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DATE

The 14th IDBF World Dragon Boat Racing Championships will be held from 20th to 25th August 2019. Competing teams are advised to arrive no later than Monday 19th August 2019. Teams can arrange to arrive earlier in consultation with the Organising Committee.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry to the 2019 IDBF 14th World Dragon Boat Racing Championships (WDBRC)

is restricted to one Representative Team selected and entered by a National Dragon Boat Federation which is a Member of the IDBF.

Teams from countries where there is not an IDBF Member may take part subject to the agreement of the IDBF Executive Committee.

Such Federations in a country where there is not an existing IDBF Member, may enter WDBRC directly; this is subject to becoming an IDBF Associate Member and to the conditions published in this Information Bulletin.

NEW COMPETITION CLASS

The IDBF will be introducing ParaDragons as a new competition class in this WDBRC. Additional details are provided later in the bulletin.

LOCATION and VENUE

Pattaya, Thailand, is known as “The Sleepless City” and Rayong is “The City of Fruits”

The Royal Thai Navy Rowing and Canoeing Training Centre (RCTC) will be the host venue for the WDBRC. The RCTC rivals’ top facilities in the world with infrastructure exceeding current international standards for hosting, accessibility, and pristine water conditions. It includes a top-quality start system and an international standard course. The RCTC is located at the end of the 5 km Bang Phai Reservoirs. With its basin-like characteristics the RCTC will be the perfect venue for the competition. The local event organisers have set up a website providing more information about the venue: <http://www.wdbrc2019.org/>

REGATTA COURSE

Address: RCTC, Ban Chang District, Rayong Province, Bang Phai Reservoirs

Width: 90 – 120 m wide

Depth: 4 m depth over full distance and full width of race course

Racing Lanes: 6 Lanes of 13.5 m

Sides: Uniform slope of 29 degree; docking facilities extend the length of the racing area for easy embarkation

Current: Negligible to none – scientifically measured and confirmed

Water Quality: Excellent quality freshwater – source of municipal tap water supply

Avg. Water Temp: 25 – 27 degrees Celsius in August

NATIONALITY

All team members must comply with the IDBF Competition Regulation No.4 to represent a country in the 14th IDBF WDBRC 2019.

COMPETITION FORMAT

The Championship will be conducted according to IDBF Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing by appointed IDBF International Race Officials assisted by national Standard Officials and volunteers.

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

ENTRIES

The IDBF registration system at <http://idbfchamps.org/idbf> where all entry details are made will open from 18th January 2019.

PROVISIONAL ENTRIES

National Federations are required to submit their Provisional Entries to no later than February 1st 2019.

CONFIRMED AND FINAL NAMED ENTRIES

Teams will be required to submit both their Confirmed and Final Named Entries by May 3rd, 2019 and July 5th, 2019 respectively (team member details and photographs etc.)

Further details regarding Confirmed and Final Named Entries will appear in Information Bulletin No.2.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

CHAMPIONSHIP FEES

Countries who wish to enter the Championship must have fully paid the IDBF annual membership fees. The current fee is USD 250 plus the IDBF Paddler Levy of USD 1 per registered athlete.

An Administration Fee and an IDBF Registration fee is to be paid by every athlete, coach and team official.

DEPOSIT

A Deposit is USD 500 per team and it is to be paid with the Confirmed Entry by May 3rd, 2019. It is non-refundable (but exceptions may be made if an inability to participate is solely related to visa issues).

ADMINISTRATION FEE

The Administration Fee is set at USD 45 per person is to be paid by all adults and USD 30 by all Junior and U24 participants. The balance of Administration Fee minus the deposit must be paid with the Named Entries by July 5th, 2019. Administration Fees paid after July 5th, 2019 may be subject to a surcharge of USD 5 per person. The final amount due will be less the deposit already paid.

REGISTRATION FEE

The IDBF Registration Fee will be USD 40 per adult and USD 20 for Junior and U24 participants. The IDBF Registration Fee is the only fee payable to IDBF. Fees paid after the July 5th, 2019 may also be subject to a surcharge of USD 5. IDBF registration fee will be invoiced by IDBF and sent to the Team Manager to arrange payment within the given timelines.

PAYMENTS

Accommodation and Administration Deposits are to be paid to the 2019 WDBRC Organising Committee. Payment details will be issued according to the Confirmed Entries and those shown on the Named Entry Lists. Additional payment details will be included in Information Bulletin No.2.

DIVISIONS, RACING CLASSES, COMPETITION CLASSES AND RACE DISTANCES

(for specific rules regarding ParaDragon racing, please see the ParaDragon section below)

Both Standard and Small Boat Championships are available.

If a team wishes to enter a standard and small boat in the same competition class, the competitors in the standard boat must be completely different to those in the small boat, So the 26 competitors (including reserves) in the standard boat must be completely different to the 14 competitors (including reserves) in the small boat, except for Mixed Crews where these additional requirements apply.

When a Team enters a combination of Standard and small boat teams in the same competition class must combine to form standard boat mixed crews. The following table shows the way in which standard and small boats combine into standard boat mixed crews, where X is the entry.

Competition Class E.g. Senior A									
	Open	Women	Mixed	Open	Women	Mixed	Open	Women	Mixed
Standard			x		x	x	x		x
Small	x	x		x				x	

STANDARD AND SMALL BOATS:

Small Boat Racing is intended for new and developing IDBF Member Countries; that is generally the IDBF Basic and Associate Members.

IDBF Members who have taken part in a WDBRC in the past four (4) years, but are unable to send Standard Boat Crews may be permitted to compete in the Small Boat Championships at the discretion of the IDBF Executive Committee. Example: an IDBF Member with only twelve (12) paddlers of either sex available, who has competed in a previous WDBRC may be allowed to enter a Small Boat Crew in the appropriate class/category after seeking approval of the IDBF Executive Committee.

MIXED CREW REQUIREMENTS:

Standard Boat Crews – The crew must consist of a minimum of 8 and maximum of 10 paddlers of either gender. Drummers and Helms can be of either gender.

Small Boat Crews – The crew must consist of a minimum of 4 and maximum of 5 of either gender. Drummers and Helms can be of either gender

The following table shows the composition of crews

Standard boat

10 male paddlers / 10 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender
10 male paddlers / 9 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender
9 male paddlers / 10 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender
10 male paddlers / 8 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender
8 male paddlers / 10 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender
9 male paddlers / 9 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender

Small boat

5 male paddlers / 5 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender
5 male paddlers / 4 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender
4 male paddlers / 5 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender
4 male paddlers / 4 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender

AGE REGULATIONS:

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

U24: the 13th to 23rd birthday falls in the year of the competition, up to two (2) Racers in a Standard Boat Competition and one (1) in a Small boat can over 23 but under 26 in the year of the competition. Note: By definition Drummers and Steerers are ‘Racers

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.

Note: The Drummer in a Senior Crew and the Helm (Sweep) in a Junior Crew do not need to conform to the relevant age limits shown above.

DOUBLE ROSTERING:

Double rostering of Racers between Divisions is discouraged. In the case of ‘back to back races’ the Officials will **NOT** delay races for racers to transfer between crews.

CLASSES AND DISTANCES:

STANDARD BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS (22 Racers)

Division	Racing Class	2000 m	1000 m	500 m	200 m
Premier	Open	✓	✓	✓	✓
Premier	Women	✓	✓	✓	✓
Premier	Mixed	✓	✓	✓	✓
Division	Racing Class	2000 m	1000 m	500 m	200 m
Senior A	Open	✓	✓	✓	✓
Senior A	Women	✓	✓	✓	✓
Senior A	Mixed	✓	✓	✓	✓
Senior B	Open	✓	✓	✓	✓
Senior B	Women	✓	✓	✓	✓
Senior B	Mixed	✓	✓	✓	✓
Senior C	Open	✓		✓	✓
Senior C	Women	✓		✓	✓
Senior C	Mixed	✓		✓	✓
Division	Racing Class	2000 m	1000 m	500 m	200 m
U24	Open	✓	✓	✓	✓
U24	Women	✓	✓	✓	✓
U24	Mixed	✓	✓	✓	✓

Division	Racing Class	2000 m	1000 m	500 m	200 m
Junior A	Open	✓	✓	✓	✓
Junior A	Women	✓	✓	✓	✓
Junior A	Mixed	✓	✓	✓	✓
Junior B	Open	✓		✓	✓
Junior B	Women	✓		✓	✓
Junior B	Mixed	✓		✓	✓

SMALL BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS (12 Racers)

Divisions	Racing Class	2000 m	500 m	200 m
Premier	Open	✓	✓	✓
Premier	Women	✓	✓	✓
Premier	Mixed	✓	✓	✓
Division	Racing Class	2000 m	500 m	200 m
Senior A	Open	✓	✓	✓
Senior A	Women	✓	✓	✓
Senior A	Mixed	✓	✓	✓
Senior B	Open	✓	✓	✓
Senior B	Women	✓	✓	✓
Senior B	Mixed	✓	✓	✓
Senior C	Open	✓	✓	✓
Senior C	Women	✓	✓	✓
Senior C	Mixed	✓	✓	✓
Division	Racing Class	2000 m	500 m	200 m
U24	Open	✓	✓	✓
U24	Women	✓	✓	✓
U24	Mixed	✓	✓	✓
Divisions	Racing Class	2000 m	500 m	200 m
Junior A	Open	✓	✓	✓
Junior A	Women	✓	✓	✓
Junior A	Mixed	✓	✓	✓
Junior B	Open	✓	✓	✓
Junior B	Women	✓	✓	✓
Junior B	Mixed	✓	✓	✓

PARADRAGON RACE DIVISION

The IDBF is pleased to announce that the WDBRC will include ParaDragon races for the first time!

ParaDragon racing is aimed at broadening the reach of our sport by encouraging those with physical, psychological, neurological, sensory or intellectual impairments to participate.

Two ParaDragon categories are offered: one for teams where every paddler has a recognised impairment ('PD1' in the attached framework rules) and a second where at least half the paddlers have a recognised impairment ('PD2'). At Appendix 1 is the complete set of rules for such races, adopted by the IDBF in July 2018. Note that there is no age or gender requirement for either category (but the set of rules does set out how age and gender will be taken into account). Any questions regarding the set of rules or the nature of competition should be sent by email to chair-para@idbf.org

This is advance notification of the IDBF intention to include ParaDragon races. The categories, race distances, and boat types that will finally be offered will depend on the initial level of interest expressed by national federations. Accordingly, national federations are asked to indicate their interest by completing the following table and returning it to chair-para@idbf.org by **18TH January 2019**. At this stage, no commitment is sought (but 'firm' entries will be sought in due course, and to a different timeline from other entry requirements).

National federation:					
Category	Boat	Definite interest	Potential interest	No interest	Remarks
PD1 (all paddlers impaired)	Standard				The participation of paddlers (impaired or unimpaired) will not affect their eligibility to compete in any other categories
	Small				
PD2 (half of paddlers impaired)	Standard				
	Small				

TIMELINES

ARRIVAL AND TRAINING BEFORE THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

It is expected that most Teams will arrive during the period of August 16th – 18th 2019. Crews are advised to arrive in the Pattaya Region no later than August 19th. Crews are invited to arrive earlier as training times will be made available to crews for acclimatization, starting as early as August 16th.

DATE	SCHEDULE
Friday August 16 th	Teams arrive
Saturday August 17 th	Crew Training Standard Boat at the RCTC Teams Registration at <i>the Ambassador Jomtien Pattaya 12:00 – 17:00</i>
Sunday August 18 th	Crew Training Standard and Small Boat at the RCTC Teams Registration at <i>the Ambassador Jomtien Pattaya 09:00 – 16:00</i>
Monday August 19 th	Crew Training Standard and Small Boat at the RCTC IDBF Council Meetings at <i>the Ambassador Jomtien Pattaya</i>
Tuesday August 20 th	Crew Training Standard and Small Boat– Reserve Racing Day Race Officials and Team Leaders Technical Meetings at RCTC IDBF Race Officials Examinations at RCTC Opening Ceremony at RCTC
Wednesday August 21 st	Racing Day 1 - 2000m All Competition Classes
Thursday August 22 nd	Racing Day 2 - 1000m All Competition Classes (note 1000m is for Standard boats only)
Friday August 23 rd	Racing Day 3 - 500m All Mixed Competition Classes
Saturday August 24 th	Racing Day 4 - 200m All Competition Classes
Sunday August 25 th	Racing Day 5 - 500m All Open and Women's Competition Classes Closing Ceremony & Celebration at <i>the Ambassador Jomtien Pattaya</i>
Monday August 26 th	IDBF Members Congress at <i>the Ambassador Jomtien Pattaya</i>

ENTRY AND PAYMENT TIMELINES

REQUIREMENT	DEADLINE DATE
Expressions of interest for Paradrakon categories	January 18 th 2019
Provisional Entries (less Paradrakon) Provisional Accommodation, Transportation, Meal Requests	February 1 st 2019
Confirmed Booking and Deposit on Accommodation, Transportation and Meals 50% Deposit on Accommodation, Transportation and Meals	March 3 rd , 2019
Confirmed Numerative Entries and Administration Deposits of USD 500 per Team. Only in exceptional circumstances will the Admin Deposit be refunded, such as a visa refusal.	May 3 rd , 2019
Final Named Entries, IDBF Registration Fees, Balance of Admin Fees - Named Entry Form – Against which all Regatta Fees (Administration and Registration) will be finalized and charged - Administration Fee – USD 45 is a price for adults. U24 and under will be charged at USD 30 - Supporters Fee – USD 20 per person - IDBF Registration Fee – Full Members USD 40 per person and USD 20 for Junior and U24 participants - Accommodation, Transportation and Meals Remaining balance of all booked arrangements due	July 5 th , 2019

ACCOMODATION

Pattaya and Rayong are some of the most significant tourist destinations in Thailand. There is a wide choice of accommodation for competitors; from 2-star hotels to 5-star hotels. Most of the hotels are located in Pattaya City, some 40-50-minute drive from the race venue.

Although there are a lot of hotels in the area, there may be problems when it comes to booking due to the popularity of Pattaya and Rayong as tourist destinations. So, to address this, the local organising committee

has made special arrangements with the Ambassador City Jomtein Pattaya hotel (in the Banchang Palace Hotel and Play Hotel both are located in Rayong).

The Ambassador City Jomtein Pattaya is set to be the official accommodation for the Championships. It is very large hotel (offering some 10,000 beds!) and is about 40 minutes from the RCTC. The hotel has various buildings and standards of room with various prices. The hotel offers a vast range of facilities and is not far from the tourist attractions in Pattaya. The Championships Administration Centre and the Closing Ceremony will also be set up and held in the hotel, so promises to be central to non-racing activities.

In Rayong City, the two official hotels are Banchang Palace Hotel and Play Hotel. Banchang Palace Hotel is a small hotel and about a 10 minute drive from RCTC. Play Hotel is a middle-sized hotel which is located at Phala Beach, Banchang District and is about a 22 minute drive from RCTC.

For teams who choose to stay in the official hotels, the local organising committee will be responsible for all transportation, from the airport to the hotel, from the hotel to the venue, and from the hotel to the airport, on your departure. The coaches will be reserved for each team and all costs are included in the room rates for the hotels.

Teams are free to choose their own accommodation but will be responsible for your own transportation to the venue.

Teams can see the photos of Official OC at the website <http://www.wdbrc2019.org/>

Accommodation booking can be made via stay@wdbrc2019.org

The Ambassador City Jomtien

Location: Jomtien Beach Pattaya - time to venue: 40 minutes

Wing/ building	Single Occupancy (USD)	Double Occupancy (USD)	Remark
Ocean wing	110	58	Breakfast and Transportation are included.
Tower Wing	90	48	Breakfast and Transportation are included.
Garden Wing	-	45	Breakfast and Transportation are included.
Inn Wing IW	-	42	Breakfast and Transportation are included.
Inn Wing IT	-	38	Breakfast and Transportation are included.

Banchang Palace

Location: Banchang District Rayong - time to venue: 10 minutes

Room	Single Occupancy (USD)	Double Occupancy (USD)	Remark
Deluxe	85	45	Breakfast and Transportation are included.
Superior	75	40	Breakfast and Transportation are included.
Standard	70	38	Breakfast and Transportation are included.

Play Hotel

Location: Phala Beach Rayong - time to venue: 25 minutes

Room	Single Occupancy (USD)	Double Occupancy (USD)	Remark
Suit Deluxe	90	45	Breakfast and Transportation are included.
Superior	80	40	Breakfast and Transportation are included.

TRANSPORTATION

Teams which reserve their accommodation with the OC, their transportation will be provided by the OC. There will be coaches prepared for each team, coaches will pick you up at the airport and take you to the hotel. While in the competition, coaches will pick you up at the hotel and take you to the venue (back and forth). On your departure, coaches will pick you up at your hotel and take you to the airport.

Should any teams wish to take the coaches for your own business, teams will be responsible for additional cost.

NOTE

There are 3 airports where the coaches will pick you up on your arrival and take you to on your departure; Suvarnabhumi Airport, Don Muang Airport, and U-Tapao Airport.

MEAL PACKAGES

Breakfast

Breakfast will be provided at participating official hotels through the 2019 WDBRC Organizing Committee.

Lunch

OC has already prepared international buffet for teams in a canteen at the venue. A meal consists of 3 different kinds of food with jasmine rice, fruit, and drinking water. Lunch package is available at a price of USD 12. For own convenience, teams are welcome to reserve the lunch package in advance.

Moreover, there are various kinds of food vendors at the venue, such as burgers, noodles, fast food, fried chicken, etc. Beverage is provided at the food vendors as well. Anyway, OC suggests all teams reserve for lunch service from the OC, due to the food quality and comfort.

Dinner

OC has already prepared international buffet at the official hotels at the different prices. Teams can reserve for dinner at time specified. Dinner details and prices will be provided in Information Bulletin No.2

Any teams wish to have dinner on their own, there are various kinds of restaurants around.

CONTACTS

Championships website <http://www.wdbrc2019.org/>

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The IDBF encourages your Association to enter the 14th IDBF WORLD DRAGON BOAT RACING CHAMPIONSHIP together with the Rowing and Canoeing Association of Thailand look forward to welcoming you at the Championships.