



INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 1

13th EDBF EUROPEAN NATIONS DRAGON BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Beetzsee, Brandenburg an der Havel, Germany

23rd – 26th August 2018

The European Dragon Boat Federation Council in conjunction with the German Dragon Boat Federation and the local organizers, Brandenburg an der Havel, warmly invite all **National Dragon Boat Teams** from **European countries** to participate in the **13th EDBF European Nations Dragon Boat Championships (ENC)** at Beetzsee in Brandenburg an der Havel Germany, for the distances of **200m, 500m, 1000m*** and **2000m**.

DATE

The 13th EDBF ENC will be held from 23rd – 26th August 2018. Competing crews are advised to arrive in Brandenburg no later than Wednesday, 22nd August 2018. Crews arriving earlier will be catered for.

LOCATION

The 13th EDBF ENC will be held at the Beetzsee Regatta Course in Brandenburg an der Havel, the location of many international rowing and canoe World Cups and Championships. It is situated in the centre of Brandenburg and is approximately 68Km from Berlin-Tegel Airport and 90Km from Berlin-Schönefeld Airport. A paid shuttle service between the accommodation and the regatta venue will be organised on request. Accommodation will be available within 25km / < 30 minutes from the race site.

OPENING CEREMONY

The Opening Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, 22nd August 2018 at approx. 16.00hrs on the site of the regatta venue. Further details will follow in Bulletin no. 2.

ENTRY CONDITIONS

Each country may enter one crew per competition class as detailed below. **Teams from countries where there is not an EDBF Member may compete subject to the agreement of the EDBF Executive Committee.**

COMPETITION FORMAT

The Championship will be conducted according to the IDBF Competition Regulations and IDBF Rules of Racing by IDBF International Race Officials and German National Officials, under the direction of an IDBF Chief Official and with a Jury nominated by the EDBF Executive Committee.

REGATTA COURSE

The regatta venue measures 2000m x 100m with a minimum depth of 3.5m. Two starting shoe systems will be used with a fixed start tower at each starting position. Photo finish and race controlled processing of results are provided on site at the target tower. Two modern Hawk Eye cameras will record the races and these will be broadcast live on a video wall in the target area. The regatta course is located on a lake with a sports boat which will be stopped during the championships.

One small tent will be provided for each small dragon boat team and a larger one for each standard dragon boat team.

Detailed information regarding crew tents, the grandstand and parking facilities for both guests and competitors will follow in Bulletin no. 2.



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BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

IDBF licensed BuK 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.

CLASSES AND DISTANCES

Races will be held for the following Racing Classes.

* The 1000m races will only be available for Standard boats in open, mixed and women's classes. This is to encourage countries to enter the standard boat division. The results from the 1000m will be used as the starting order for the 2000m races with the fastest team starting first.

Due to the lack of entries in recent years for the Junior A, B and C Racing Classes we will only be running with one class known as "**Juniors**". This has been done to encourage a larger entry class.

Entries for Juniors, Under 24 and Senior C will only be accepted for STANDARD BOAT MIXED and for SMALL BOAT OPEN & WOMEN. If the EDBF receives written requests and formal entries for the compressed classes from a minimum of 4 Countries, we will consider reinstatement of the classes (Standard Open/Women and Small Mixed Junior A, Junior B, Under 24 and Senior C).

Standard Boat

Class	Premier	Senior A (1) 40+	Senior B (1) 50+	Senior C (1) 60+	Juniors (2)	Under 24
Open	200m, 500m 1000m 2000m	200m, 500m 1000m 2000m	200m, 500m 1000m 2000m			
Women	200m, 500m 1000m 2000m	200m, 500m 1000m 2000m	200m, 500m 1000m 2000m			
Mixed	200m, 500m 1000m 2000m	200m, 500m 1000m 2000m	200m, 500m 1000m 2000m	200m, 500m 1000m 2000m	200m, 500m 1000m 2000m	200m, 500m 1000m 2000m

Small Boat

Class	Premier	Senior A (1) 40+	Senior B (1) 50+	Senior C (1) 60+	Juniors (2)	Under 24
Open	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
Mixed	200m, 500m 2000m	200m, 500m 2000m	200m, 500m 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** - 13th to 18th birthday falls in the year of the competition.



(3) **Under 24** - For competitors aged 12 to 23 inclusive, as at the 1st June in a given year. Up to two (2) Racers in a Standard Boat Competition and one (1) over 23, but under 26 as at the 1st June. Note: By definition Drummers and Steerers are 'Racers'.

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.

COMPETITION REGULATION AND RACING RULES

The Championships will comply with the IDBF Competition Regulations and will be conducted under the IDBF Rules of Racing which can be found at www.edbf.org/library.

The Championship Divisions, Racing and Competition Classes that will be contested are listed above. In all competitions to qualify for a European Championship status at least four (4) entries from different countries per competition class are required. Competition Classes with three (3) entries or fewer will be placed in the next younger (senior class) or next higher (junior class) age group and participate in the competition with no separate rating.

The Small Boat Championships. A basic rule is that crews that do enter a small boat open and small boat women, are only eligible for a mixed standard boat in the same race distance.

Crews are also allowed to enter the standard boat and small boat divisions in the same category, but must have separate racers in both.

Double rostering of paddlers between Divisions is discouraged. Helms and Drummers may be used across the Divisions (re: rules for Juniors and Seniors) but in the case of 'back to back races', the officials will NOT delay races to accommodate the transfer of Helms or Drummers. Note, drummers and helms are not allowed to pass from boat to boat on the water i.e. outside the marshalling area.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS – REPRESENTATION AND NATIONALITY

IDBF Competition Regulation 4

CR 4.1 Representation

To represent a country in an EDBF Championship for Representative Crews, a Dragon Boat Competitor must normally be a citizen of or born in the country represented and be able to prove this by showing an official document, such as a Passport, Identity Card, Birth Certificate, or the like.

Dual Nationality

Competitors with dual nationality (citizenship) may represent the Country or Territory of their Birth or their dual citizen Country or Territory, whichever of these they are residing in, providing that they have been resident in that Country or Territory for a current period of at least 3 years. Competitors who do not meet these requirements must comply with Regulation 4.2 or 4.2a.

CR4.2 Country or Territory Residence

Dragon Boat competitors who have left their country of birth and are a permanent, not a temporary resident in another country may represent that country if they have lived there for a current period of three (3) years or more and have not represented their country of birth, during the previous two (2) years.

Temporary Residency

A Temporary Resident, for the purposes of this Regulation, is a person who resides in a Country by virtue of holding a visa, for example a visitors visa, student visa, work visa or the like. The EDBF considers such visas to indicate a 'temporary' residency in the Country concerned, not a permanent residency.



- a. Exceptionally, competitors who have a permanent residential qualification of less than 3 years and who have not represented an EDBF Member previously, may with the permission of both their birth and residential EDBF Member, apply to the EDBF Executive Board for permission to compete for their country of residence. When permission is given, the competitor concerned will not be allowed to compete for any other Country for a minimum period of 2 years following the year in which the permission was given.
- b. (4.2) Competitors who, by marriage have acquired the nationality of another country may compete for that country without delay.

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.

OUTLINE PROGRAMME

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

Monday, 20th August 2018	Teams arrive and training.	
Tuesday, 21st August 2018	Teams arrive and training.	
Wednesday, 22nd August 2018	Morning	EDBF Executive Committee & Council Meetings. Race Officials Meeting.
	Afternoon	Team Manager's Meeting.
	Evening	Opening Ceremony. Nations Dinner.
Thursday, 23rd August 2018	Race Day 1 Morning Afternoon	500m – Small boat mixed classes. 1000m – Standard Boats only - All Championship classes.
Friday 24th August 2018	Race Day 2 Morning Afternoon	2000m – All mixed classes. 2000m – All open and women's classes.
Saturday, 25th August 2018	Race Day 3 Morning Afternoon	200m – All mixed classes. 200m – All open and women's classes.
Sunday, 26th August 2018	Race Day 4 Morning Afternoon Evening	500m - All mixed standard boats. 500m – All open and women's classes. Closing Ceremony & Celebration Party.
Monday, 27th August 2018	Morning	EDBF Congress. Crews depart.



ONLINE REGISTRATION

All entries are to be recorded directly on the online registration system www.idbfchamps.org/login_edbf.php. This will be open from 1st January 2018. Note, if your nation has not paid their annual EDBF Membership you will not be able to access the system until this is paid. Invoices for EDBF Annual Membership will be issued in 2018 by 15th January 2018.

All delegations are encouraged to study and use the system, especially for the crew lists.

ADMINISTRATION and EDBF REGISTRATION FEE

There will be an Administration Fee of **€60.00** + an EDBF Registration Fee of **€15.00** per accredited person for anyone travelling with the team, including competitors, coaches and managers.

For all Juniors there will be the Administration Fee of **€30.00** + an EDBF Registration Fee **€5.00**.

Entry Fee for supporters will be €20 (€15.00 Administration Fee + €5 EDBF Registration Fee). Note for this ENC you will need an ID card for access to the athletes village as it will be closed off to the general public.

The Administration Fee must be paid with the named entries, which are due on the deadline stated below. The EDBF Registration Fee has to be transferred directly to the EDBF account and the Administration Fee directly to the organizer's account.

ACCOMMODATION

All accommodations (hotels, camping and others) are to be arranged through the Organizing Committee. Further details of the packages available will follow in Bulletin no. 2.

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE TRANSFER SERVICE

The Organising Committee has arranged for pick-ups from and to both Berlin Airports and Brandenburg Central Station. Note, there will be one trip on arrival and one trip on departure per crew only. Costs and booking form will be included in Bulletin no. 2.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Transport from the accommodation to the regatta venue is included in the hotel price. Further information will be provided in Bulletin no. 2.

RACE LUNCHES AND CATERING

Participants can book a lunch menu at the venue. There will also be various bars, restaurants and food and drink stands available.

CELEBRATION PARTY

A celebration party will be provided for all competitors, coaches, managers and registered supporters on Sunday, 26th August 2018 after the racing. Further details will be available in Bulletin no. 2.

Tickets will be €15.00/person and must be ordered and paid for by 30th June 2018 at the latest. Anyone wishing to book tickets after this date will be charged €20.00/person.



ENTRY & DEADLINE DATES

Entry Form	Action	Due Date
Provisional Entries	Provisional Entries	31st January 2018 (200 days before ENC)
Numerative Entries to include participants, supporters & officials	Numerative Entries	1st April 2018 (144 days before ENC)
Named Entries	Final Named Entries Final confirmation of accommodation and transportation Final order for lunches & meals Final order for party tickets	30th June 2018 (53 days before ENC)

PAYMENTS for ADMINISTRATION, ACCOMMODATION, TRANSPORTATION, MEALS and CELEBRATION PARTY TICKETS

Entry Form	Action	Due Date
1st Deadline	Deposit €500/nation	31 st January 2018 (200 days before)
2nd Deadline	Deposit for Accommodation & Transportation	1 st April 2018 (144 days before)
3rd Deadline	Final payment for: Administration Fee EDBF Registration Fee Accommodation Transport Fee Race lunches Party tickets Note, this is also the last date for ID input. Anyone requiring ID card changes after this date will be charged an additional €5/person as cards will need to be printed individually rather than on mass.	30 th June 2018 (53 days before)
4th Deadline	Payments for additional party tickets, note increased cost.	22 nd August 2018

PAYMENT DETAILS

A €500.00 deposit will be required per EDBF Member with the Provisional Entry. The Organizing Committee will issue an invoice on request or a receipt after the payment has been made.



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

Brandenburg ad Havel – Regatta Verein Bank account details will follow in early January 2018 and will also be included in Bulletin no. 2.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE CONTACT DETAILS

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WEBSITE

www.dragonboat.news - The Championship website is currently under construction, but will go live by 1st January 2018.

FACEBOOK PAGE

Brandenburg – 13th EDBF European Nations Dragon Boat Championships. This will go live by 1st January 2018.