



#Bulletin No.2

# 14th IDBF CLUB CREW WORLD DRAGON BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS

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## Bulletin No. 2

### 14<sup>th</sup> IDBF Club Crew World Dragon Boat Championships Ravenna – Italy 3<sup>rd</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024

The information in Bulletin No.2 is complementary to Bulletin No.1. The two Bulletins together serve as the complete guidance to date.

The International Dragon Boat Federation (*IDBF*), trading as *International Dragon Boat Federation Limited (IDBF Limited)* in conjunction with the Italian Dragon Boat Federation (*FIDB*) and the Ravenna Organizing Committee (*RDBE*) cordially invite all crews from clubs affiliated to IDBF Members to participate in the 14<sup>th</sup> IDBF Club Crew World Championships (*CCWC*) which will be held at Bacino della Standiana, Via Standiana 38, Savio di Ravenna, Ravenna, Italy.

Team arrival, training and registration will be held from Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. The Championships will be held from Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September to Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Crews are advised to arrive no later than the morning of 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Team registration has to be fully completed by no later than 1 pm.

Information in Bulletin No.2 provides further details on the 14<sup>th</sup> IDBF Club Crew World Dragon Boat Championships and reminds participating Club Crews about the important timelines that must be adhered to.

Provisional entries closed Sunday 18 February and **Saturday 18 May** is the deadline for Confirmed entries to be made (which must be done using the IDBF online registration system). In addition, participating clubs are requested to upload to the IDBF registration system the details of their participants/athletes and their photographs as soon as possible but with a final deadline of **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024**.



**Provisional Entries – as at 12 March 2024 (confirmed by competition class)**

Note: numbers in brackets show number of countries ( )

| standard boat | open    |         |         | women  |        |        | mixed   |         |         |
|---------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
|               | 200     | 500     | 2000    | 200    | 500    | 2000   | 200     | 500     | 2000    |
| premier       | 27 (10) | 26 (10) | 26 (10) | 18 (8) | 18 (8) | 18 (8) | 35 (15) | 35 (15) | 34 (15) |
| senior A      | 9 (6)   | 9 (6)   | 9 (6)   | 17 (8) | 17 (8) | 17 (8) | 24 (10) | 24 (10) | 24 (10) |
| senior B      | 15 (7)  | 15 (7)  | 14 (7)  | 15 (4) | 15 (4) | 14 (4) | 24 (7)  | 25 (7)  | 24 (7)  |
| senior C      | 9 (6)   | 9 (6)   | 9 (6)   | 8 (2)  | 8 (2)  | 8 (2)  | 16 (6)  | 16 (6)  | 16 (6)  |
| 24u           | 2 (1)   | 2 (1)   | 2 (1)   | 3 (1)  | 3 (1)  | 3 (1)  | 8 (3)   | 8 (3)   | 8 (3)   |
| 18u           | –       | 1 (1)   | –       | 2 (1)  | 2 (1)  | 2 (1)  | 6 (4)   | 6 (4)   | 6 (4)   |
| BCP           |         |         |         | 11 (4) | 12 (4) | 10 (4) |         |         |         |
| ACP           | 2 (1)   | 2 (1)   | 2 (1)   |        |        |        |         |         |         |
| PD-1          | 1 (1)   | 1 (1)   | 1 (1)   |        |        |        |         |         |         |
| PD-2          | 5 (5)   | 4 (4)   | 4 (4)   |        |        |        |         |         |         |

| small boat | open    |         |         | women   |         |         | mixed   |         |         |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|            | 200     | 500     | 2000    | 200     | 500     | 2000    | 200     | 500     | 2000    |
| premier    | 26 (17) | 26 (17) | 24 (16) | 26 (16) | 26 (16) | 24 (14) | 30 (21) | 31 (21) | 29 (19) |
| senior A   | 23 (15) | 25 (16) | 24 (15) | 24 (14) | 24 (14) | 23 (13) | 26 (16) | 26 (16) | 25 (16) |
| senior B   | 19 (12) | 19 (12) | 19 (12) | 16 (10) | 16 (10) | 16 (10) | 24 (16) | 24 (16) | 24 (16) |
| senior C   | 15 (10) | 15 (10) | 15 (10) | 11 (7)  | 11 (7)  | 11 (7)  | 14 (10) | 14 (10) | 14 (10) |
| 24u        | 8 (5)   | 8 (5)   | 7 (4)   | 6 (5)   | 6 (5)   | 5 (4)   | 7 (6)   | 7 (6)   | 6 (5)   |
| 18u        | 10 (8)  | 10 (8)  | 9 (8)   | 12 (9)  | 12 (9)  | 11 (8)  | 12 (8)  | 12 (8)  | 11 (8)  |
| BCP        |         |         |         | 14 (9)  | 14 (9)  | 14 (9)  |         |         |         |
| ACP        | 3 (2)   | 3 (2)   | 3 (2)   |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| PD-1       | 4 (4)   | 4 (4)   | 4 (4)   |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| PD-2       | 5 (4)   | 5 (4)   | 5 (4)   |         |         |         |         |         |         |



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## Entries

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Entries are open to all clubs affiliated to IDBF Members provided those Members have paid their membership fees for 2024 and any other outstanding amounts due to the IDBF.

All entries to the 14<sup>th</sup> IDBF Club Crew World Dragon Boat Championships must be sanctioned by the IDBF Member to which that crew belongs. Subject to the agreement of the IDBF Executive Committee, clubs from countries or territories where there is not an IDBF member, may also compete.

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

**IDBF Registration Fee:** The IDBF registration fee for competitors, coaches and officials is US\$50 for aged 19 and over and US\$25 for aged 18 years and under in 2024 regardless of the competition class the person is competing in. The IDBF registration fee must be **paid by Thursday 1st August**, otherwise a late fee of US\$100 per crew will be applied. Any outstanding bank fees are payable by the team.

As all Named Entries are due by 30<sup>th</sup> June, IDBF will commence invoicing your club based on the entry date of 30 June and the invoice will be sent to the nominated contact on the registration application. It is the responsibility of the team manager to ensure the payment is completed. IDBF bank details and instructions are listed on the invoice for payment.

Any cancellation to participants will not be reimbursed. Any additional after 30 June will incur an administration fee of US\$20 per person.

The full amount of the invoice is payable, meaning all bank costs are fully the responsibility of the sender of the money. Should IDBF not receive the full amount then any difference is payable to IDBF at registration. When coming to the IDBF registration desk, please ensure you bring all documents with you including a copy of your bank transfer. The bank transfer must state the Invoice Number and Club name. IDBF does not have credit card facilities.

Kindly send a copy of the bank transfer to [treasurer@dragonboat.sport](mailto:treasurer@dragonboat.sport) and [deputy-treasurer@dragonboat.sport](mailto:deputy-treasurer@dragonboat.sport)

**Event Administration Fee:** paid to the Ravenna 2024 Organizing Committee in **EURO**.

The Event fee table below sets out the fee structure using an Early Bird reduction.

| Payment made before | Competitors/Official/Coaches |                        | Supporters             |
|---------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|                     | Of age 19 and over           | Of age 18 and under    |                        |
| 30th March 2024     | EURO 75 approx. USD 80       | EURO 37 approx. USD 40 | EURO 37 approx. USD 40 |
| 18th May 2024       | EURO 85 approx. USD 90       | EURO 42 approx. USD 45 | EURO 42 approx. USD 45 |
| 30th June 2024      | EURO 95 approx. USD 100      | EURO 47 approx. USD 50 | EURO 47 approx. USD 50 |

Children of supporters under the age of 16 are free.



A late entry fee of an extra EURO 20 per person will be charged for any payments made after **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June**.

### **Ravenna 2024 Organizing Committee Bank Details:**

Please ensure all payments are in EURO and Bank charges are paid from your side.

**Account Name:** RAVENNA DRAGON BOAT EVENTS S.S.D A.R.L

**Bank:** Banca Reale

**Bank Address:** Corso Giuseppe Siccardi 13 (zip code 10122) Torino- Italy

**IBAN:** IT110313801000000013432901 (Note: the character after IT11 is an I of India)

**ACCOUNT N.:** 000013432901

**SWIFT/BIC:** BRTOITTT

**Ref:** Club Name and Country

Send a copy of the payment to [amministrazione@ravennadragonboat.com](mailto:amministrazione@ravennadragonboat.com) with detailed info such as **Club Crew Name, Nationality, and the number of participants**, divided among:

- Of age 19 and over
- Of age 18 and under
- Supporters.

**WARNING:** There are scams starting to appear pretending to send emails from the Federation Italian Dragon Boat and Claudio Schermi. Before replying to emails, opening links, and paying any money double check. Before paying any money, you should phone and check with the organisation providing the invoice to the bank details are correct IBAN etc. The only email addresses you will be receiving communication from are listed in the contacts. If any email address doesn't look correct or you don't know the person, do not reply.

### **Key Dates**

| <b>Requirement</b>   | <b>Deadline</b>  |
|--|------------------|
| Provisional entries closed   | 18 February 2024 |
| Requests to official travel agency for accommodation and transfers booking | 20 April 2024    |
| Confirmed entries Close  | 18 May 2024      |
| Applications for Paradrakon Chaperone passes                               | 23 June 2024     |
| Final team names submission - against which all Event fees will be charged | 30 June 2024     |
| Submission of Paradrakon – Certificate of Diagnosis                        | 26 July 2024     |
| IDBF Registration Fee due  | 1 August 2024    |



## Appointment for Registration with IDBF and the Ravenna 2024 Organizing Committee

Appointment times will be allocated through the IDBF registration system to book appointments to come for Team Registration.

Due to the volume of clubs participating, this new process is necessary. You will be able to book this at the same time you book your training sessions. The link to booking your Team registration time will be available in Bulletin 3 and will follow the same process as booking training sessions.

## Provisional Schedule

| Date                       | Schedule  |
|----------------------------|---|
| Saturday 31 August 2024    | Team registration 9 am to 5 pm<br>Team training<br>Paradragon classification  |
| Sunday 1 September 2024    | Team registration 9 am to 5 pm<br>Team training<br>Paradragon classification  |
| Monday 2 September 2024    | AM – Team registration 9 am to 1 pm<br>AM – Team training<br>Paradragon classification<br>PM – Team Managers meeting **<br>PM – Opening Ceremony ** |
| Tuesday 3 September 2024   | Racing Day 1 - 2000m  |
| Wednesday 4 September 2024 | Racing Day 2 - 2000m  |
| Thursday 5 September 2024  | Racing Day 3 - 200m   |
| Friday 6 September 2024    | Racing Day 4 - 200m   |
| Saturday 7 September 2024  | Racing Day 5 - 500m   |
| Sunday 8 September 2024    | Racing Day 6 - 500m<br>Closing Ceremony (handover of flag to 2026 host nation Taiwan)<br>Closing Party **   |
| Monday 9 September 2024    | IDBF Congress – 9.00 am to 1 pm **  |

**\*\* Time and/or Venue will be confirmed in Bulletin 3**

**Note:** The race programme is subject to change and will depend on the number of final entries received.



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## Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing

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A correction is made from Bulletin 1. The 14<sup>th</sup> IDBF Club Crew World Dragon Boat Championships will be conducted under Competition Regulations Edition 8 (effective 1 January 2020) and Rules of Racing Edition 8.1 ((effective 1 January 2020). Changes agreed to at IDBF Congress in 2023 will come into effect 01 January 2025.

IDBF is trialing the combining of 24U and University at 14th Club Crew World Championships. For the 24U/University combined classes (mixed, single gender, or open), competitors may compete who are at least 12 years of age in the year of competition and who are also:

-24 years of age or less in the year of competition; AND/OR a full-time university student.

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## Paradragon

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See ANNEX 1

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## Boats and Equipment

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IDBF Specification dragon boats will be provided for the Championships.

The Official Supplier is Swift Racing, providing 25 Standard boats and 25 Small boats. These will be available for sale after the Championships with a discount for pre-order on a 1st come, 1st served basis. They can be collected at the end of the Championships or delivered by Swift. For any further sale info please, enquire to [dragon@swiftracing.com](mailto:dragon@swiftracing.com) and check out the website [www.swiftracing.com/db](http://www.swiftracing.com/db)

Competing crews will be expected to bring their own paddles which, except for Paradragons – see Annex 1 - must conform to IDBF Paddle Specification 202a, and buoyancy aids if necessary. The organizers will provide some spare paddles and buoyancy aids just in case.

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## Closing Party

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Information for the Closing Party – cost, timing and venue will be confirmed in Bulletin 3.

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## Declarations

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Submission of Declarations 1 and 2 will be provided in a separate dedicated information sheet with a follow-up in Bulletin 3.

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## Accommodation and Transfer

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The Ravenna 2024 Organizing Committee Official Travel Agency is ITALCAMEL, only.

We have no relationship with other agencies that are improperly using the championship logo and name to gain your attention.



ITALCAMEL is offering the best booking service for Accommodation, daily Transfer to/from Race Venue/Accommodation, and Airport pick-up/drop-off Transfer. All these services are paid by you. Please, notice that ITALCAMEL will consider Transfer booking only for those Clubs reserving Accommodation also.

#### ACCOMMODATION PRICE LIST (all prices do not include any transfer service)

##### 3 Stars Category

- Hotel 3\* in Ravenna, Cervia area and Milano Marittima  
Prices from EURO 56 per person per night with B&B treatment.
- Hotel 3\* in Cesenatico area  
Prices from EURO 45 per person per night with B&B treatment.
- Hotel 3\*, Gatteo Mare  
Prices from EURO 82 per person per night with HALF BOARD (breakfast and dinner) and BEACH SERVICE.
- Camping lodges, bungalows and mobile homes - category 2/3\* in Casalborsetti area, Marina Romea, etc.  
Prices from EURO 24 per person per night.

##### 4 Stars Category

- Hotel 4\* from Ravenna to Milano Marittima  
Prices from EURO 86.00 to 190.00 per person per night with B&B treatment.
- Hotel 4\* in Marina Romea  
Prices from EURO 61,00 per person per night with B&B treatment.
- Camping village, lodge & bungalows 4\* in Punta Marina  
Prices from EURO 44.00 per person per night.

##### APARTMENTS in Lido di Dante/Lido Adriano

Prices from EURO 18 per person per night - WITHOUT AIR CONDITIONING

##### APARTMENTS in Marina di Ravenna/Ravenna

Prices from EURO 39 per person per night- APPARTMENTS RUNNING OUT

TO BE BOOKED WITHIN 20 04 2024, so hurry up to book, options are expiring

**Official Travel Agency – ITALCAMEL** <https://www.italcamel.com/>

Contact: email address: [ravenna2024@italcamel.com](mailto:ravenna2024@italcamel.com)

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### Meals

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The Standiana race venue will be furnished with bars, food & drink stands, and kiosks with typical local food for a good tasting of Italian food.





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## Drinking Water

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There will be water dispensers across the venue where water bottles can be refilled free of charge.

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## Tents

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Clubs will be provided dedicated space within a shared, unfurnished tent area. Club locations within the shared tent will be assigned once the race schedule and entries have been finalized.

For those teams wishing to have more space for their participants, Gazebos are available for rent for the Championships and Training days.

All Gazebos are class 2 fireproof approved and two types are offered for rent. Gazebos with all 4 side curtains white darkened for complete privacy and open Gazebos.

Following list of sizes and prices. Prices are already inclusive of 22% VAT.

| Size           | Closed Gazebo Price | Open Gazebo Price |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 3 mt. X 3 mt.  | Euro 430            | Euro 390          |
| 4 mt. X 4 mt.  | Euro 490            | Euro 450          |
| 5 mt. X 5 mt.  | Euro 610            | Euro 550          |
| 5 mt. X 10 mt. | -----               | Euro 920          |

Extra Furnishings: In addition, also benches can be rented for Euro 10 each.

Payment should be made to the Ravenna 2024 Organizing Committee bank account shown in this Bulletin. Teams interested in booking gazebos email [amministrazione@ravennadragonboat.com](mailto:amministrazione@ravennadragonboat.com) with the Club name, type and size of gazebos needed and any extra furnishings if needed. Attach proof of payment.

For safety reasons, private tents/gazebos are not allowed on the premises.

\* The Organizing Committee is working to find cheaper prices for tent renting than those shown above. We will inform you if we secure cheaper solutions. The lowest rate will also apply to those clubs that have already booked and paid for tent renting.

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## Parking

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A large free parking area is just before the entrance of the race venue in Mirabilandia parking. This is for buses and all types of transport.

A limited toll parking is inside the fences of the regatta site, at the entrance, for cars and minivans (max 9 seats) only. No bus, minibus, or caravan are allowed. Parking slots are until sold out.

The total cost for each vehicle is EURO 50 for all days of competition and training.

Car badges with tag details will be issued by the Organizing Committee at the RDBE Accreditation Office after payment.



You can pay cash in Euro directly on-site or book the car parking by emailing [segreteria@ravennadragonboat.com](mailto:segreteria@ravennadragonboat.com) with your name, Club and car tag details and paying by wire transfer to the Ravenna 2024 Organizing Committee Bank account. In the last case, you must attach proof of parking payment to the email and you can collect your pass at the RDBE Accreditation Office as soon as you arrive.

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## Anti-Doping

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IDBF is a signatory to The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). IDBF is committed to ensuring that its athletes comply with WADA requirements and WADA-run testing will be conducted at 14<sup>th</sup> CCWC.

### Anti-Doping Requirements for the 14<sup>th</sup> Club Crew World Championships

In continuing the expansion on the important education of our athletes and support personnel in accordance with WADA, the IDBF has made it a mandatory requirement for the following athletes and all coaches to complete or have completed an Anti-Doping course before being eligible for registration/accreditation at the 14<sup>th</sup> CCWC 2024 in Ravenna:

- Premier – International Level Athlete (ILA)
- Senior A - National Level Athlete (NLA)
- Senior B – National Level Athlete (NLA)
- 24U – National Level Athlete (NLA)
- Juniors – Talented Athlete
- Paradrasons – National Level Athlete
- Coaches – High Performance Coach (HPC)

For those who have not already completed an ADEL Anti-Doping Course do not forget to complete the appropriate course by **30<sup>th</sup> April 2024**.

Any athletes with a current Anti-Doping course certificate must make sure it is valid until 8<sup>th</sup> September.

The Team Manager should collect ALL certificates and submit them in folders according to divisions to (Premier, Sen. A, Sen. B...): [chair-medical@dragonboat.sport](mailto:chair-medical@dragonboat.sport) by **30<sup>th</sup> April 2024**.

For more information, please see the information newsletter sent out to all national federations dated 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024 or under Newsletters on the IDBF Anti-Doping website.

### Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUE)

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>

**Global Dro** is also a useful website to check medications - [Global DRO - Home-](#)



The TUE and information on the TUE process along with Checklists are available for download from the IDBF website site. Please note the following points when preparing a TUE:

1. Inform your doctor that you are an athlete. If any of your medications are prohibited ask your doctor for a suitable alternative that is not prohibited.
2. **Only** those prescribed medications that are on the prohibited list require a TUE.
3. All medical evidence (diagnosis, medical history, test results etc. as stated on the TUE form at point 6) **must** be submitted with the TUE for it to be processed otherwise the TUE application will be returned. This can then be re-submitted once all required documentation has been collected.
4. All submissions of TUE to be in **PDF** document format.

**Premier** athletes and **Premier** support personnel TUEs must be submitted to [chair-medical@dragonboat.sport](mailto:chair-medical@dragonboat.sport) at least 30 days prior to the commencement of the Championship - **3<sup>rd</sup> August 2024**.

All other athletes and support personnel to submit to their National Anti-Doping Agency or to [chair-medical@dragonboat.sport](mailto:chair-medical@dragonboat.sport) for assessment at least 30 days prior to the commencement of the Championship - **3<sup>rd</sup> August 2024**.

See **IDBF website** for TUE Application form and IDBF TUE Checklist: <https://www.dragonboat.sport/anti-doping>

**Your attention is drawn to IDBF Regulation CR11 concerning drug abuse** and doping. Random drug testing will be conducted during the event. All tests will be set against the current WADA banned substances list as shown on the WADA Website. Members of the IDBF Medical and Sports Science Commission will be on hand to monitor the testing process.

#### **IDBF MSSC Advisory related to Anti-Doping - Life extension/anti-ageing therapies**

Competitors are advised that the use of testosterone boosting agents to theoretically combat the ageing process is prohibited under WADA and the IDBF Anti-Doping rules. The use of these agents by any route for life extension or to combat the ageing process is **not permitted** and no therapeutic use exemption will be granted for this purpose. Additionally, paddlers are advised that there is substantial evidence that they pose a serious health risk. Specifically note the following from the WADA rules:

- a) Females will not be granted a TUE for testosterone use; it is strictly prohibited.
- b) Males must have a documented organic cause of hypogonadism. A list of such causes is available on the IDBF website. Please see the Male Hypogonadism document. Essentially there must be testicular, genetic, or pituitary disease.
- c) Low testosterone level from ageing (andropause) is **NOT** a valid reason for a TUE.
- d) Self-disclosure of the use of a prohibited substance **without** a TUE is an Anti-Doping rule violation (ARDV).

Club Team Managers are to ensure that their competitors are familiar with the contents and advice given in the current edition of the IDBF Anti-Doping Policy – see <https://www.dragonboat.sport/anti-doping> and on the WADA website [www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org) .



## Aiding and Abetting

Anyone who assists or incites, or otherwise encourages a competitor to indulge in drug abuse shall also be considered to have committed a drug offence and will be subject to the same disciplinary procedures as for a competitor or crew.

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## CONTACTS

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| <b>Championships Website</b>               | <a href="http://www.dragonboatravenna2024.com">www.dragonboatravenna2024.com</a>                 |
| <b>Championships Facebook page</b>         | Dragon Boat Ravenna 2024   |
| <b>Organizing Committee inquires</b>       | <a href="mailto:Info@ravennadragonboat.com">Info@ravennadragonboat.com</a>                       |
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| IDBF Chair Competition & Technical Commission –<br>Melanie Cantwell | <a href="mailto:chair-ctc@dragonboat.sport">chair-ctc@dragonboat.sport</a>                 |
| IDBF Chair Para Athletes Commission – Keith Dalip                   | <a href="mailto:chair-para@dragonboat.sport">chair-para@dragonboat.sport</a>               |
| IDBF Chair Medical Commission – Bridget Walter                      | <a href="mailto:chair-medical@dragonboat.sport">chair-medical@dragonboat.sport</a>         |

The IDBF and FIDB encourage your Club to enter the 14<sup>th</sup> IDBF CCWC, Ravenna 2024 Italy and look forward to welcoming you to join the Championships.

**Claudio Schermi**  
IDBF President

**Antonio De Lucia**  
FIDB President



## ANNEX 1

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### Paradragon

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Bulletin 1 set out specific information relevant to Paradragon clubs and also explained that athletes would be permitted to represent a Paradragon club and another club. The information in this section supplements that provided in Bulletin 1.

**Certificates of Diagnosis.** Certificates of Diagnosis must be submitted by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July**. The certificate format can be found in IDBF's *Rules for Paradragon Racing* (Edition 1.3) available at:

<https://www.dragonboat.sport/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/IDBF-Rules-for-Paradragon-Racing-Edition-1.3-1.pdf>

Completed certificates (which must include passport-style photographs of the relevant athletes) are required for every Paradragon paddler living with an impairment. Certificates are not required for unimpaired paddlers, steerers (or helms/sweeps) and drummers.

Clubs are requested to submit certificates as soon as they become available and not wait to submit them in bulk. This will allow IDBF to commence development of provisional impairment 'scores' early, but will also benefit clubs; provisional scores will be issued as soon as they have been done thus assisting clubs with their planning.

Certificates must be submitted:

- by email to [chair-para@dragonboat.sport](mailto:chair-para@dragonboat.sport);
- in .pdf format; and
- by the required deadline.

Failure to conform to the above will result in affected paddlers not being permitted to compete in Paradragon races.

**Classifications at the Championships.** Selected paddlers from each club will be required to be classified in-person before the Championships start. If a paddler is selected for classification but does not attend for any reason and IDBF is unable to re-arrange the appointment, that paddler will not be permitted to paddle as an impaired member of a Paradragon crew.

**Equipment and adaptations.** Annex B of IDBF's *Rules for Paradragon Racing* (Ed. 1.3) provides guidance on equipment and adaptations. For detailed guidance on a specific issue, email [chair-para@dragonboat.sport](mailto:chair-para@dragonboat.sport).



However, for adaptations to seating that require strapping or other means of securing the paddler in any way, guidance **must be sought before the Championships**. IDBF may demand that video evidence be provided of trials that prove the paddler for whom the adaptation has been made can safely exit the boat in the event of a capsized. Unless IDBF is satisfied with the safety of the adaptation, it will not be permitted to be used at the Championships.

**Paradragon Chaperones.** The only non-crew members permitted to enter boat marshalling will be Paradragon Chaperones. Paradragon Chaperones are only permitted to assist those impaired athletes who require specialist support (emotional or physical).

Special passes will be issued to Paradragon Chaperones and applications for these passes must be made by the Club requiring them directly to [chair-para@dragonboat.sport](mailto:chair-para@dragonboat.sport) by **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**. Individuals requiring these passes must also be registered with IDBF as 'supporters' and appropriate fees paid.

Paradragon Chaperones are not permitted to enter boat marshalling carrying or wearing the race top being used by their club.

**Communications.** To assist Paradragon clubs, IDBF has established a WhatsApp group and will permit up to three representatives per club to join the group. Similar groups were formed informally for previous IDBF championships and proved invaluable in dealing with priority issues. Clubs who wish to participate should email [chair-para@dragonboat.sport](mailto:chair-para@dragonboat.sport). The WhatsApp group is open now.

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