



14th IDBF CLUB CREW WORLD DRAGON BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS

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The Championships

The International Dragon Boat Federation (*IDBF*) and the Italian Dragon Boat Federation (*FIDB*), cordially invite all crews from clubs affiliated to IDBF Members to participate in the 14th IDBF Club Crew World Championships (*CCWC*) in Ravenna, Italy from the 3rd to the 8th of September 2024.

Location and Venue

The 14th IDBF CCWC will be held at Standiana Regatta Course, located at Via Standiana 38, 48125 Savio di Ravenna, Ravenna Italy. The venue is sited into the relaxing environment of the Circolo Canottieri Ravenna inside the Standiana Park and it is famous for having held rowing events since 1873. Standiana Regatta course offers 8 lanes of racing with a minimum depth of 4m across the whole race course. It has hosted an IDBF CCWC once before (in the 2014) and in 2023 it was the venue of the 19th European Club Crew Championships.



Standiana Park a natural reserve with diverse flora and fauna. It is in the Emilia Romagna region, close to the historical town of Ravenna and not far from Cervia and Milano Marittima, which are well known seaside resorts. The amusement park of Mirabilandia borders with the venue.

Emilia Romagna is an Italian region of great charm, with immense artistic beauty and fabulous hospitality. Emilia Romagna with its Riviera Romagnola offers beach tourism that attracts families and young people to its shores every summer. Rich in sites of historical and cultural interest, this region boasts a world-renowned wine and food. Skillful hospitality does the rest, making Emilia Romagna an ideal holiday destination in every season.

For more information, please visit <https://emiliaromagnaturismo.it/en>



The Racing

Racing will be conducted in both Small and Standard Boats:

- Divisions: Premier, Senior A, Senior B, Senior C, 24U-University, Junior A, Paradrakon and BCP, ACP
- Classes: Open, Women and Mixed
- Distances: 200m, 500m and 2000m

Racing will be conducted in accordance with:

- IDBF Competition Regulations (Edition 9.0 (January 2024))
- IDBF Rules of Racing (Edition) Edition 9.0 (January 2024)
- IDBF Rules for Paradrakon Racing (Edition 1.3) (December 2023)

Copies of the above rules can be downloaded from <https://www.dragonboat.sport/documents/rules-regulations/>

Entries

Entries are open to all clubs affiliated to IDBF Members provided those Members have paid their membership fees for 2024 and any other outstanding amounts due to the IDBF. By exception, strict conformance with this requirement is not necessary for Paradrakon crews (see Paradrakon section below).

All entries to the Ravenna 2024 CCWC 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.

All entries from clubs affiliated to IDBF Members are to be made by member federations using the IDBF registration system at <https://idbf.idbfchamps.org> This system will open on **Monday 15 January 2024** Further information about key dates for this process are provided later in this Bulletin. However, Member federations must have registered their **provisional entries by no later than Sunday 18 February 2024.** Different arrangements will be made for those clubs requiring IDBF Executive approval.

Entry fees have two components: an amount paid to IDBF (the 'IDBF Registration Fee') and an amount paid to the event organiser (the 'Event Administration Fee').

IDBF Registration Fee: The IDBF registration fee for competitors, coaches and officials is US\$50 for aged 19 and over and US\$25 for under 19 years 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 1 August,** otherwise a late fee will be applied. Any outstanding bank fees are payable by the team.

Event Administration Fee: paid to the Ravenna 2024 Organizing Committee in **EURO**.



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

Payment made before	Competitors/Official/Coaches		Supporters
	Of age 19 and over	Of age 18 and under	
30th March 2024	EURO 75 approx. USD 80	EURO 37 approx. USD 40	EURO 37 approx. USD 40
18th May 2024	EURO 85 approx. USD 90	EURO 42 approx. USD 45	EURO 42 approx. USD 45
30th June 2024	EURO 95 approx. USD 100	EURO 47 approx. USD 50	EURO 47 approx. USD 50

Children of supporters under the age of 16 are free.

A late entry fee of extra EURO 20 per person will be charged for any payments made after the 30th June.

Entry Requirements

Except for the Paradrakon class, each IDBF Member may sanction the participation of up to five of their Clubs in each Competition Class in Standard boats, and two Clubs in the Small boat classes. For the Paradrakon class each IDBF Member may sanction up to seven Clubs in total, subject to a maximum of four Clubs in either Standard or Small boat classes.

Member federations are required to provide the IDBF chair-ctc@dragonboat.sport with a list of the clubs who have been endorsed for entry.

The attention of the team managers is drawn to CR4.3.1. This is a mandatory requirement for all team members, except for those competing in the Paradrakon class (see Paradrakon section below)

Race entries Classes and Distances

If a Club 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. The 26 competitors (including reserves) in the standard boat must be completely different to the 14 competitors (including reserves) in the small boat.

Competitors from the open and women classes may combine to form the mixed crews. Refer to Mixed crew combinations below (CR2.1.3)

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 either gender.

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



Standard Boat (22 athletes)

Racing Class	Premier Division	Snr A Division	Snr B Division	Snr C Division	Junior A Division	24U- Uni Division	BCP	ACP	PD1	PD2
Open	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	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	200m 500m 2000m			
Mixed	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m				

Small Boat (12 athletes)

Racing Class	Premier Division	Snr A Division	Snr B Division	Snr C Division	Junior A Atandard Division	24U-Uni Division	BCP	ACP	PD1	PD2
Open	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	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	200m 500m 2000m			
Mixed	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m				

Double Rostering

A Reminder (CR2.2.2) A competitor including drummer and helm should only enter one (1) competition age class. No allowance will be made in the program or races delayed to allow a competitor to participate in more than one (1) competition class.

Please note: If a competitor enters more than one age class, no changes will be made to the program to accommodate requests about double rostering.

Note: Be aware marshalling for standard boats and small boats maybe in two (2) different locations.



Age Regulations

- 18 and under – 13th to 18th birthday falls in the year of the competition year (minimum age of 12)
- 24 and under+ University the 13th to 24th falls in the year of the competition year (minimum age of 12)
- Senior A – 40th or later birthday falls in the year of competition
- Senior B – 50th or later birthday falls in the year of competition
- Senior C – 60th or later birthday falls in the year of competition

Paradragon Racing

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

Two Paradragon categories are offered: one for teams where every paddler has a recognised impairment (defined as 'PD1' in the Rules for Paradragon Racing) and a second where at least half the paddlers have a recognised impairment ('PD2'). Clubs intending to enter crews in the PD2 category are encouraged to review the requirements for the mix of unimpaired and Paradragon paddlers (set out in Annex C of the Rules for Paradragon Racing).

Because Paradragon racing is still relatively new, IDBF has decided that it will continue to relax certain race regulations that would normally apply. These relaxations relate to **CR 4.3:**

1. The Paradragon club can be constituted solely for the purposes of entering the Championships and there is no requirement for it to have been in existence for at least six months or for its members to have been members for the same period. Member federations are asked to be aware of this when endorsing entries.
2. Racing for two clubs is permitted without penalty for:
 - a. unimpaired paddlers in a Paradragon PD2 team – they may also compete as members of another Club; and
 - b. Paradragon paddlers – they may also compete as members of another Club provided that club is not another Paradragon club.

However, note that the caveats set out in Competition Regulation **CR2.2.2** (Double Rostering) will apply to all paddlers participating in Paradragon racing. Clubs should note that only 'Open' Paradragon racing is offered (and IDBF's Rules for Paradragon Racing set out how age and gender are taken into account). All impaired paddlers in the Paradragon class are required to submit a completed Certificate of Diagnosis to IDBF. The deadline for this will be set out in Bulletin 2. The Certificate is at Annex D of the Rules for Paradragon Racing but can also be downloaded as a discrete document at: <https://dragonboat.b-cdn.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/IDBF-Paradragon-Certificate-of-Diagnosis-1.pdf>



A class of supporter called 'Paradragon Chaperone' is offered. A Paradragon Chaperone can accompany an impaired paddler through marshalling and, by agreement with the Chief Marshal, to and from boat loading/unloading. Any questions regarding the set of rules or the nature of competition should be sent by email to chair-para@dragonboat.sport

The Provisional Schedule

Date	Schedule
Saturday 31 August 2024	Team registration Team training
Sunday 1 September 2024	Team registration Team training
Monday 2 September 2024	AM – Team registration AM – Team training PM – Team Managers meeting PM – Opening Ceremony
Tuesday 3 September 2024	Racing Day 1 - 2000m
Wednesday 4 September 2024	Racing Day 2 - 2000m
Thursday 5 September 2024	Racing Day 3 - 200m
Friday 6 September 2024	Racing Day 4 - 200m
Saturday 7 September 2024	Racing Day 5 - 500m
Sunday 8 September 2024	Racing Day 6 - 500m Closing Ceremony (hand over of flag to 2026 host nation Taiwan) Closing Party

Note: Once provisional entries are known, IDBF will have a clearer understanding of the number of entries for each competition class and the best way to structure the program. For example Premier mixed (am) on day 1 and Premier open and women (pm) on day 2

Key Dates

Requirement	Deadline
Provisional Entries Open	15 January 2024
Provisional Entries Close	18 February 2024
Confirmed Entries Close	18 May 2024
Final team names submission -against which all fees will be charged	30 June 2024



Accommodation & Transfer Booking – Limited availability	15 February 2024 <i>(for best booking)</i>
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Accommodation and Transfer

To make the organization of the Championships easier, it is highly recommended that all accommodation and transfer bookings are arranged through the Ravenna 2024 Organizing Committee (RDBE).

The Organizing Committee is working and negotiating the best rates and conditions to host our athletes at official hotel partners to provide different types of accommodation locations that will be available within 1 km up to 30 km from the race site, depending on budget and preferences.

Official Travel Agency – ITALCAMEL <https://www.italcamel.com/>

Contact: email address: ravenna2024@italcamel.com

Meals

Food, drinks, and meal catering will be available at the race venue. More info will be provided with Bulletin 2.

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.

In addition, private tents may be reserved by Clubs through the organizing committee. Enquire for prices and availability with amministrazione@ravennadragonboat.com.

Transportation

Race Venue distance to Major Cities

- Ravenna: 19 km
- Bologna: 90 km
- Venezia: 238 km

Airports

Bologna Guglielmo Marconi Airport: 100 km to venue, 1.10-hour drive, depending on traffic.

Venice Marco Polo Airport: 244 km to venue, 2.30-hour drive, depending on traffic.

Parking

Information regarding parking sites for car and busses will be posted within the Bulletin 2.



VISA Process

Italy has a fairly relaxed set of visa requirements for tourism and/or sport competitions. However, individuals should confirm what is required at the following Italian Government website link:

<https://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home/en#BMTitolo>

if you determine you do require visa and need help with the process of obtaining it, please contact the Ravenna Organising Committee at visa@ravennadragonboat.com

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The IDBF and FIDB encourage your Club to enter the 14th IDBF CCWC, Ravenna 2024 Italy and looking forward to welcome you to join the Championships.



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address:

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Our professional staff will be at your disposal and will contact you as soon as possible.