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**15th IDBF CLUB CREW
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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) and the Chinese Taipei Dragon Boat Association (CTDBA), cordially invite all crews from clubs affiliated with IDBF Members to participate in the 15th IDBF Club Crew World Championships (CCWC) in Hualien, Chinese Taipei, from the 29th August to 6th September 2026 at Liyu Lake. This lake is located in Shoufeng Township, Hualien County, Taiwan.

Team arrival, training and registration will be held from Saturday 29th August to Monday 31st August. The Championships will be held from Tuesday, 1st September to Sunday, 6th September 2026. Crews are advised to arrive no later than the morning of Monday, 31st August. Team registration has to be fully completed by no later than 12pm.

Information in Bulletin No.2 provides further details on the 15th IDBF Club Crew World Dragon Boat Championships and reminds participating Club Crews about the important timelines that must be adhered to.

Provisional entries were closed on 18th February to provide a gauge of the participation and crews can continue to register until **Monday 18th May 2026** where this 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 **Tuesday 30th June 2026**.

Changes from Bulletin 1

- Class clarification: 24u/University, this is a combined racing class and referred to as 24u
- Updated: IDBF Registration Fee for ages 25 and over and ages 24 and under
- Updated: Event Administration Fee for ages 25 and over and ages 24 and under



Provisional Entries – as at 3rd March 2026 (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 | 35 (10) | 35 (10) | 35 (11) | 25 (9) | 25 (9) | 25 (9) | 39 (12) | 39 (12) | 39 (13) |
| senior A | 11 (6) | 11 (6) | 11 (6) | 9 (6) | 9 (6) | 9 (6) | 23 (9) | 24 (9) | 24 (9) |
| senior B | 9 (6) | 9 (6) | 9 (6) | 11 (6) | 11 (6) | 11 (6) | 18 (9) | 18 (9) | 18 (9) |
| senior C | 6 (5) | 6 (5) | 6 (5) | 6 (3) | 6 (3) | 6 (3) | 11 (6) | 11 (6) | 11 (6) |
| 24u | 7 (3) | 7 (3) | 7 (3) | 3 (2) | 3 (2) | 3 (2) | 11 (5) | 10 (4) | 12 (6) |
| 18u | 3 (3) | 3 (3) | 3 (3) | 1 (1) | 1 (1) | 1 (1) | 7 (3) | 7 (3) | 7 (3) |
| BCP | | | | 2 (1) | 2 (1) | 2 (1) | | | |
| ACP | 3 (2) | 3 (2) | 3 (2) | | | | | | |
| PD-1 | 1 (1) | 1 (1) | 1 (1) | | | | | | |
| PD-2 | 4 (3) | 4 (3) | 4 (3) | | | | | | |

| small boat | open | | | women | | | mixed | | |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 200 | 500 | 2000 | 200 | 500 | 2000 | 200 | 500 | 2000 |
| premier | 23 (15) | 23 (15) | 22 (14) | 23 (15) | 23 (15) | 22 (14) | 26 (16) | 25 (15) | 25 (16) |
| senior A | 26 (16) | 26 (16) | 26 (16) | 19 (11) | 19 (11) | 19 (11) | 23 (16) | 22 (15) | 21 (15) |
| senior B | 16 (10) | 16 (10) | 16 (10) | 12 (8) | 12 (8) | 12 (8) | 17 (11) | 17 (11) | 17 (11) |
| senior C | 12 (7) | 12 (7) | 12 (7) | 8 (7) | 8 (7) | 8 (7) | 10 (7) | 10 (7) | 10 (7) |
| 24u | 12 (9) | 11 (9) | 11 (8) | 9 (6) | 9 (6) | 8 (5) | 9 (7) | 10 (7) | 9 (6) |
| 18u | 6 (3) | 6 (3) | 6 (3) | 7 (4) | 7 (4) | 7 (4) | 4 (3) | 4 (3) | 4 (3) |
| BCP | | | | 8 (6) | 7 (5) | 8 (6) | | | |
| ACP | 3 (3) | 3 (3) | 3 (3) | | | | | | |
| PD-1 | 2 (2) | 2 (2) | 2 (2) | | | | | | |
| PD-2 | 3 (2) | 3 (2) | 3 (2) | | | | | | |

The number of provisional entries from IDBF members is extremely encouraging. If all these provisional entries were to become firm entries, then this coming Club Crew World Dragon Boat Racing Championships will still be looking at more than 6000 participants. The table above shows the entries received as at 3rd March 2026.

From now till the **18th May 2026** when the final Confirmed Entries will be closed, crews can still register/amend their entries and also upload the details of the crew members.



Entries

Entries are open to all clubs affiliated to IDBF Members provided those Members have paid their membership fees for 2026 and any other outstanding amounts due to the IDBF.

All entries for the 15th 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: Based on the age attained in the year of competition, the updated IDBF registration fee for competitors, coaches and officials is US\$50 for those aged 25 and over and US\$25 for those aged 24 and under regardless of the competition class the person is competing in. There will be a US\$50 processing fee per each invoice issued. The IDBF registration fee must be paid by 1st August 2026, otherwise a late fee will be applied. Any outstanding bank fees are payable by the team. All Named Entries are due by 30th June 2026 and IDBF will commence invoicing your club based on the entry date of 30th 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 additional after 30th 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 in US currency only. 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 and idbf.deputy.treasurer@dragonboat.sport.

Event Administration Fee: paid to the Hualien 2026 Organizing Committee in **NT\$ (TWD)**.

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

| Payment made before | Competitors/Official/Coaches | | Supporters |
|---------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | Age 25 and over | Age 24 and under | |
| 30th March 2026 | NT 2500 approx. USD 80 | NT 1250 approx. USD 40 | NT 1250 approx. USD 40 |
| 18th May 2026 | NT 2800 approx. USD 90 | NT 1400 approx. USD 45 | NT 1400 approx. USD 45 |
| 30th June 2026 | NT 3200 approx. USD 100 | NT 1600 approx. USD 50 | NT 1600 approx. USD 50 |



Supporters under the age of 16 are free.

A late entry fee of an extra **NT 750** per person will be charged for any payments made after 30th June 2026.

Hualien 2026 Organizing Committee Bank Details:

Please ensure all payments are either in NT\$ (TWD) or USD and Bank charges are paid from your side.

Overseas Remittance Bank Details:

Account with Bank: Taiwan Cooperative Bank

SWIFT Code: TACBTWTPXXX

Beneficiary's Account Name: CHINESE TAIPEI DRAGON BOAT ASSOCIATION

Beneficiary's Account Number: 5333717533353

Beneficiary's Telephone Number and Address:

Tel: +886-3-8560972

No. 260, Guangming St., Xindian Dist., New Taipei City 231, Taiwan (R.O.C.)

Send a copy of the payment to ctdragonboat@gmail.com with detailed info such as **Club Crew Name, Nationality, and the number of participants**, divided among:

- Of age 25 and over
- Of age 24 and under
- Supporters

The above Payment details are also applicable for Private Tent Payments.

WARNING: There are scams starting to appear pretending to send emails from the Chinese Taipei Dragon Boat Association 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 organization 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

| Requirement | Deadline |
|--|--|
| Provisional entries closed | 18 February 2026 |
| Requests to official travel agency for accommodation and transfers booking | 15 February 2026 (for best booking) |
| Confirmed entries Close | 18 May 2026 |
| Applications for Paradrageon Chaperone passes | 23 June 2026 |
| Final team names submission - against which all Event fees will be charged | 30 June 2026 |
| Submission of Paradrageon – Certificate of Diagnosis | 26 July 2026 |
| IDBF Registration Fee due | 1 August 2026 |

Team Registration Appointments

Team Registration 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 29 August 2026 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The office will be open from 1200 to 1600hrs. • Please note that a booking system for registration will be available once team training times are released. The team manager will be required to book an appointment to attend registration. • Unless otherwise stated, registration will be at the race site. • Team training day |
| Sunday 30 August 2026 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The office will be open from 0900 to 1600hrs. • Team training day |
| Monday 31 August 2026 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AM – Team registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The office will be open from 0830 to 1200hrs • AM – Team training half-day • PM – Team Managers meeting • PM – Opening Ceremony |
| Tuesday 1 September 2026 | Racing Day 1 - 500m |
| Wednesday 2 September 2026 | Racing Day 2 - 500m |
| Thursday 3 September 2026 | Racing Day 3 - 200m |
| Friday 4 September 2026 | Racing Day 4 - 200m |
| Saturday 5 September 2026 | Racing Day 5 - 2000m |
| Sunday 6 September 2026 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Racing Day 6 - 2000m • Closing Ceremony (handover of flag to 2028 host nation, Spain) • Closing Party |
| Monday 7 September 2026 | Congress (TBC) |



Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing

The 15th IDBF Club Crew World Dragon Boat Championships will be managed by IDBF International Race Officials (assisted by National Race Officials and volunteers) in accordance with:

- IDBF Competition Regulations, Edition 9.0, dated 1st January 2025
- IDBF Rules of Racing, Edition 9.0, dated 1st January 2025
- IDBF Rules for Paradrageon Racing, Edition 1.4, dated 1st January 2025

All of the above documents can be found on the IDBF Website at:

<https://www.dragonboat.sport/documents/rules-regulations/>

The Championship will use the IDBF Race plans to determine the racing program.

The combining of 24U and University at 15th Club Crew World Championships.

For the 24U/University combined classes (mixed, women, 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
- Proof of university enrolment may be required when requested on site.

Furthermore, starting from this championships until it is updated into the new edition of the Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing, in the Women and Mixed Racing Classes, the definition of “**Female**” means a person who was assigned the biological gender of female at birth and who continues to identify with that same biological gender.



Site Map

Provisional site map (subject to change).





Boats and Equipment

IDBF specification dragon boats will be provided for the Championships. The make and model will be confirmed in Bulletin 3.

The wearing of buoyancy aids/life jackets/PFDs is not mandatory for this championship.

The organizers will provide a limited number of spare paddles and buoyancy aids, which will be prioritized for competitors in the Paradrageon classes and those under 12 years of age.

Competing crews are expected to bring and use their own paddles, as well as personal buoyancy aids where required.

Closing Party

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

Declarations

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

Accommodation and Transfer

Accommodation

To ensure smooth coordination for all participating teams, it is strongly recommended that accommodation bookings be arranged through the Hualien 2026 Organizing Committee, managed by Leading Taiwan Travel Agency — the officially designated accommodation and logistics partner. Official Email: 2026CCWCHotel@gmail.com

Accommodation Locations & Types

All official hotels arranged by the Organizing Committee are located primarily in Hualien City, and Ji'an Township, which is approximately 25 minutes by bus from the competition venue at Liyu Lake. A full range of accommodation categories is available to meet different team preferences and budgets, including:

- 5-Star Hotels (Premium)
- 4-Star Hotels (Comfort)
- 3-Star Hotels (Standard)
- Economy Category Hotels / Inns

All hotel partners are vetted for quality, safety and accessibility to the shuttle routes.



Shuttle Services

To support competition logistics, the Organizing Committee will provide:

- **Fixed-schedule shuttle buses** between official hotels and Liyu Lake
(Note: *Capacity is limited; priority based on booking order*)
- **Exclusive private chartered buses** for teams requesting dedicated transport
(Recommended for large teams or teams with specific timing needs)

Teams booking through the Organizing Committee will receive guaranteed access to the official shuttle system and dedicated support during their stay.

Food, Beverages & Meals

A traditional food village with more than 30 local stalls will be available at the race venue.

Clubs may also pre-order lunch boxes or arrange food delivery options **through the local organizers** for the duration of the championships.

More information will be provided in Bulletin 3.

Drinking Water

There will be water dispensers across the venue where water bottles can be refilled free of charge. Crews are advised to bring their own water bottles for this purpose.

Tents

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, Private Tents are available for rent for the Championships and Training days.

Crews are advised to reach out to ctdragonboat@gmail.com to enquire about availability before securing and making payment directly to the Chinese Taipei Dragon Boat Association.

Private Tent (6m x 6m)

Rental Fee: USD 250 per day

(Inclusive of 4 tables and 20 chairs)

Payment Details: see page 5.

Payment Deadline: June 30, 2026 (subject to availability)

For safety reasons, personal tents are not allowed on the premises.



Sponsor Logos and Event Branding on Team Racing Jerseys

Teams must ensure that all sponsor logos and branding on racing jerseys comply with the IDBF Competition Regulations (Edition 9, 2025), including:

- CR 7.2 – Sponsorship / Publicity / Advertising
- CR 7.3 – IDBF Rights at Championships
- CR 9.12 – Racing Colours and Dress

Sponsor Logos on Racing Jerseys

- Only one sponsor name, logo, or commercial advertisement is permitted on a racing vest (team jersey).
- The advertisement must be unobtrusive, must not obscure the crew's racing colours, and must fit within a maximum size of 20 cm × 5 cm (100 cm²).
- Only one advertisement is permitted in total, regardless of placement.
- The advertisement must appear as a discrete logo, not integrated into or forming part of the overall jersey design.

Racing Colours

Teams must compete in their approved racing colours. The IDBF may request images of racing apparel prior to the event to confirm compliance.

Use of IDBF and Championship Logos

- Under CR 7.3.3, the IDBF emblem, logos, insignia, and trademarks are reserved for IDBF use and may not be placed on team apparel without prior permission.
- The Championship event logo is reserved for official event use only and may not be reproduced or incorporated into team racing apparel, sponsor logos, or merchandise without IDBF approval.
- If approved, the IDBF emblem and Championship logo may only appear on the race shirt and nowhere else on the uniform.

Conflicts with Championship Sponsors

The IDBF may restrict or require removal of sponsor logos that conflict with official Championship sponsors or reserved sponsor categories.

Apparel Inspection

Race Officials may inspect team racing apparel in the Marshalling Area prior to racing. Crews may be required to modify non-compliant apparel before being permitted to race.



Enquiries and Approvals

For enquiries regarding sponsor logos, branding, or the use of the IDBF emblem or Championship logo, please contact Chair, IDBF Marketing & Media (chair-marketing@dragonboat.sport). Requests must include a design mockup clearly showing the proposed placement of the IDBF emblem and/or Championship logo.

Media Accreditation

Initial enquiries for media accreditation should be directed to Chair, IDBF Marketing & Media (chair-marketing@dragonboat.sport).

To assist with early processing, please include:

- Full name
- Role (photographer, videographer, journalist, team media officer, social content creator)
- Organization / Team
- Email and mobile contact
- Brief description of intended coverage

Full accreditation requirements and the online form will be available in Bulletin 3.

Official Social Media Channels for CCWC 2026 and Scam Alert

The official social media channels for CCWC 2026 are:

- IDBF Official Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/idbf.dragonboat.sport/>
- IDBF Official Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/idbf.dragonboat.sport/>

Beware of Fake Accounts

Fake pages and profiles impersonating the IDBF or CCWC 2026 Hualien have been reported. These accounts may share misleading information, send friend requests, or invite you to unofficial groups.

Important!

- The IDBF is an organization, not a person, it will never send friend requests.
- The IDBF will never invite you to a closed Facebook group for this event.
- Even if a friend or family member is already in a group, it does not mean the group is legitimate. Always verify using the official links above.



How to Report Suspicious Accounts

If you encounter a suspicious profile, page, or group:

1. Use the platform's Report function (e.g., "Report Profile," "Report Group," "Report Post").
2. Select Impersonation or Scam/Fraud as the reason.
3. Do not engage with the account or accept any requests.
4. Inform your team so others can avoid the scam.

If you are unsure whether an account is legitimate, you may send a message to the verified IDBF Facebook or Instagram accounts listed above.

Stay Safe Online

- Always check the handle, URL, and follower count of event pages.
- Never share personal or financial information with unverified accounts.
- Be cautious of phishing attempts offering 'exclusive access or discounts', 'special passes' or 'prizes'.
- When in doubt, verify via the official IDBF website: <https://www.dragonboat.sport>

Staying vigilant helps protect the entire dragon boat community and ensures a safe online experience leading into the Championships.



Anti-Doping

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 15th CCWC.

Anti-Doping Requirements for the 15th IDBF 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 15th CCWC 2026 in Hualien:

- Premier – International Level Athlete (ILA)
- Senior A - National Level Athlete (NLA) or ILA
- Senior B – National Level Athlete (NLA) or ILA
- Senior C - National Level Athlete (NLA) or ILA
- 24U – National Level Athlete (NLA) or ILA
- 18U – Talented Athlete or NLA or ILA
- Paradrasons – National Level Athlete or ILA
- Coaches – High Performance Coach (HPC) if coach ONLY. If a coach AND athlete a current ILA or NLA will be accepted.

For those who have not already completed an ADEL Anti-Doping Course please complete the appropriate course by **31st July 2026**. Equivalent courses from SIA, CCES and NADA Germany will be recognised.

Any athletes with a current Anti-Doping course certificate must make sure it is valid until 8th September 2026.

The Team Manager should collect ALL certificates and organize them in folders according to racing class (Premier, Sen. A etc) by **31st July 2026**. Random checks will be made of complete crews.

For more detailed information, **in particular regarding Premier Teams**, please see the information sent out to all national federations dated 3rd March 2026 or at <https://www.dragonboat.sport/anti-doping/anti-doping-newsletters/>.



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/sites/default/files/2025-09/2026list_en_final_clean_september_2025.pdf

Global Dro is also a useful website to check medications - <https://www.globaldro.com/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 (coaches etc) TUEs must be submitted to chair-medical@dragonboat.sport at least 30 days prior to the commencement of the Championship by **31st July 2026**.
 - All other athletes and support personnel to submit to their National Anti-Doping Agency or to chair-medical@dragonboat.sport for assessment at least 30 days prior to the commencement of the Championship by **31st July 2026**.
 - See **IDBF website** for TUE Application form and IDBF TUE Checklist: <https://www.dragonboat.sport/anti-doping/>

BCP and ACP Athletes

All athletes competing in these 2 racing categories **ONLY** will not be required to submit a TUE in advance of the Championships. However, the Confirmation of Diagnosis form must be completed. A copy must be on hand during the Championships if requested by an IDBF Official. Please see link: <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 - <https://www.wada-ama.org/en/prohibited-list>.

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.



Paradragons

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 26th July**. The certificate format can be found in IDBF's *Rules for Paradragon Racing* (Edition 1.4, effective 1 January 2025) available at:

<https://www.dragonboat.sport/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/IDBF-Rules-for-Paradragon-Racing-Edition1.4-Jan-2025.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;
- 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. 1.4) provides guidance on equipment and adaptations. For detailed guidance on a specific issue, email 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 by **Sunday 23rd 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 jersey 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. The WhatsApp group is open now.



VISA Process

International participants traveling to Taiwan for the 2026 CCWC should review Taiwan's entry and visa policies in advance. Please refer to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) for the latest information: <https://www.boca.gov.tw/>

Visa-Exempt Entry

Participants from the following countries may enter Taiwan visa-free for the stated duration, provided they meet entry requirements and hold a passport valid for at least six months.

90-Day Visa-Exempt Countries

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Eswatini*, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Holy See, Honduras*, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan*, Kosovo, Republic of Korea, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands*, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua*, North Macedonia*, Norway, Palau, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tuvalu*, United Kingdom, United States of America.

30-Day Visa-Exempt Countries

Belize*, Dominican Republic*, Malaysia, Nauru*, St. Kitts and Nevis*, Saint Lucia*, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Singapore.

14-Day Trial Visa-Exemption Program

Thailand*, Brunei*, Philippines*.

**Countries with special arrangements under Taiwan's foreign affairs policy.*

Entry Requirements for Visa-Exempt Travelers

Visitors entering Taiwan visa-free must:

- Hold a passport valid for **at least six (6) months** on arrival.
- Hold an **onward or return air/sea ticket**, or a confirmed ticket to the next destination with a valid entry visa (if applicable).
- Have confirmed flight booking for the departure date and flight number.

Online Pre-Arrival Registration

Foreign visitors planning to enter Taiwan may complete pre-arrival registration through the National Immigration Agency (NIA) TWAC System within 3 days before arrival:

- TWAC Online Application: <https://twac.immigration.gov.tw>
- Pre-arrival registration is recommended to streamline immigration procedures.



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