

**12th IDBF Club Crew World Dragon Boat Championships**  
**Aix-Les-Bains, France - 24 to 30 August, 2020**

**INFORMATION BULLETIN NO.1**

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PARADRAGONS**

The information in this Bulletin supplements that previously provided by Information Bulletin No. 1 regarding Paradrakon events at the 12th IDBF Club Crew World Dragon Boat Championships.

The IDBF encourages all member nations to actively promote Paradrakon participation from clubs within their federations.

**Any matters or questions arising from this Bulletin should be directed in the first instance to Nigel Bedford, Chair IDBF Para Athletes Commission at [chair-para@dragonboat.sport](mailto:chair-para@dragonboat.sport)**

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**PARADRAGON RACE CATEGORIES**

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In order to attract maximum participation, IDBF has decided to offer **only the PD2 race category** (ie where only about half of the paddlers need to be para athletes) at the 12th IDBF Club Crew World Dragon Boat Championships.

Currently, IDBF has entries for both standard and small boat competition classes. However, the intent is to maximise participation from our para athletes community and also to promote events where a large number of crews can compete against each other. Depending on the numbers of entries received, IDBF may decide in due course whether to continue to offer both standard boat and small boat events, or to offer only small boat racing. If it is decided to offer small boat racing only, those crews entered for the standard boat events will be permitted, at no additional cost, to enter two small boat teams instead of one standard boat team (provided of course that the teams satisfy the requirements for PD2 small boat).

Additionally, a participating club will anyway be permitted to enter more than one crew in each PD2 small boat event regardless of any decision on standard boat entries.

200m, 500m and 2000m racing classes will continue to be offered.

As a reminder, the steerer and the drummer in a crew need not be para athletes themselves but, if they are, anyway do not contribute to the overall points calculated for impairments, age and gender. The following table (extracted from the current Paradrakon rulebook) shows how a Paradrakon crew can be comprised and the maximum points allowed for the para athlete paddlers:

	Total Paddlers	Number para athlete paddlers	Maximum allowable points for para athlete paddlers
Standard	20	10	160
	19	10	160
		9	128
	18	9	144
	17	9	144
		8	112
16	8	128	
Small	10	5	80
	9	5	80
		4	56
	8	4	64

Note the crew must comprise at least 16 paddlers for a standard boat and 8 paddlers for a small boat.

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### ELIGIBLE PARADRAGON 'CLUBS'

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The Paradrragon category is relatively new to our sport and IDBF is prepared to waive normal qualification requirements for clubs wishing to enter the Paradrragon category at the 12th IDBF Club Crew World Dragon Boat Championships. This means that IDBF is willing to accept entries from 'clubs' formed specifically to participate in the event, with team members possibly drawn from more than one established club.

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### MEDICAL CERTIFICATES

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Medical certificates are required to be completed (**in English**) for each para athlete paddler and sent to IDBF by email (to [chair-para@dragonboat.sport](mailto:chair-para@dragonboat.sport)) by July 17<sup>th</sup> 2020. This is in order that the IDBF Para Athletes Commission can develop provisional scores for each competitor and to confirm that, based on these scores, the entered crew satisfies the maximum allowable points requirement as set out in the Paradrragon Rulebook (and also shown in the table on Page 1).

A blank medical certificate is attached. It is in both Word and pdf format to assist completion but the existing text in the certificate must not be altered in any way.

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## SCORING OF INDIVIDUAL COMPETITORS

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It is the responsibility of clubs to ensure that the total points for a crew do not exceed the maximum allowable under the rules. If a club has any questions about how an individual's impairment might be 'scored' they are encouraged to contact the IDBF Para Athletes Commission (via email to [chair-para@dragonboat.sport](mailto:chair-para@dragonboat.sport)) as soon as possible.

IDBF Para Athletes Commission is aware that not every possible impairment is currently described in in the rulebook and will work with clubs to develop appropriate scoring in a fair and transparent way.

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## VALIDATION AUDIT

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On Monday August 24<sup>th</sup> 2020, the IDBF Para Athletes Commission will review at least one para athlete from each club to validate that the information provided in the medical certificate is consistent with the impairment presented. Any para athlete selected for this audit must be made available by his or her club. By mutual agreement, it might be possible for the validation of an individual to be arranged for Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020.

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## ADAPTATIONS

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Temporary adaptations to race boats will be allowed provided:

- (1) they cause no damage to the boat;
- (2) they are not considered by IDBF to offer an unfair advantage to the crew; and
- (3) the risk of their use is assessed by IDBF not to pose an unmanageable safety hazard

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## TIMELINE

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Information Bulletin No. 1 set out a timeline for entries. This Information Bulletin provides a different timeline that solely applies to Paradrakon entries.

REQUIREMENT	DEADLINE DATE
Provisional entry <sup>(1)</sup> Payment of administrative deposit <sup>(2)</sup>	February 14 <sup>th</sup> 2020
Decision by IDBF on whether standard boat racing will be offered <sup>(3)</sup>	March 6 <sup>th</sup> 2020
Confirmation of entry <sup>(1)</sup>	May 15 <sup>th</sup> 2020
Final Team Names Submission <sup>(1),(4)</sup>	June 26 <sup>th</sup> 2020
Medical certificates for para athlete paddlers received by IDBF <sup>(5)</sup>	July 17 <sup>th</sup> 2020
Validation audit of selected para athlete paddlers <sup>(5)</sup>	August 24 <sup>th</sup> 2020

Notes:

- (1) Using IDBF registration system at <http://idbfchamps.org/idbf>
- (2) EUR 500 per club (non-refundable, except where a club withdraws because of issues related to decision on standard boat entries – see Note (3) below)
- (3) Decision will be notified to all Paradragon entries. If only small boat racing will be offered, clubs will have the option of entering one or more small boat crews or withdrawing their entry altogether.
- (4) Against this, all Regatta fees will be calculated and charged. Fees will apply to any team official, coach or competitor not otherwise paying Regatta fees for non-Paradragon entries. Administration fee: EUR 70 for those aged 19 and older; EUR 35 for those under 19. IDBF Registration Fee: USD 50 for those aged 19 and older; USD 25 for those under 19.
- (5) Please refer to information later in this Bulletin