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INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 1

17TH EDBF EUROPEAN CLUB CREW CHAMPIONSHIPS – 27th to 30th July 2017

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DATE

The 17th EDBF ECCC will be held from the 27th July to 30th July 2017. Competing crews are advised to arrive in Divonne-Les-Bains no later than Thursday, 27th July 2016. Crews arriving earlier will be catered for.

LOCATION

The 17th EDBF ECCC will be held in Divonne-Les-Bains, France, a little town next to the Swiss frontier. Racing will take place on the Lake of Divonne-Les-Bains. It takes about 15 minutes from Geneva International Airport to Divonne by car.

REGATTA COURSE

The regatta course and technical facilities will be to EDBF standards for European Club Crew Championships. The number of racing lanes will be six over 200m and 500m, with a width of 13m. There will be photo finish equipment in place.



BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

IDBF licensed boats will be provided by the Championship organisers. Competing crews will be expected to bring their own paddles that conform to the IDBF Paddle Specification 202a. A limited number of IDBF Spec 202a paddles will be available from the Organising Committee for hire or purchase.

COMPETITION FORMAT

The Championship is primarily for those European Club Crews that are members of the European Dragon Boat Federation (EDBF). Crews from countries which do not have a Dragon Boat Federation, are also welcome, with the approval of the EDBF Executive Committee. The ECCC will be conducted according to the IDBF Competition Regulations and IDBF Rules of Racing by appointed IDBF International Race Officials assisted by National Standard Officials, under the direction of an IDBF Chief Official, with a Championship Jury nominated by the EDBF Executive Committee.



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VISAS

Teams requiring visas to enter France should apply directly to the organising committee no later than 30th April 2017, email requesting a letter of invitation to the 17th EDBF ECCC and enclosing a list of those participants who have been selected for the Team, including any Officials and Supporters who are attending the Championships.

DIVISIONS, RACING & COMPETITION CLASSES & ENTRY CONDITIONS

NEW IDBF RULES AND REGULATIONS

IDBF Rules of Racing – Edition 7, issue 1, effective from 1st January 2016 and the IDBF Competition Regulations – Edition 7, issue 1, effective from 1st January 2016 will be adopted in full by the EDBF and will be used in all ENC and ECCC from 1st January 2017.

Please make sure you familiarise yourselves with these new rules which can be found on the IDBF website www.idbf.org as there are changes to the male/female ratio in the mixed crew composition.

ENTRIES

All entries to the 2017 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 3 entries per Small Boat competition class, per EDBF Member will be allowed, with only one entry per Club.

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.

Classes may be combined in the early rounds of competition, but the Grand Finals will be separate. 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.**

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 but NOT in a Small Boat Mixed Crew.**

BCP CREWS

BCP crews will race in Standard Boats over 200m, 500m and 2000m. **BCP Crews will not count against the 5 crews per EDBF Member** and may be requested to enter as 2 Small Boat Crews if entries for the Standard Boat are low.

Double rostering of paddlers between Divisions is discouraged. Helms and Drummers may be used across the Divisions (subject to the rules for Juniors and Seniors) but in the case of 'back to back races' the Officials will **NOT** delay races for Helms/Drummers to transfer between crews.





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PERSONAL SAFETY

All crew members must be water confident and ideally be able to swim at least 50m. It is the Crew Manager's responsibility to ensure that this limitation is complied with, and to ensure that known weak swimmers wear personal flotation aids. Crews compete entirely at their own risk and must be 'Fit to Race', as defines in the IDBF Competition Regulations.

CLASSES AND DISTANCES

Races will be held for the following Racing Classes in both the Standard Boat and Small Boat categories.

Class	Premier	Senior A (1) 40+	Senior B (1) 50+	Senior C (1) 60+	Junior (2) A, B & C	Under 24 (3)	BCP
Open	200m	200m	200m	200m	200m	200m	N/A
	500m	500m	500m	500m	500m	500m	
	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m	
Women	200m	200m	200m	200m	200m	200m	200m
	500m	500m	500m	500m	500m	500m	500m
	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m
Mixed	200m	200m	200m	200m	200m	200m	N/A
	500m	500m	500m	500m	500m	500m	
	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m	

- (1) **Senior A** - 40th or later birthday falls in the year of the competition.
Senior B - 50th or later birthday falls in the year of the competition.
Senior C - 60th or later birthday falls in the year of the competition.

- (2) **Junior A** - 13th to 18th birthday falls in the year of the competition.
Junior B - 13th to 16th birthday falls in the year of the competition.
Junior C - 13th to 14th birthday falls in the year of the competition.

Should there be insufficient entries in the Junior Racing Classes then these will be combined into one class known as "**Juniors**".

- (3) **Under 24** - Please refer to the IDBF Competition Regulations for total clarity.

N.B. All the above are supplementary amendments to the EDBF Amendments to the IDBF Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing as agreed at the EDBF Extra Ordinary Congress in November 2016.

AGE REGULATIONS

The Drummer in a Senior Crew and the 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 no maximum age limits.





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OUTLINE PROGRAMME

This program is to assist teams with their planning, but is currently provisional and could change.

Monday, 24th July 2017	Teams arrive and training in Divonne-Les-Bains.
Tuesday, 25th July 2017	Teams arrive and training in Divonne-Les-Bains.
Wednesday, 26th July 2017	Teams arrive and training in Divonne-Les-Bains.
Thursday, 27th July 2017	Teams arrive and training in Divonne-Les-Bains. Morning EDBF Executive Committee and Council Meeting. Afternoon – Race Officials Meeting. Afternoon – Team Manager’s Meeting 18.00 – 19.00 – Opening Ceremony
Friday 28th July 2017	2000m Racing Day – All Championship Classes.
Saturday, 29th July 2017	200m Racing Day – All Championship Classes.
Sunday, 30th July 2017	500m Racing Day – All Championship Classes. Evening – Celebration Party.
Monday, 31st July 2017	Morning EDBF Congress. Crews depart.

ENTRY & DEADLINE DATES

Entry Form	Action	Due Date
Provisional Entries	Provisional Entries + €500 Admin Fee Deposit	28th February 2017
Numerative Entries	Numerative Entries	30th April 2017
Final Named Entries	Named Entries + Admin Fee Balances + EDBF Registration Fee Payment	15th June 2017

PAYMENT DETAILS

A €500.00 deposit will be required per Club Crew with the Provisional Entry. The Organizing Committee will issue an invoice/receipt on request.

Please note, any late payments will attract a surcharge of €250.00/EDBF Club Crew, so please ensure you meet the deadlines given.





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ON-LINE REGISTRATION

On-line registration will be open at the official EDBF Club Crew Championship website https://idbfchamps.org/login_edbf.php from 15th January 2017. Passwords to this system will now be issued directly by your Governing Federation. Slawek Borucki will be issuing full details to each Governing Federation before this date.

ADMINISTRATION/REGISTRATION FEE

There will be an Administration Fee of €60.00 + an EDBF Registration Fee of €15.00 per accredited person (€75.00 in total) for anyone travelling with the team, including competitors, coaches, managers and congress delegates. Both payments must be paid with the Named Entries which are due by 15th June 2017. The EDBF Registration Fee has to be transferred directly to the EDBF account and the Administration Fee directly to the organizer's account. See account details below.

For all Junior Competitors there will be a reduced Administration Fee of €30.00 + a reduced EDBF Registration Fee of €5.00 per accredited person (€35.00 in total); this has been implemented to try to increase participation in this competition class.

It has been agreed that Supporters will now only need to pay a reduced Administration Fee of €18.00 per person (30% of the Athlete Charge). The admin fee will entitle people to receive an accreditation card which makes possible to enter the competition areas. The competition site (besides the boarding zone) will be opened to the public.

ADMINISTRATION FEES must be paid to:

"DRAGON BOAT ATTITUDE"

BBAN: 13825 00200 08004193961 71

IBAN: FR76 1382 5002 0008 0041 9396 171

BIC: CEPAFRPP382

EDBF REGISTRATION FEES must be paid to:

"EUROPEAN DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION"

Acct No.: 59.26.84.342

Bank: ABN AMRO

IBAN: NL75ABNA0592684342

BIC: ABNANL2A

ACCOMODATION

Information on all the types of accommodation available in Divonne-Les-Bains can be found here: <http://www.divonnelesbains.com/fr/mon-sejour.html>

Note: Please make sure to book your accommodation ASAP because of the Public Holidays in July in France.

MEALS

It will be possible to book breakfast, lunch or dinner at the regatta course. More details will be available in Information Bulletin No. 2 (price, booking deadline etc).





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COACH TRANSFERS

Crews will be responsible for booking their own transport between the airport and their accommodation/race venue. Contacts for transport bookings will be shown in Information Bulletin No. 2.

CELEBRATION PARTY

Further details will be available in Information Bulletin No. 2.

CONTACTS

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