



13TH IDBF CLUB CREW WORLD DRAGON BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS | JULY 18-24, 2022

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - PARADragONS

This supplementary information complements Bulletins No 1 and No 2 by providing further information about Paradrragon issues.

REGISTRATION

Although the official deadline for provisional entries has passed (it was February 20, 2022), entries can still be made right up to the deadline for confirmed entries (**May 22, 2022**). IDBF is keen to encourage Paradrragon participation so, if you haven't registered your entry yet, there is still time!

You are reminded that, for Paradrragon racing, IDBF has relaxed certain race regulations that would normally apply. These relaxations relate to Competition Regulation 4.3:

1. The Paradrragon 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. National 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 Paradrragon PD2 team – they may also compete as members of another Club; and
 - b. Paradrragon paddlers – they may also compete as members of another Club provided that club is not another Paradrragon club.

However, note that the caveats set out in Competition Regulation 2.2.2 (Double Rostering) will apply to all paddlers participating in Paradrragon racing.

If you have any queries about the above, please contact chair-para@dragonboat.sport

RACE RULES

Paradrragon racing will be conducted in accordance with IDBF's *Competition Regulations* and *Rules of Racing* supplemented by IDBF's *Rules for Paradrragon Racing*. Both documents can be found on the IDBF website here: <https://www.dragonboat.sport/rules-and-regulations>

In addition, IDBF will be trialling an amendment to the *Rules for Paradrragon Racing* to allow for modifications to be made to the paddle that are different to the ones currently in the rules. Please refer to Annex A of this Supplementary Information for this amendment. **The trial rule at Annex A will apply at Sarasota.**



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RACE ENTRIES - LIKELY APPROACH

For a whole range of reasons, the number of Paradrakon entries at the date of this Supplementary Information is not conducive to proper competition. However, IDBF is committed to ensuring Paradrakon racing happens and has developed a proposal that could be implemented if entries do not increase materially.

Subject to agreement from teams who have entered, IDBF proposes making the changes outlined below in the desire for Paradrakons to participate, in the interest of competition and, most importantly, in recognition of the right of Paradrakons to participate. No action is required at this stage, although IDBF is open to other suggestions or comments in the interim (email please to chair-para@dragonboat.sport).

The proposal is to limit racing to **PD2 small boat** only over all three competition distances (200m, 500m and 2,000m).

IDBF notes that some current entries will inevitably be affected if this is adopted. It further proposes therefore that:

- the one club currently entered in PD2 standard boat would be invited to form two small boat PD2 crews; and
- the clubs entered in PD1 small boat would each be invited to enter two small boat PD2 crews

IDBF recognizes that there would probably be a need for the affected clubs to find some unimpaired paddlers, as well as possibly additional helms/steerers and drummers, and would do all it can to assist clubs to find these additional crew members.

Clearly, IDBF's hope is that further Paradrakon clubs will enter but we must all be realistic and plan for entries remaining broadly as they are.

IDBF will consult with all current Paradrakon entries over the coming weeks and will advise its decision immediately after entries finally close (May 22, 2022).

PARADRAGON FORUM

IDBF believes that the best way the Paradrakon community can develop is through working together to exchange ideas and coaching tips but also to provide feedback to IDBF on matters where IDBF has a responsibility (for example, rules of racing). Sarasota provides an ideal opportunity for Paradrakon clubs to get together for this exchange of views for the first time ever!

Bulletin 1 mentioned that there will be a Paradrakon Forum at Sarasota. The event details are still to be finalized but IDBF envisages a two-part forum probably held late afternoon Saturday July 23, 2022 (ie: after all Paradrakon racing has been completed):

- Part 1 – a meeting of coaches, team captains, team managers and IDBF officials to exchange views and tips
- Part 2 – a social gathering (immediately after conclusion of Part 1) for all members of Paradrakon teams



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CERTIFICATES OF DIAGNOSIS

Individual athletes participating as Paradrageon paddlers are each required to submit a certificate of diagnosis to IDBF in order IDBF can assign an impairment 'score' to them and also to inform the adjustments to that score for age and gender.

The certificate of diagnosis must be in the form set out in Annex D of IDBF's *Rules for Paradrageon Racing*. For ease of reference, a copy of the required certificate of diagnosis is at Annex B to this Supplementary Information. It is also available in Word format on request (chair-para@dragonboat.sport).

Completed certificates of diagnosis must be received by IDBF no later than **June 19, 2022** by emailing them to: chair-para@dragonboat.sport

However, clubs will know that Paradrageon crews must conform to a crew maximum points total appropriate to their race class otherwise they may face disqualification. **It is strongly recommended therefore that clubs submit certificates of diagnosis as soon as possible.** IDBF will endeavor to produce a provisional points 'score' for each paddler based on their submitted certificate as quickly as it can and advise clubs of these scores in order they can make crew-level decisions. **This process can start today** – IDBF is ready now to review submitted certificates and is willing to receive them piecemeal – don't wait until you have everyone's!

Clubs are also reminded that a sample of Paradrageon paddlers from every crew will be assessed in person at Sarasota to improve confidence in provisional point scores.

SITE FACILITIES

The organizing committee is working hard to ensure that every aspect of the facilities provided at the race venue at Nathan Benderson Park will be suitable for Paradrageons and, as far as is practicable, no different to those offered to unimpaired crews.

SUMMARY OF KEY PARADRAGON DATES

The following provides key Paradrageon dates for Sarasota:

Date	Requirement / activity
From now	Certificates of Diagnosis submitted to chair-para@dragonboat.sport
Sunday, May 22, 2022	Entries close
Sunday, June 19, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final submission of names of team members • Final date for submission of remaining Certificates of Diagnosis
Thursday, July 14, 2022 to Sunday, July 17, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams arrive • Registration • Training
Monday, July 18, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team managers meeting • Opening Ceremony
Tuesday, July 19, 2022 to Saturday, July 23, 2022	Paradrageon racing will occur during this period
Saturday, July 23, 2022	Paradrageon Forum
Sunday, July 24, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final day of competition • Closing Ceremony and Party



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KEY CONTACTS

A reminder from Bulletin 1 of the key contacts for Paradrragon teams:

Championships website	www.2022ccwc.com
General inquiries	administration@2022ccwc.com
Administration Fee, Team Rentals, Facility Information	administration@2022ccwc.com
Accommodations, Transport and Meals	accommodations@2022ccwc.com
Visa information	visas@2022ccwc.com
Chair IDBF Para Athletes Commission (Nigel Bedford)	chair-para@dragonboat.sport



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ANNEX A

AMENDMENT TO RACE RULES

For the 13th CCWC, IDBF has decided to implement an amendment to the *Rules for Paradrakon Racing* with a view to making a permanent change to rules in due course.

The amendment to be used at the 13th CCWC is below. It replaces Section 2 of Annex B ('Paddle dimensions') in its entirety with:

2. Paddles. Paddles used by Paradrakons in Paradrakon events need not precisely conform to the requirements of IDBF's Paddle Specification 202a but must conform to the following:
 - a. General. The adapted paddle must not contain any motor or stored energy mechanism that would assist the paddler in any way in the delivery of power to the stroke.
 - b. Blade.
 - the blade of the paddle may be smaller in overall surface area than the 202a specification but must proportionally match the blade shape as defined in the specification; and
 - the geometry of the blade must be consistent with the specification in terms of maximum thickness, and it shall similarly be smooth all over with no rough surfaces, dimples or concaves.
 - c. Shaft. It is recognized that the shaft's minimum and maximum lengths and the general geometry (as defined in the specification) may not be suitable for some Paradrakons, particularly those with limited or no use of one arm. Accordingly, paddles may be adapted but must conform to the following:
 - the connection between the shaft and the blade must not be cranked in any way;
 - the shaft must have a minimum length of 15cm from its join with the blade;
 - if the adaptation is for use by a paddler only able to use one arm for paddling, then modifications may be made to the shaft to provide for a better handgrip; and
 - if the paddle has been designed to be physically attached to a paddler, or to a paddler's buoyancy aid or clothing:
 - i. its design above the 15cm mark described above need not conform to the specification and may, for example, include one or more fixed or flexible elbow joints and/or be curved; and
 - ii. there must be a 'quick release' mechanism to allow the paddler to disengage the paddle in the event of an emergency and the operation and suitability of this mechanism must satisfy the event Safety Officer.

The requirements above must be adhered to. It is recommended that any 'adapted' paddle intended to be used in a race is shown to race officials before the event rather than potentially be ruled as non-compliant at marshalling.



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ANNEX B

PARADRAGON CERTIFICATE OF DIAGNOSIS

Each Paradrragon paddler must submit a 'certificate of diagnosis' to IDBF. This certificate (below) must be signed by a registered medical practitioner, as well as by the individual.

This form must be completed in English. All items prefixed with a * must be completed.

PADDLER INFORMATION			
* Family name / surname:			
* Given / first name:			
* Gender:	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	* Date of birth:	
			Day Month Year
* Nation or club being represented:			
When moving towards a boat before loading, do you use:	Wheelchair <input type="checkbox"/> Crutches <input type="checkbox"/> Walking stick <input type="checkbox"/>	* Do you need assistance when loading or unloading the boat?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
* The wearing of buoyancy aids for Paradrragon events will be compulsory. Can you swim 50m while wearing a buoyancy aid? (Note: this is to assist officials in planning racing; if you cannot swim 50m <u>you will still be allowed to race</u>)			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Other information that may assist IDBF. For example:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help you need at boat loading / unloading • Information about your condition that may assist officials 			
		* Paddler's signature:	
		* Date of signature:	
			Day Month Year



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MEDICAL CONDITION (to be completed by a registered medical practitioner):			
* Impairment (tick all that apply): Physical <input type="checkbox"/> Psychological <input type="checkbox"/> Neurological <input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual <input type="checkbox"/> Sensory <input type="checkbox"/> Developmental <input type="checkbox"/>			
* Diagnosis:			
Continue on a separate sheet if more space is needed			
Approximately how long has the individual been experiencing the impairment(s)?			years
* Are there any reasons why the individual should not compete in the sport of dragon boating?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please describe: Continue on a separate sheet if more space is needed		
DECLARATION			
* Name:			
* Relevant qualifications:			
* I hereby certify that I have known the named individual for _____ years and that the individual has the impairment(s) I have described.			
* Address of medical practice:			
	Country:		
* Telephone number			
Email:			
* Signature of medical practitioner		* Date of signature	
			Day Month Year
* Official stamp of medical practice			