

AMENDMENTS TO INFORMATION BULLETIN No.1

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19th EDBF European Club Crew Championships

Ravenna 2023,

7th – 10th September 2023

Standiana Bacin Regatta Course, Via Standiana 38, Savio di Ravenna, Ravenna, Italy

To: ALL EDBF MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBER DRAGON BOAT ORGANISATIONS IN EUROPE.

The European Dragon Boat Federation Council in conjunction with the Italian Dragon Boat Federation (FIDB) and the Ravenna Organizing Committee, agreed the following amendments to the 19th EDBF European Club Crews Championships (ECCC) – RAVENNA 2023, in Italy.

The Championships are primarily for those European Club Crews that are members of the European Dragon Boat Federation.

Crews from European countries which do not have a dragon boat federation are welcome, with the prior approval of the EDBF executive committee, providing that a membership application is in process.

DIVISIONS, RACING & COMPETITION CLASSES & ENTRY CONDITIONS

The Championship Divisions, Racing and Competition Classes that will be contested are listed below, **Both Standard and Small Boat Championships are on offer with the Small Boat Races primarily aimed at new Clubs on the international stage** but also at older Clubs with only a small number of paddlers available for a particular Racing Class or Classes.

STANDARD BOATS

Class	Premier	Snr A 40+ (1)	Snr B 50+ (1)	Snr C 60+ (1)	Snr D 70+ (1)	Jnr A & B (2)	Under 24 (3)	BCP/ ACP	Para-- Dragons
Open	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m
Women	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	N/A	N/A
Mixed	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	N/A	N/A

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SMALL BOATS

Class	Premier	Snr A 40+ (1)	Snr B 50+ (1)	Snr C 60+ (1)	Snr D 70+ (1)	Junior A & B (2)	Under 24 (3)	BCP/ ACP	Para- Dragon
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	200m 500m 2000m
Women	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	N/A	N/A
Mixed	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	N/A	N/A

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- (1) **Senior A** --- 40th or later birthday falls in the year of the competition (1983, 1982, 1981...).
- Senior B** --- 50th or later birthday falls in the year of the competition (1973, 1972, 1971...).
- Senior C** --- 60th or later birthday falls in the year of the competition (1963, 1962, 1961...).
- Senior D** --- 70th or later birthday falls in the year of the competition (1953, 1952, 1951...).
- (2) **Junior A** --- 13th to 18th birthday falls in the year of the competition.
(A competitor must have been born in the years 2005->2010).
- Junior B** --- 13th to 16th birthday falls in the year of the competition.
(A competitor must have been born in the years 2007/->2010).
- (3) **Under 24** --- 13th to 23rd birthday falls in the year of the competition (A competitor must have been born in the years 2000->2010).

~~Notes: up to two (2) Racers in a Standard Boat Competition and one (1) in a Small boat can be over 23, but under 26 (1995/1996) in the year of the competition.~~ Note: By definition Drummers and Steerers are 'Racers'.

See the EDBF Amendments to the IDBF Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing as updated at the EDBF Council on the 23rd January 2023.

AGE REGULATIONS – EXCEPTIONS. Senior & Junior Classes. The Drummer in a Senior Crew and Helm/Steerer in a Junior Crew do not need to conform to the relevant age limits shown above.

Premier Classes – An athlete's 13th or later birthday must fall in the year of the competition. To clarify, an athlete must be 12 years of age as a minimum and there is not maximum age limits.

AMENDMENTS TO RACING CLASSES AFTER PROVISIONAL ENTRY STAGE. Once the closing date for Provisional Entries has passed the EDBF Executive we will then review the number of entries in each class. Should there be insufficient entries, then:

- Junior A & Junior B will be combined to form one racing class known as Juniors.
- **Senior A, B, C and D will be combined to form matched racing classes.**
- **The Under 24 entries will be required to race in the Premier classes**

Any affected club crew will be advised accordingly by email.

COMPETITION FORMAT. The ECCC will be conducted according to the IDBF Competition Regulations and IDBF Rules of Racing with the **EDBF Amendments to the IDBF Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing as updated at the EDBF Council on the 23rd January 2023**, by appointed IDBF International Race Officials. These will be assisted by National Standard Officials, under the direction of an IDBF Chief Official, with a Championship Jury nominated by the EDBF Executive Committee.

ENTRIES. All entries to the 19th EDBF ECCC must be sanctioned by the EDBF member organization to which that crew belongs, where one exists. Crews from countries or territories where there is not an EDBF member may compete, subject to the agreement of the EDBF Executive Committee.

A maximum 5 entries per Standard Boat competition class and a maximum of 4 entries per Small Boat competition class, per EDBF Member will be allowed.

A Club can enter Standard or Small Boat Crews or both in all Racing Classes, **but for a Club to enter both a Standard and Small Boat crew in the same Divisional Racing Class** or competition, the paddlers in the Small Boat Crew must be **different paddlers** from those used in the Standard Boat crew – including reserves, **with the exception of Mixed Crews, Juniors and U24 Open.**

E.G. An athlete competing in the Standard Boat Premier Open cannot also compete in the Small Boat Premier Open class.

MIXED CREWS EXCEPTION. A Club may enter an Open Standard Boat and also a Women's Small Boat Crew or vice versa, in any Racing Class when there are less than 18 paddlers of either sex available to race. In these cases the same Small Boat paddlers can also race in a Standard Boat Mixed Crew or a Small Boat Mixed Crew.

The following mixed crew composition rules will be used at this Championships. Mixed Standard Boat – Maximum 10 of either gender, as per current IDBF Rules.

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

Mixed Small Boat – Maximum 6 / Minimum 4 either gender will be allowed (

6 male paddlers / 4 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender
4 male paddlers / 6 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender
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

BCP/ACP (Breast Cancer Paddlers) CREWS.

BCP/ACP crews will race in Standard Boats and Small Boats over 200m, 500m and 2000m. BCP/ACP Crews will not count against the 5 (Standard Boat) or 3 (Small Boat) crews per EDBF Member and may be requested to enter as 2 Small Boat Crews if entries for the Standard Boats are low. To avoid any confusion, all BCP - Female or Male - including drummer and helm must have had a diagnosis of and treatment for breast cancer and may be asked to provide a medical certificate as proof of diagnosis and fitness to paddle.

Teams entering the BCP category must be bone fide members of IBCPC if not members of the EDBF.

BCP shall be indicated in the open class because there are no more restrictions for men diagnosed with Breast Cancer.

ON-LINE REGISTRATION. On--line registration will be open from **30th January 2023**, at the official EDBF Club Crew Championship website https://idbfchamps.org/login_edbf.php. Passwords to this system will be issued by the System Administrator.

ENTRY & DEADLINE DATES

Entry Form	Action	Due Date
Provisional Entries*	PROVISIONAL ENTRIES + €300 Admin Deposit	7th March 2023 (7 months before the Champs)
Confirmed Entries*	CONFIRMED ENTRIES + €50 Race Fee, for each competition entered	7th June 2023 (3 months before the Champs)
Final Named Entries*	NAMED ENTRIES + Entry Fees - that is total participants fee, less Admin Deposit and less Race Fees but plus EDBF Registration Fee.	1st August 2023 (1 month before the Champs)

* **Please note**, any late payments will attract a surcharge of €100.00/EDBF Club Crew, so please ensure you meet the deadlines given. Three missed deadlines could mean an additional payment of €300.00.

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