



INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION

國際龍舟聯合會

The World Governing Body of Dragon Boat Sport



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IDBF Hall of Fame Candidacy Requirements 2025

Developers

1. An individual who has made an outstanding and extraordinary contribution to the International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF) by helping develop and promote the objectives that define the mission of the IDBF:
 - To protect and maintain the cultural, historical, and religious traditions of Dragon Boat
 - To promote and develop the sport of Dragon Boat
 - To ensure that International Regattas are governed by the Rules of Racing adapted to the development of the sport of Dragon Boat
 - To encourage the organization of International Regattas and are open to all Member Associations and their Member Clubs
 - To establish International Championship Regattas under the titles of World Championships
 - To maintain the principles of amateurism in all competitions according to the definition of an amateur and the rules laid down in the IDBF Rules of Racing
 - To encourage the formation of Governing Associations in countries where none exist
2. A developer will have held a leadership position/s, in any of the following capacities, that extended service to the IDBF:
 - IDBF Executive Committee
 - IDBF Commissions and Committees.
 - IDBF National Federation Leadership position of a member nation (i.e. National Federations) of the IDBF (Full, Ordinary, Associate).
 - IDBF Continental & Affiliated federations
3. An individual demonstrates exemplary values and/or personal characteristics and makes a defining contribution to IDBF Dragon Boat
4. They must have a history of being an IDBF developer for an extended period of time
5. Inductees must be in good standing with the IDBF and have no active outstanding disciplinary actions.



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Race Officials

1. An individual who has made an outstanding and extraordinary contribution to the IDBF at the IDBF Dragon Boat World Dragon Boat Championships (WDBRC) and IDBF Club Crew World Championships (CCWC)
2. An individual demonstrates exemplary values and/or personal characteristics and makes a defining contribution to IDBF Dragon Boat.
3. They must have been a registered IDBF Race Official for a minimum of 10 years and/or officiated at a minimum of eight (8) Championships, whether they be IDBF World Dragon Boat Racing Championships (WDBRC) or IDBF Club Crew World Championships (CCWC).
4. Inductees must be in good standing with the IDBF and have no active outstanding disciplinary actions.

Coaches

1. They must have been a lead coach for their nation's federation at a minimum of five (5) IDBF World Dragon Boat Racing Championships.
 - a. A coach's National Team must have earned a podium finish (Gold, Silver or Bronze) at the IDBF Dragon Boat World Dragon Boat Championships (WDBRC).
2. Inductees must be in good standing with the IDBF and their national federation.

Athlete Eligibility

1. An individual athlete who has achieved outstanding and extraordinary success internationally at IDBF World Dragon Boat Racing Championships (WDBRC).
2. An athlete must have raced in their nation's federations class national team a minimum of five (5) IDBF World Dragon Boat Racing Championships (i.e. 5 WDBRC cycles).
 - a. Please note that Club Crew World Championships (CCWC) event success will not be evaluated as part of the selection criteria for the Hall of Fame; it may be included in the athletes CV if they have met the minimum WDBRC requirements.
3. An athlete and their team must have earned a podium finish
4. An athlete demonstrates exemplary values and/or personal characteristics and makes a defining contribution to sport and/or community
5. Inductees must be in good standing with the IDBF and their national federation.



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Selection Panel

- The process to select individuals for induction into the IDBF Hall of Fame is managed by the IDBF Hall of Fame Selection Panel and is approved by the IDBF Executive Committee.
- The selection panel shall consist of 3-7 individuals, each with extensive historical knowledge of the sport including tradition, history, events, and competitors and whose integrity are most likely to ensure fair and non-biased assessment of eligible nominations.
- There should be a balanced regional and gender representation on the panel.
- Members of the Selection Panel are encouraged to serve for a minimum six (6) years; panel members will be reviewed every two-year WDBRC cycle. Replacements will be identified when active member retires or steps down from the position. No more than 50% of the panel will be replaced in any two-year WDBRC cycle unless there is an event where more than 50% retire or step down in the same year.

Nomination Process

- Nomination forms will be available on the IDBF website and will be accepted up to one year prior to the World Dragon Boat Racing Championships (WDBRC).
- The Selection Panel will review all the nominations and select the worthiest candidates.
- Nominees will be considered for induction in the year nominated, and, if requested by the nominator, for up to two successive inductions thereafter (for a total of three WDBRC cycles)
- In the event a nominee is not selected for induction within three (3) inductions, the nomination will be declared inactive and may be resubmitted after this time period has elapsed.
- Deceased individuals are eligible for consideration.
- A maximum of three (3) pages of documentation may accompany each nomination.



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- The number of candidates which may be inducted will be at the discretion of the Hall of Fame (HoF) Selection Panel, but it is recommended a maximum of six (6) candidates be inducted in each biennial period, except 2021 being the inaugural year.
- Efforts are made to ensure a regional and gender balance of HoF inductees.
- The HoF Selection Panel are encouraged to induct a minimum of two (2) athlete's (one of each gender), who meet the WDBRC HoF minimal requirements as an athlete.
- The HoF selection panel is encouraged to induct a minimum of one Developer, Coach, or Race Official who meet the WDBRC HoF minimal requirements in their respective category.
- There are no automatic inductions.
- When selecting the inductees, the HoF Selection Panel will consider attributes listed in the "Minimal IDBF Hall of Fame Candidacy Requirements" artifact, which include:
 1. The significance and scope of their achievements,
 2. Their dedication to the sport of dragon boat,
 3. Level of excellence achieved.
- The HoF Selection Panel, after review of the submitted nominations, may solicit additional nominations and support if they feel that one of the following situations exists:
 1. There are no nominations for a particular category
 2. There are nominations that do not meet the general guidelines including gender and regional representation.
- The HoF Selection Panel will seek to select inductees based on consensus.

The handling of nominations will be in accordance with [IDBF's privacy policy](#).

Enquiries

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