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The Championship

The European Dragon Boat Federation (EDBF) and the Serbian Dragon Boat Federation (SDBS) cordially invite all Club Crews from European countries to participate in the 20th EDBF European Club Crews Championships (ECCC) in Belgrade, Serbia, from the 4th to the 7th of September 2025.

Location and venue

The 20th EDBF ECCC will be held at Ada Ciganlija Lake located within the urban city area. It is 3.2 km long and around 200 meters wide, with a maximum depth of 16 meters (racing course depth is more than 4 meters). It is used for sports, recreation and active leisure time of visitors of Ada Ciganlija, and it is completely adapted for the competition. The lake held more than a hundred of National, European and World championships in swimming, rowing and paddling sports.

The lake is encircled by a 7,9 km long walkway, a bicycle path and a pebble beach.



The Ada Ciganlija offers more than 60 restaurants and coffee shops, arranged around the lake.

It is located 30 min away from the Belgrade's International Airport Nikola Tesla.

There are several hotels in the surroundings, at 40 min walking and 10 min driving distance. More info:

<https://www.adaciganlija.rs/en/>



Racing

Racing will be conducted in both Small and Standard Boats.

- Divisions: Premier, Senior A, Senior B, Senior C, 18U, 24U, Paradrakon, BCP.
- Classes: Open, Women and Mixed
- Distances: 200m, 500m and 2000m

Racing will be conducted according to:

- IDBF Competition Regulations (Edition 9.0 -Effective January 2025)
- IDBF Rules of Racing (Edition 9.0 -Effective January 2025)
- EDBF Amendments to the IDBF R&R (released 23 January 2023)
- IDBF Rules for Paradrakon Racing (Edition 1.3 -Effective 1 January 2024)

Copies can be downloaded from <https://www.dragonboat.sport/documents/> and <http://edbf.org/library>

The racing will be conducted by appointed IDBF International Race Officials assisted by National Officials and volunteers, under the direction of an IDBF Chief Official with a Championship Jury nominated by the EDBF Executive Committee.

Regatta Course

The regatta course and the technical facilities will be according to the EDBF standards for a European Club Crew Championships. The racing course will consist in 8 racing lanes, 10m. wide and 4m. deep over 200m and 500m

Boats and Equipment

IDBF Specification dragon boats will be provided for the Championships.

The Official Supplier is Swift Racing, providing 12 Standard boats and 18 Small boats.

Competing crews will be expected to bring their own paddles which, except for Paradrakon –see Annex B from Rules for Paradrakon Racing- must conform to IDBF Paddle Specification 202a, and buoyancy aids if necessary.

The organizers will provide some spare paddles and buoyancy aids just in case.

Entries

Entries to the 20th EDBF ECCC are open to all club crews from countries that are EDBF Members. All entries must be sanctioned by the EDBF Member Federation to which that crew belongs to. Member Federations are required to provide by email to the Organizer the list of National clubs endorsed to participate in the Championship

Crews from European countries which do not have a Dragon Boat Federation are welcome, with the prior approval of the EDBF Executive Committee.

Entry Requirements

Each EDBF Member may sanction the participation of a maximum of 5 of their Clubs in each Competition Class in Standard Boat, and a maximum of 4 Clubs in Small Boat Competition Class, only one entry per Club per Competition Class. Exceptions are for Paradrakon & BCP Crews who are not limited by these numbers.



All entries are made by the EDBF Members using the EDBF online registration system.

Registration opens the **13th January 2025** at <https://123bookeasy.com/ticket1gluu>

All EDBF Members will receive an email with login credentials from noreply@123bookeasy.com. For any questions you can refer directly by email to dragonboat@123bookeasy.com

Entry fees

Entry fees have two components: an amount to be paid to EDBF (the EDBF Registration fee) and an amount to be paid to the Event Organizer (the Championship fee).

	EDBF Registration Fee	Championship Fee	Total Entry fee
Competitor/Official/Coach	€ 20	€ 70	€ 90
Junior athlete	€ 0	€ 30	€ 30
Supporter	€ 5	€ 15	€ 20

Key dates & fee payment

	Payment	Deadline
Provisional Entry*	Deposit 1: € 300 per Club	February 28th 2025
Confirmed Entry*	Deposit 2: € 50 per Competition Class entered	May 12nd 2025
Final Named Entry *	Championship fees minus two Deposits	August 1st 2025
EDBF Registration fee		August 1st 2025

* For any late payment there will be a surcharge of €100 (for missing provisional entry or confirmed entry) or €20 per person (for missing final named entry deadline). Please adhere to these deadlines.

Belgrade 2025 Event Organizer Bank Details:

Please, note that payments for 1&2 Deposit and Championships fee are to the Event Organizer bank account.

Note : The Bank transfer fees are on beneficiary account.

Account Name: SDBS SRPSKI DRAGON BOAT SAVEZ

Account Address: Ada Ciganlija 66/A, Beograd, 11030 Čukarica REPUBLIKA SRBIJA

Bank: RAIFFEISEN BANKA AD BEOGRAD

Bank Address: Đorđa Stanojevića 16, 11070 Novi Beograd

IBAN: RS35265100000020814893

SWIFT: RZBSRSBG

Ref: Reason of payment & Club Name

Send a copy of the payment to eccc2025@dragonboat.rs with relevant info of the payment.



EDBF Bank Details

EDBF Registration Fees are to be paid to the EDBF

Account Name: EUROPEAN DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION

Bank: Unicredit Roma Pasteur

IBAN: IT41 E020 0805 1340 0010 5517 447

SWIFT/BIC: UNCRITM1731

Ref: Club Name and Country

Send a copy of the payment to Mrs. Maura Dezi treasurer@edbf.org with detailed info of the payment.

Divisions, race classes and distances

Standard boat

Racing class	Premier	Senior A	Senior B	Senior C	18U	24U	BCP	Paradragon PD-1	Paradragon PD-2
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
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

Racing class	Premier	Senior A	Senior B	Senior C	18U	24U	BCP	Paradragon PD-1	Paradragon PD-2
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
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			

A minimum of three registered teams per category are required for medal competition.

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.



Mixed Class

Competitors from the open and women classes may combine to form the mixed crews according to the following rules:

Standard boat crews – IDBF CR2.1.3: 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: EDBF Amendments to R&R: The crew must consist of a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 6 paddlers of either gender. Drummers and Helms can be either gender.

Double Rostering - IDBF 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.

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

Age Regulations

- 18U – 13th to 18th birthday falls in the year 2025 (minimum age of 12)
- 24U – 13th to 24th birthday falls in the year 2025 (minimum age of 12)
- Senior A – 40th or later birthday falls in the year 2025
- Senior B – 50th or later birthday falls in the year 2025
- Senior C – 60th or later birthday falls in the year 2025

Age Exceptions

- Up to two (2) racers in a Standard Boat Competition and one (1) in a Small Boat can be over 23, but under 26 in the year 2025. Note: Drummers and Steerers are racers.
- No age limits for the Drummer in any Senior Crew, and for Helm/Steerer in a Junior Crew.

BCP Crews

If entries in the Standard Boats are low, Standard Boat BCP crews may be requested to regroup and make entry as 2 Small Boat Crews. All BCP crew including drummer and helm must belong to BCP category. Crews have to provide their own helms.

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.

On the 20th EDBF ECCC two Paradragon categories are offered: one for teams where every paddler has a recognized impairment (defined as 'PD-1' in the Rules for Paradragon Racing) and a second where at least half the paddlers have a recognized impairment ('PD-2'). 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, EDBF in accordance to IDBF decision 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 Paradrakon PD2 team – they may also compete as members of another Club; and
 - b. Paradrakon paddlers – they may also compete as members of another Club provided that club is not another Paradrakon club.

However, note that the caveats set out in Competition Regulation **CR2.2.2** (Double Rostering) will apply to all paddlers participating in Paradrakon racing. Clubs should note that only ‘Open’ Paradrakon racing is offered (and IDBF’s Rules for Paradrakon Racing set out how age and gender are taken into account).

Any questions regarding the set of rules or the nature of competition should be sent by email to chair-para@dragonboat.sport.

The 20th EDBF ECCC allows a class of supporter called ‘Paradrakon Chaperone’ to the impaired paddlers. A Paradrakon Chaperone can accompany an impaired paddler through marshalling and, by agreement with the Chief Marshal, to and from boat loading/unloading. The Paradrakon Chaperone, after being approved by Paradrakon Commission, shall register with the relevant team the paddler belongs to and no fees apply. Chaperon's ID card will be issued with the appropriate mark attesting the role of Paradrakon Chaperone.

Provisional schedule

Date	Schedule
Monday, September 1 2025	Training sessions
Tuesday, September 2 2025	Team registration; Training sessions
Wednesday, September 3 2025	Team registration; Training sessions Afternoon EDBF Exec Comm & Council meeting Opening Ceremony
Thursday, September 4 2025	Race officials meeting Team manager’s meeting Racing day 1
Friday, September 5 2025	Racing day 2
Saturday, September 6 2025	Racing day 3
Sunday, September 7 2025	Racing day 4 Closing Ceremony & Party
Monday September 8 2025	EDBF Congress

Please note that there is a possibility that one more day may be added from the start date (the Wednesday 3rd Sept) of the racing in case there it is deemed necessary for the program.



Health and Safety

All crew members must be water confident and ideally be able to swim at least 50m. It is the Crew Manager's responsibility to ensure that this limitation is complied with and to ensure that known weak swimmers wear personal flotation aids. Crews compete entirely at their own risk and must be 'Fit to Race', as defined in the IDBF Competition Regulations. When signing the crew list, the Crew Manager is also confirming as above (Personal Safety) that the crew members are all 'Fit to Race'.

BCP. The policy of the IBCPC is that all BCP are required to have a medical certificate to prove a BC diagnosis and a doctor's confirmation letter of fitness to paddle. For info on this process please refer to the IBCPC. For EDBF Championships the EDBF accepts that BCP crews who are IBCPC Members comply with the requirements of the IBCPC regarding having been diagnosed with Breast Cancer and therefore when signing a Crew List the Crew Manager is confirming the status of the crew members. When signing the crew list, a BCP Crew Manager is also confirming as above (Personal Safety) that the BCP crew members are all 'Fit to Race'. For BCP Crews this means that all the crew members have a medical doctor's letter stating that they are fit to race in their respective EDBF competition classes.

All BCP Crew Managers are personally responsible for holding all such documentation from their crew members during the 20th EDBF Club Crews Championships and will be required, if requested, to show one or more of them to the EDBF Race Officials, especially in the event of a medical incident or competitive accident, such as a boat capsized during the Championships.

PARADRAGONS. As part of the process for accrediting Paradrragon paddlers, all impaired paddlers in the Paradrragon class are required to submit a completed Certificate of Diagnosis to IDBF. The Certificate is at Annex D of the Rules for Paradrragon Racing but can also be downloaded at: <https://dragonboat.b-cdn.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/IDBF-Paradrragon-Certificate-of-Diagnosis-1.pdf> The deadline for this will be set out in Bulletin 2.

As for BCP crews, when signing a Crew List, a Paradrragon crew manager is confirming a crew's compliance with the Paradrragon Rules of Racing as above.

ECCC Anti-Doping Information

The EDBF Anti-Doping Education & Testing Policy will be summarized as it relates to the 20th EDBF Club Crews Championships, and published in Info Bulletin No.2

Weather

Average daytime temperatures in September in Belgrade are 26-32° C. Rain or wind is generally not expected.

Accommodation

Belgrade is world-known and very popular tourist destination, with a large number of hotels and apartments of all luxury levels. Full details of the accommodation in the Belgrade will be published in Bulletin No. 2 as well online on the official website www.dragonboat.rs



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The EDBF and SDBS encourage your Club to enter the 20th EDBF ECCC, Belgrade 2025 Serbia and look forward to welcoming you to join the Championships.

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