



#BULLETIN No.2

## 20<sup>th</sup> EDBF EUROPEAN CLUB CREW CHAMPIONSHIPS

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**The information in Bulletin N.2 is complementary to Bulletin N.1 and its Amendments.  
The two Bulletins together serve as complete guidance.**

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> EDBF European Club Crews Championships (ECCC) in Belgrade, Serbia, from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> of September 2025.

### Location and venue

The 20<sup>th</sup> 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.



## 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 1.4 -Effective January 2025)

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.

## Entries

Entries to the 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

Club 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 Club Crews in each Competition Class in Standard Boat, and a maximum of 4 Club Crews 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: <https://123bookeasy.com/ticket1gluu>. For any questions regarding the Online System you can refer directly by email to [dragonboat@123bookeasy.com](mailto: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
<b>Competitor/Official/Coach</b>	€ 20	€ 70	€ 90
<b>Junior athlete</b>	€ 0	€ 30	€ 30
<b>Supporter</b>	€ 5	€ 15	€ 20



## Key dates & fee payment

Notice that **Provisional & Confirmed Entry deadlines** are changed from the those published in **Bulletin #1** and **2<sup>nd</sup> Online Team's Manager meeting date** has been added

	Payment	Deadline
<b>Provisional Entry*</b>	Deposit 1: € 300 per Club	<b>May 16<sup>th</sup> 2025</b>
<b>Confirmed Entry*</b>	Deposit 2: € 50 per Competition Class entered	<b>June 7<sup>th</sup> 2025</b>
<b>Team Managers Meeting</b>		<b>June 16<sup>th</sup> 2025</b>
<b>Final Named Entry *</b>	Championship fees minus two Deposits	<b>August 1<sup>st</sup> 2025</b>
<b>EDBF Registration fee</b>		<b>August 1<sup>st</sup> 2025</b>

\* 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.

## PAYMENTS:

The Event Organizer payments such as the **1&2 Deposit** and **Championships fees** are to be paid to the EDBF bank account.

Be sure bank transfer fees are paid by your side, if any.

**Account Name:** EUROPEAN DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION

**Bank:** Unicredit Roma Pasteur

**IBAN:** IT41 E020 0805 1340 0010 5517 447

**SWIFT/BIC:** UNCRITM1731

**Ref:** **Admin Fees** or **Deposit 1** or **Deposit 2** and **Club Name and Country**

**Important Notice:** Payment would be processed more effectively sending an explanatory email of payment along with a copy of it to Mrs. Maura Dezi [treasurer@edbf.org](mailto:treasurer@edbf.org) and to the Org. Committee [eccc2025@dragonboat.rs](mailto:eccc2025@dragonboat.rs)

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## 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	200m 500m 2000m
Women	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	200m 500m 2000m
Women	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.

## Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing

A few questions are always asked in advance of and during the Championships, therefore the necessary information in this bulletin. Exceptions on CR and R&R can be made by the EDBF ExCom after advice from the suitable EDBF Commission. All questions can be sent to the EDBF Secretary General.

### **CR 2.1.3 Mixed Class crew composition (EDBF)**

Mixed Standard Boat – Maximum 10 of either gender.

10 male paddlers / 10 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender
10 male paddlers / 9 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender
9 male paddlers / 10 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender
10 male paddlers / 8 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender
8 male paddlers / 10 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender
9 male paddlers / 9 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender

**For mixed small boats the EDBF diverges from the IDBF Rules and Regulations as follows:**

Mixed Small Boat – Maximum 6 / Minimum 4 either gender will be allowed.

6 male paddlers / 4 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender
4 male paddlers / 6 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender
5 male paddlers / 5 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender
5 male paddlers / 4 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender
4 male paddlers / 5 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender
4 male paddlers / 4 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender

### CR 2.2.2 Double Rostering

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

### CR 4.3.1. Club Membership

A bona fide Club Member is one that has regularly trained and/or competed for the Club Crew that they represent during the minimum period of six months. A bona fide Club Member will normally be resident in the Country in which the Club Crew is located. A Club Member who trains and competes with a Club Crew from a different Country (...) to the one in which the Club Member himself (or herself) is normally domiciled, will only be considered as a bona fide Club Member if they can prove that they have physically attended their Club to train or compete for a period of at least twelve (12) weeks, over a minimum period of two (2) racing seasons.

### CR 7.2.2 Advertising on a Crews Racing Clothing and Equipment

(...) the advertising of a Representative Team's sponsor on a crew's racing apparel or personally owned Racing Paddles, will be permitted subject to the following provisions:

1. That any such advertising is unobtrusive and tasteful (that is, of a design that does not cause offence to the public or cause the racing vest to become unrecognizable as a Crew's Representative Colors).
2. One such advertisement will be permitted on the Racing Vest placed in such a position that it does not unduly disrupt, hide or negate the Crew's Color design thereon.

**CR 7.2.3** The maximum size of sponsors name and logo advertising that will be permitted on a Vest shall be that which can be contained in a box measuring 20cm long by 5cm wide. For competitors personal Racing Paddles, that is those that comply with the IDBF Paddle Specification, the sponsors advertisement may be of a different shape to that on the Racing Vest but shall not exceed the overall area of 20cm x 5cm box (100 sq cm).

### CR 7.10 Crew Safety

(...) the Crew Manager and Boat Captain are primarily held responsible for the safety of their crews. When on the water the Boat Captain, who will normally be the Helm (Steerer) must take responsibility for the crew's safety. Both the Crew Manager and the Boat Captain will ensure that all their competitors are:

**CR 7.10.1** Suitably dressed for the weather, water and race conditions and that they are not wearing anything (such as personal accessories or jewelry) which may impede their ability to escape from a capsized boat or swim unaided once in the water, for example, wrist weights.

**CR 7.10.2** Must be water competent and, ideally able to swim at least 50 meters in wet competition clothes, unaided.

**CR 7.10.3** 'Fit to Race' both medically and physically at all times during the competition. (See also Regulation 8.4.1)

**CR 7.10.4** Fully briefed on all safety matters contained within the Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing for the competition.

### **CR 8.7.1 'Fit to Race'**

When signing the Crew List, the person signing is confirming with the Chief Official, that all the competitors shown on the list are Fit to Race. This statement covers not just the physical ability of the competitors to undertake the race concerned but it also means that the signatory is confirming that there are no known medical reasons why those listed should not compete during the whole period of the Championships. This is particularly relevant to Senior and Junior competitors.

## **R4.2 Competitors Behavior**

Any Dragon Boat Crew or competitor who attempts to win a race by other than honorable means, or who deliberately breaks the Racing Rules, or who disregards the honorable nature of the rules shall face disqualification from the competition.

## **R4.3 Coaching during race**

It is forbidden, during a race, for a crew to receive outside help, or coaching, or be accompanied by other boats along the course, even outside the Racing Lanes. Such acts will result in disciplinary action being taken against the crew(s) concerned.

## **R4.4 Active drumming**

The Drummer shall sit on the drummer's seat provided and once the boat has cleared the Starting Area, which is deemed to be 50 meters from the Start Line, must actively beat the Drum throughout the race. That is, the Drum must be clearly seen to be struck with a Drumstick on the drum skin (top or side) at short, regular intervals. Failure to actively beat the Drum will result in disciplinary action being taken against the crew concerned.

## **Age Regulations**

- 18U – 13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> birthday falls in the year 2025 (minimum age of 12)
- 24U – 13<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> birthday falls in the year 2025 (minimum age of 12)
- Premier – all competitors with a minimum age of 12
- Senior A – 40<sup>th</sup> or later birthday falls in the year 2025
- Senior B – 50<sup>th</sup> or later birthday falls in the year 2025
- Senior C – 60<sup>th</sup> or later birthday falls in the year 2025

## **Age Exceptions**

- No age limits for the Drummer in any Senior Crew, and no age limits for Helm/Steerer in a Junior Crew.
- All requests of exception must be sent to the EDBF ExCom who will be advised by EDBF C&TC.



## Doping Control and Education

### Clean Sport Education

In line with the World Anti-Doping Code and the IDBF Doping Control Rules, it is a mandatory requirement for the following athletes and all coaches to complete or have completed an Anti-Doping course before being eligible for registration/accreditation at the ECCC 2025 in Belgrade.

**All Premier Crew (including helm & drummer) must complete the National-Level Athletes Education Program unless they already are holding a current certificate valid from Sept 2023.** This course will give athletes information about the dangers of doping, the importance of anti-doping controls and promote positive attitudes to avoid doping. **However, if any athlete already holds a valid international level certificate in Sept 2023 this is acceptable.**

**All Coaches** must complete the **High-Performance Coaches' Education Program**. This course provides Anti-Doping education for High Performance Coaches with an emphasis on why clean sport matters and how it protects athletes' experiences and opportunities in sport.

- Please follow this link to access the education: <https://adel.wada-ama.org/learn>
- However, you can do the course in any language provided by the website but when creating the account, please enter the correct identity information using your full name **in English**.

**\*Any athletes/Coaches with a current Anti-Doping course certificate must make sure it is valid until 4th Sep 2025 (if you have completed it before and it is still valid, you do not need to do it again)**

All certificates are to be uploaded on the EDBF registration website (<https://123bookeasy.com>), **by 1 Aug 2025**.

All certificates must be verified by the EDBF Medical & Sports Science Commission (M&SSC). **For the verification, team managers are to send an email to [edbf.antidoping.office@gmail.com](mailto:edbf.antidoping.office@gmail.com)** as a notification to the M&SSC that the relevant certificates have been uploaded. **Certificates should not be sent by email.**

**\*Please note for ECCC2025 only Coaches and Premier Crews are required to submit their ADEL certificates.**

### National Clean Sport Advisor

The EDBF Medical and Sport Science Commission is pleased to announce that we will organize a 4 hours clean sport advisors course during the ECCC 2025, (date to be announced in Bulletin 3). This course is about the role of and responsibilities of Clean Sport Advisors in protecting clean sport and how to operate in line with the EDBF's anti-doping rules. It will provide information to effectively support athletes so that they meet their anti-doping roles and responsibilities, and it will explain what is expected from you when you suspect doping.

At the end of the course candidates will receive the EDBF Clean Sport Certificate which will entitle the recipient to act as a National Clean Sport advisor for their EDBF Member.

**At least one person is invited from each EDBF Member to attend the workshop which is free to attend.**

From 2026, WADA will require all sports to have a Certified Clean Sport Advisor as part of their national teams, The EDBF will be complying with this WADA directive therefore, EDBF Members should nominate their candidate to attend the Clean Sport Advisors Workshop during the ECCC 2025.

Candidate's names should be sent to [edbf.antidoping.office@gmail.com](mailto:edbf.antidoping.office@gmail.com) by 10<sup>th</sup> Aug 2025.

## Provisional schedule

**Notice Provisional Schedule has changed from that one published in Bulletin #1**

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

## Accommodation

Following is a list of hotels in Belgrade that the ECC2025 Organizing Committee recommend for the Championships held in Belgrade from September 4 to 7, 2025.

These hotels have been selected based on their location, quality of service, and capacity suitable for accommodating large sport teams.

We kindly ask you to make your reservations directly with the hotels as soon as possible, as interest is high and capacities are filling up quickly.

Recommended hotels:

- Hotel Moskva**  
Address: Balkanska 1, Belgrade  
Website: <https://hotelmoskva.rs/>
- Hotel Balašević**  
Address: Miška Kranjca 17a, Belgrade  
Website: <https://www.centarbalasevic.rs/en>
- Hotel Srbija**  
Address: Ustanička 127c, Belgrade  
Website: <https://www.hotelsrbija.com/en/>



4. **Hotel N**

Address: Bilećka 57, Belgrade

Website: <https://hotel-n.rs/>

5. **Hotel Nota**

Address: Grčića Milenka 8, Belgrade

Website: <https://hotelnota.com/en/>

6. **Hotel Slodes**

Address: Borska 92f, Belgrade

Website: <https://hotelslodes.rs/>

You can find more useful information at the official tourism website: <https://www.tob.rs/en>

### Visit Serbia - Entry requirements and useful info

All participants to the Championships are required to check within the following links entry requirements to Serbia to avoid any trouble at border controls or during the stay.

Following is the link to the official platform of the Government of the Republic of Serbia, where you can find all the necessary information regarding the arrival and stay of foreigners:

<https://welcometoserbia.gov.rs/home>

You can also check which documents are required for entering Serbia based on the selected country:

<https://welcometoserbia.gov.rs/discovery-tool>



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

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