card or wire transfer. Credit card instructions are on the webpage.

If paying the Administration or Supporters fee by wire transfer, use the following:

(you must include an additional USD \$20 for incoming wire transfer convenience fee)

For International U.S. \$ using SWIFT:

Receiving Bank Name: Hancock Whitney Bank

BIC/SWIFT Code: WHITUS44

Bank Address: 701 Poydras Street; New Orleans, LA 70139

Beneficiary Bank Name: Hancock Whitney Bank

Our account # is 0049051376

Please accurately include details of your country and club and the purpose of your payment. For example: France; Annecy Dragon Boat; 1st deposit; Confirmed entries; 42 athletes plus 6 supporters.

IDBF Registration fee is payable to the International Dragon Boat Federation. Banking details will be shown on the invoice that is generated at the time of crew registration.

When paying the IDBF registration fee, by wire transfer, please make sure you mark the "Ordering customer" (OUR) check box when you fill in the "International charges".

VISA PROCESS

The visa process for the United States varies for each consulate or embassy. We recommend working with your local embassy or consulate to ensure you are following the correct process for your country. Please begin the visa process immediately, to ensure your timely entry.

Step 1: Accommodations

Secure your accommodation for the duration of your training and competition as this will be asked in the application process. Email accommodations@2022CCWC.com for booking assistance.

Step 2: Visa Waiver Program

The Visa Waiver Program (VWP) enables most citizens or nationals of participating countries* to travel to the United States for tourism or business for stays of 90 days or less without first obtaining a visa, when they meet all requirements. Travelers must have a valid Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) approval prior to travel. If you prefer to have a visa in your passport, you may still apply for a visitor (B) visa.

*For a list of participating countries and more information on ESTA, see <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/tourism-visit/visa-waiver-program.html>

Step 3: For countries not part of the Visa Waiver Program (VWP)

We advise the following for applying for visitor B visa, which for most countries, covers athletes, teams and support staff coming to the US for a competition. Again, please inquire with your local embassy or consulate. Begin securing your travel visas for entry into the United States by applying online at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas.html> The "Visa Wizard" will take you through each step of the process including correct forms, picture uploads and fees. If you are in need of a Visa Invitation Letter to provide to your embassy, please complete the form linked at www.2022CCWC.com and return by email to visas@2022CCWC.com

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