

UTS Launches International Virtual Youth Festival

The IDBF is proud to be participating in the UTS's International Youth Festival. With the pandemic of COVID-19 affecting all aspects of sport and especially young athletes across the world, the United Through Sports (UTS) Virtual Youth Festival (VYF) 2020 was launched as a positive opportunity to move forward and bring us back together. The VYF is an international online sporting event for young athletes to compete in from the comfort of their own home. The IDBF's Youth Commision will organize the IDBF's participation in this event.

Supported by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), and the Special Olympics, this event will bring Olympic and non-Olympic sports together, and will include youths from all backgrounds and communities.

The festival will involve virtual medal ceremonies, opening and closing ceremonies, and an online platform for education, including webinars, an opening conference, panel discussions, and workshops. The competition itself will involve a series of fitness events where athletes from different sports will compete against each other through a virtual platform. The VYF is an excellent opportunity for dragon boat youth to showcase their talents on an international stage and to come together with athletes from other sports in a show of solidarity and unity.

Please read the FAQ on the IDBF website for an explanation of how the event works can be found here: <u>https://dragonboat.sport</u>

For more information about United Through Sports, please visit: <u>https://unitedthroughsports.com/2020/08/17/uts-launches-the-virtual-youth-festival-2020/</u>