BULLETIN No. 1

16th EDBF EUROPEAN NATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

MUNICH 2026

8th – 12th July 2026

Olympic Regatta Venue Munich-Oberschleißheim, Germany

The Championship

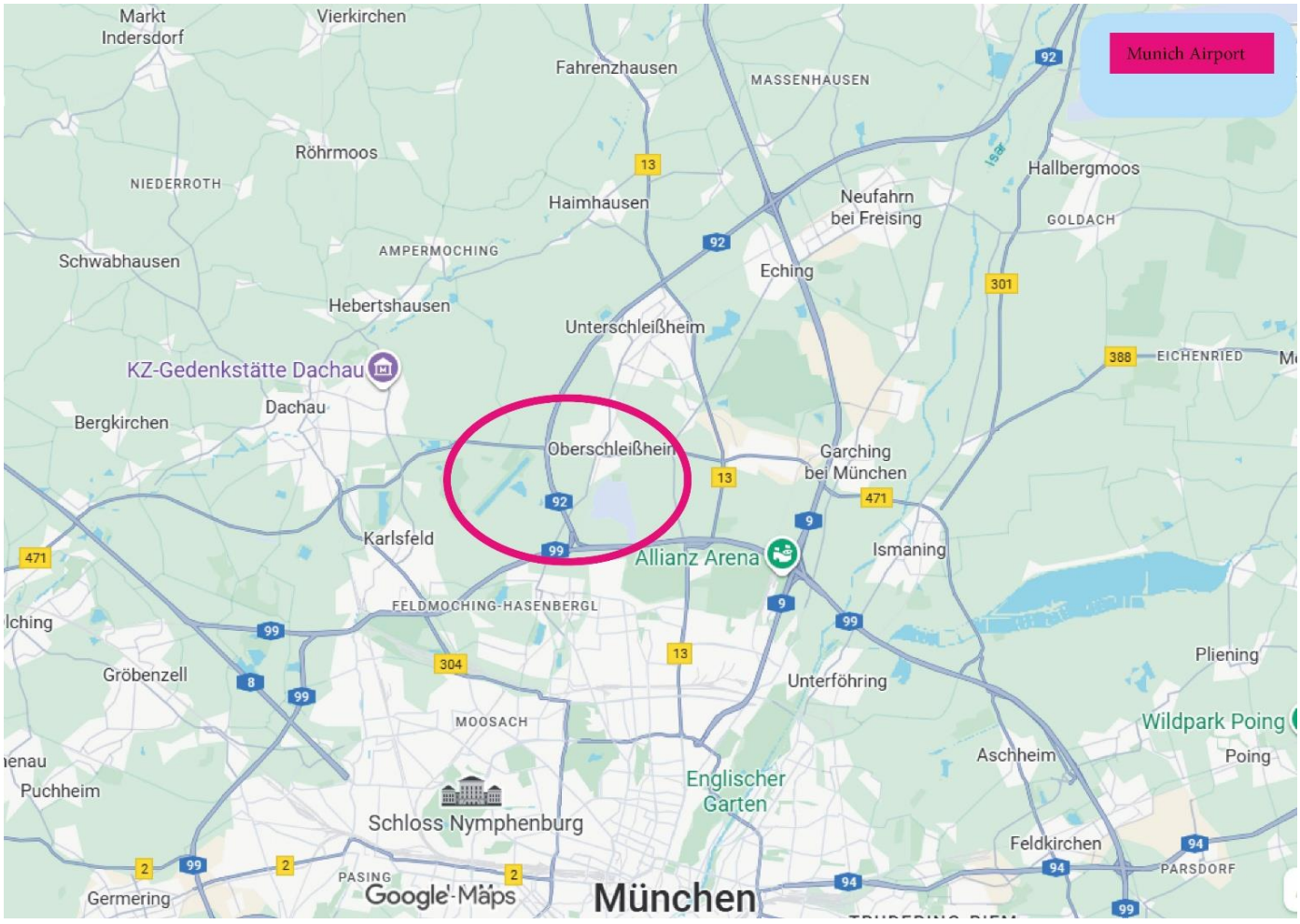
The European Dragon Boat Federation (EDBF) and the German Dragon Boat Association e.V. (DDV), cordially invite all National Dragon Boat Teams from European countries to participate in the European National Crew Championships (16th EDBF ENC) in Munich-Oberschleißheim, Germany, with races from 8th to 12th July 2026.

Opening ceremony will be held on Wednesday, 8th July 2026 at 19:00 hrs.

Location and venue

The 16th EDBF ENC will be held at Olympic Regatta Venue Munich-Oberschleißheim, Dachauer Straße 35, 85764 Oberschleißheim, Germany.

The Regatta Venue is the distance to Munich Centre of 25 km (ca. 40 min.), to the International Airport of 15 km (ca. 20-25 min.) Highway (Autobahn) A92 and A99

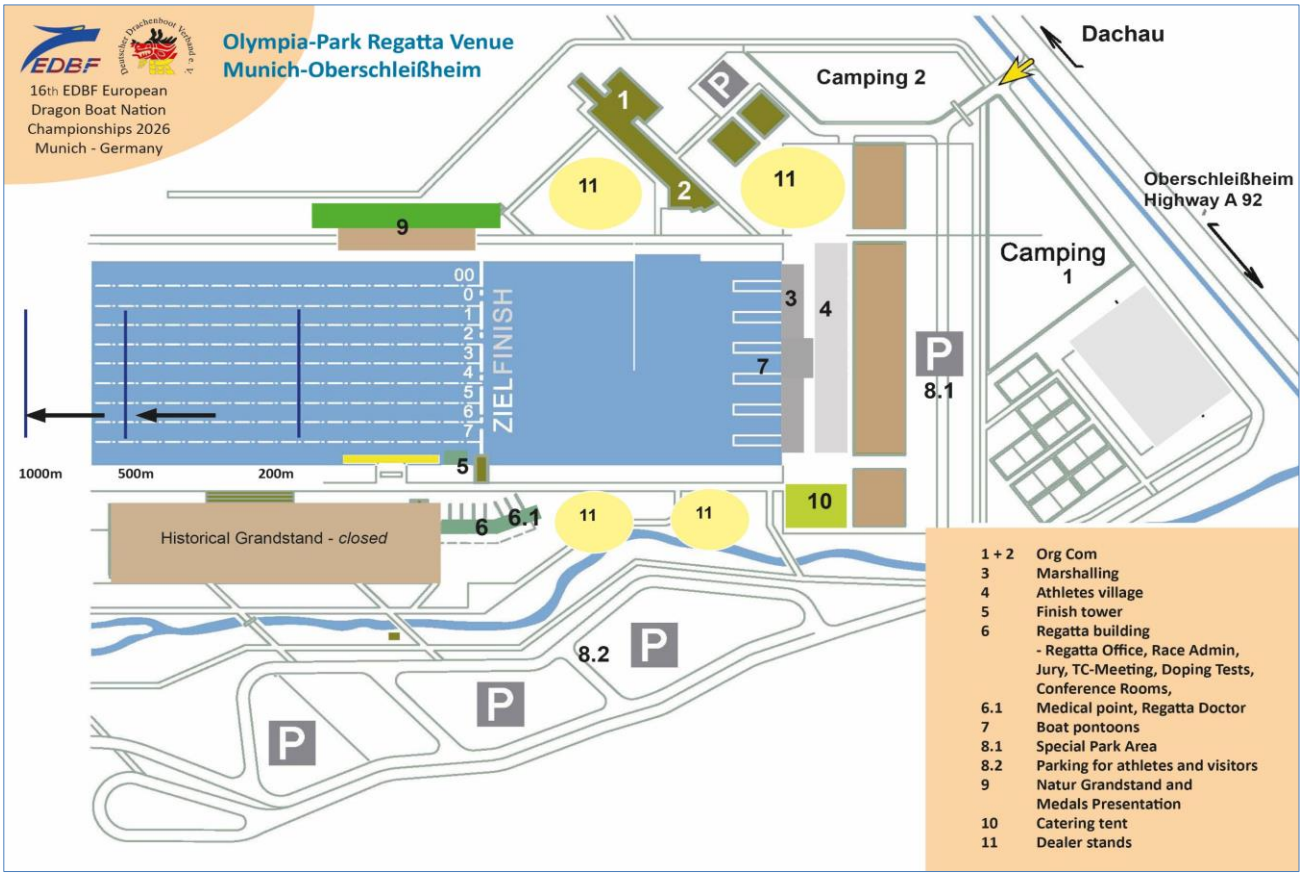


Regatta Course

The regatta course and the technical facilities will be according to the EDBF standards for European and International Championships.

The regatta facility is a competition facility according to international water sports standards and offers over:

- a total length of 2000m
- 6 lanes each 13.50 m wide
- a continuous water depth of at least 4 meters
- with an Albano system
- Equipped with automatically start shoe system for 200, 500 and 1000m races.
- The 2000m races (circuits) are conducted with an electronic and acoustic start countdown.



Racing classes

Racing will be conducted in both boat classes, Standard and Small Boats.

- Divisions: Premier, Senior A, Senior B, Senior C, Senior D, 18U, 24U, BCP and Paradragon
- Categories: Open, Women and Mixed
- Distances: 200m, 500m, 1000 and 2000m

NOTE: **1000m for Standard boat crews only**.

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 Paradragon Racing (Edition 1.3 -Effective 1 January 2024)

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

The races 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.

Boats and Equipment

IDBF Specification dragon boats are provided for the Championships.
12 BuK Standard Boats and 12 BuK-Peischeng High Performance Racing Small Boats.

Competing crews will be expected to bring their own paddles which, except for Paradragon – see Annex B from Rules for Paradragon 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 16th EDBF ENC 2026 are open to all National teams from EDBF Members, provided the EDBF Member has paid all membership fees that are due by the 30th April 2026.

Only one (1) crew per Nation shall be allowed to compete in each competition class listed in the championships program. (CR 1.5.1 IDBF CR)

All entries must be made by the EDBF Members using the IDBF online registration system.

Database Opening:	Provisional entries:	20th January 2026 at https://edbf.idbfchamps.org
Database Closing:	Provisional entries:	28th February 2026
Database closing:	Confirmed Entries:	15th May 2026
Database closing:	Final named entries:	31st May 2026

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 'Event Administration Fee').

EDBF Registration Fee:

Payment made on or before	Athletes / Officials / Coaches	
	of age 19 and over	Of age 18 and under
31st May 2026	€ 45,00	€ 5,00

The EDBF registration fee must be **paid by 31st May**, otherwise a late fee of € 5,00 will be applied.

Event Administration Fee:

Payment made on or before	Athletes/ Officials / Coaches		Supporter
	of age 19 and over	Of age 18 and under	
Early Bird 31st March 2026	€ 90,00	€ 45,00	No Early Bird applicable
31st May 2026	€ 95,00	€ 50,00	€ 55,00
Late Fee: after 31st May 2026*	€ 100,00	€ 55,00	€ 60,00

* Late payment Fee of € 5 will apply to payments made after 31st May 2026.

Children 16 and under (not athletes) will have free entry.

Deposit

A non-refundable deposit of € 100 must be paid by 5th March 2026, for all registered crews per competition class. **This deposit will be balanced against all event administration fees due.**

* For any late payment after the different deadlines 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.

The deadline for principal payments is by 31st May, so that only balances remaining due by the start of ENC, including the late payment fees, with deduction of the deposits.

It is important to note that the teams cannot take part in the championship without full payment.

Event Services Costs & Payments Deadlines

Payment		Costs	Deadline
Lost ID cards		€ 10	Any time per card
Additional Team Tents	Ordering and settling payment	Variable	**15th May 2026**
Vest Numbers per set (26/14)	Ordering and settling payment	€15.00/9.00	**31st May 2026**
Additional services	• Camping fees • Meals • Parking fees	variable variable variable	N/A

Key dates

	Matters	Deadline
Provisional Entry	First registration of all crews in all divisions and categories	**28th February 2026**
Deposit due	A non-refundable deposit of € 100 must be paid for all registered crews per competition class.	**5th March 2026**
Confirmed Entry	confirmed registration of all crews in all divisions and categories as basis for race program	**15th May 2026**
Final Named Entry	final registration of all participants as basis for printing the ID Cards	**31st May 2026**
EDBF Registration fee	After the deadline a penalty of Euro 5 will apply for late payments	**31st May 2026**
Event Admin Fee	After the deadline a penalty of Euro 5 apply for late payments. The deposit already paid will be balanced against all event administration fees due.	**31st May 2026**
Catering on the venue	Information about offers and prices – note Bulletin 2	**15th May 2026**
Vest numbers	Use the form for pre-order (website)	**31st May 2026**
Additional Team tents	Use the form for pre-order (website)	**15th May 2026**

Bank Details of ENC 2026

Event Administration Bank details:

Please note that payments for Deposit, Championships Fees and Services must be transferred to the Event Administration bank account

- All payments must be made in Euro.
- OrgCom cannot and will not accept cash payment.
- Remaining payments can be made on site with a credit card
- **The Bank details will be published separately shortly.**

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: Nation name

Please, 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	Senior D	18U	24U	BCP	Paradragon PD-1	Paradragon PD-2
Open	200m 500m *1000m* 2000m	200m 500m *1000m* 2000m	200m 500m *1000m* 2000m	200m 500m *1000m* 2000m	200m 500m *1000m* 2000m	200m 500m *1000m* 2000m	200m 500m *1000m* 2000m	200m 500m *1000m* 2000m	200m 500m *1000m* 2000m	200m 500m *1000m* 2000m
Women	200m 500m *1000m* 2000m	200m 500m *1000m* 2000m	200m 500m *1000m* 2000m	200m 500m *1000m* 2000m	200m 500m *1000m* 2000m	200m 500m *1000m* 2000m	200m 500m *1000m* 2000m			
Mixed	200m 500m *1000m* 2000m	200m 500m *1000m* 2000m	200m 500m *1000m* 2000m	200m 500m *1000m* 2000m	200m 500m *1000m* 2000m	200m 500m *1000m* 2000m	200m 500m *1000m* 2000m			

Small boat

Racing class	Premier	Senior A	Senior B	Senior C	Senior D	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	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	200m 500m 2000m			

A minimum of three (3) registered teams per each competition class are required for medal competition.

Race classes and distances

If a nation 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 –The crew must consist of a minimum of 8 and maximum of 10 paddlers of either gender. Drummers and Helms can be either gender. (IDBF CR2.1.3)
Small boat crews: 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. **(**EDBF Amendments to R&R)

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 allowing 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 of the championships (minimum age of 12)
- 24U 13th to 24th birthday falls in the year of the championships (minimum age of 12)
- Senior A 40th or later birthday falls in the year of the championships (minimum age of 40)
- Senior B 50th or later birthday falls in the year of the championships (minimum age of 50)
- Senior C 60th or later birthday falls in the year of the championships (minimum age of 60)
- Senior D 70th or later birthday falls in the year of the championships (minimum age of 70)

BCP Crews

All BCP crew including drummer and helm must belong to BCP category. Crews must provide their own helms.

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 confirms 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 16th EDBF ENC 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.

ENC Anti-Doping Information

The EDBF Anti-Doping Education & Testing Policy will be summarized as it relates to the 16th EDBF Nation Championships, and published in Info Bulletin No.2.

Paradragon Racing

EDBF is pleased to announce that the ENC will include Paradragon races. Paradragon racing is aimed at broadening the reach of our sport by encouraging the participation of Para-athletes (paddlers with physical, psychological, neurological, sensory or intellectual impairments).

Two Paradragon race categories are offered: one for teams where every paddler has a recognized impairment (the 'PD1' race category) and a second where about half the paddlers have a recognized impairment (the 'PD2' race category). Both race categories are currently offered for standard boats and small boats over all normal race distances. However, the categories, race distances, and boat types that will finally comprise the competition will depend on the level of interest expressed by national federations.

National federations are reminded that EDBF will be using IDBF's Rules for Paradragon Racing (which supplement IDBF's existing Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing) to control aspects of Paradragon participation. Paradragons racing will be conducted in accordance with these rules. Note that the unimpaired paddlers participating in a PD2 crew will not be restricted in any way from entering any other (non-Paradragon) race category.

National federations are reminded that a Paradragon Certificate of Diagnosis must be submitted for each participating Para Athlete who will be entered as someone living with one of the recognised impairments (in other words, the unimpaired paddlers in a PD2 crew do not need to submit these certificates).

More info about certificate date submission and email in Bulletin 2

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 also confirms as above (Personal Safety) that the crew members are all 'Fit to Race'.

PARADRAGONS. As part of the process for accrediting Paradragon paddlers, all impaired paddlers in the Paradragon class are required to submit a completed Certificate of Diagnosis to IDBF. The Certificate is at Annex D of the Rules for Paradragon Racing but can also be downloaded at: https://dragonboat.b-cdn.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/IDBF-Paradragon-Cerficate-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 Paradragon crew manager is confirming a crew's compliance with the Paradragon Rules of Racing as above.

Provisional schedule

Date	Schedule
Optional! *Monday, July 6th 2026*	• *Teams arrive; Camp Site is open*
Tuesday, July 7th 2026	• Team Registration • Training sessions 9:00 – 18:00
Wednesday, July 8th 2026	• Team Registration • Training sessions 9:00 – 18:00 • Race Official's meeting • Team Manager's meeting • Afternoon EDBF Exec Comm & Council meeting • 19:00 - Opening Ceremony
Thursday, July 9th 2026	**Racing day 1 1000m**
Friday, July 10th 2026	**Racing day 2 200m**
Saturday, July 11th 2026	**Racing day 3 500m**
Sunday, July 12th 2026	**Racing day 4 2000m** Closing Ceremony & Party
Monday July 13th 2026	EDBF Congress 2026, Conference room of the Regatta venue.

Weather

Average daytime temperatures in July are 26-32° C. Rain or wind is generally possible.

Accommodation

Munich is world-known and very popular tourist destination, with many hotels and apartments of all luxury levels.

Our very experienced touristic partner, the Travel agency G. Matscheck, prepared a lot of reservations in hotels in the near of the regatta venue and for transportation services between Airport – Hotels – Regatta venue. Please note the Hotel list on the event website www.drachenboot.de

Send your requests to hotel.enc2026@drachenboot.de

Team Tents

Organizing Committee prepares Team tents for all nations of different sizes (3x3m - 6x6m). All Nations will have the opportunity to order additional team tents, with additional costs.

Vest Numbers

Every crew member must wear a unique vest number when racing. The vest number must be in the range 01 to 26 (for standard boat crews) and between 01 to 14 for small boat crews. Each individual's vest number must correspond to his or her place on the submitted crew list.

The vest number shall be enclosed in a box of a minimum length of 210mm and depth of 150mm. Each numeral shall be of a size that will fit into a box of a minimum size of 100mm tall and 60mm wide. (See the IDBF Competition Regulation CR 9.9.2 for full details).

Accordingly, Organizing Committee prepares the production of vest numbers for Standard and Small crews for the competitors. You can order the sets using the form on the website

Costs:

- Standard Boat crew: 1-26 = 15 €
- Small Boat crew: 1-14 = 9 €

Menu's

Organizing Committee is trying to prepare offers for breakfast, lunch and dinner at the Regatta venue. Please note detailed information in Bulletin No. 2

Drinking Water

Note the information in Bulletin 2.

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The EDBF and DDV encourage all National Teams to enter the 16th EDBF ENC, Munich 2026 and look forward to welcoming you to join the Championships in Munich Oberschleißheim.

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EDBF President

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DDV President

Welcome to Munich Oberschleißheim