

## **16. ADOPTION OF THE IDBF COMPETITION REGULATIONS.**

16.1 These Competition Regulations were updated, by the IDBF Competition and Technical Commission (C&TC) in 2000, from those adopted on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1997 and were subsequently notified to the 8<sup>th</sup> IDBF Congress in 2001. The Regulations were further updated by the C&TC in 2002 and 2003 and approved by the IDBF Council in October 2003, under Article 43 of the IDBF Statutes and notified to the 9<sup>th</sup> IDBF Congress on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2003 as the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition. This 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of the IDBF Competition Regulations is effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008 and will remain in force for a minimum period of four (4) years, as laid down in Article 29 of the IDBF Statutes.



The European Dragon Boat Federation adopts the IDBF Competition Regulations, with the following amendments

### **AMENDMENTS FOR EDBF COMPETITIONS**

**1.3 EDBF AND OTHER FEDERATIONS CHAMPIONSHIPS.** EDBF Championships may be held annually at a place and time decided on by the AGA and in accordance with these Regulations and Rules of Racing. European Championships are those competitions that are organised directly by the EDBF, or its Members, for EDBF Member Crews. There are three kinds of Championships currently authorised by the EDBF, namely the European Nations Championship; the European Club Crew Championship (see Reg. 1.4) and the Euro Corporate & Community Championship. Championship Regattas organised by the IDBF or other Federations, such as the Asian Dragon Boat Federation (ADBF) are recognised as equal in status to EDBF Championships.

**1.4.1 European Championships** are restricted to National Crews. The total number of crews, per country, is defined as a National Team. Six Crews from at least three (3) EDBF National Members must compete before a Competition Class (see Regulation 2.2 for definition) can be awarded EDBF European Championship status. (See also Regulation 1.5.1).

**1.4.2 European Club Crew Championships** are restricted to Club Crews who represent a Dragon Boat Club (not an EDBF National Member). Such Crews must compete under their Club Name and in club attire and must not be given National Team status. Six Crews from at least three (3) EDBF National or Club Members must compete before a Competition Class can be given Championship status. (See also Regulation 1.5.2).

**1.4.3** The minimum number of crews required in 1.4.1 and 1.4.2 to give a Competition Class 'European Championship' status may be relaxed by the EDBF Executive Committee for a specific Competition Class if to do so is in the best interests of the sport. (EDBF Regulation only).

**1.5.1 European Championships.** For a European Championships one (1) crew per National Team shall be allowed to compete in each Competition Class listed in

the Championships Programme. (This may be increased to two (2) crews per Nation at the discretion of the EDBF Executive Committee).

**1.5.3 NATIONAL RACES.** The definition for a National Race is published in the EDBF Bye-laws. National Races in Europe are those races organised for competitors domiciled in the country where the event takes place, either directly by an EDBF Member or approved by such a Member, or where an EDBF Member does not exist, an Event Organiser approved by the EDBF. The number of entries per Competition Class in a National Race is left to the discretion of the EDBF Member concerned. (EDBF Regulation).

**5.5 Sponsorship.** At EDBF Championships, sponsorship of Dragon Boats and equipment by one sponsor, for advertising purposes, is permitted subject to the conditions laid down (under Regulation 7.2) by the EDBF Executive Committee, from time to time. Under this Regulation, Championships Organising Committees may override Regulation 9.12 and exclude crews from using their own boats or paddles, provided that they supply all crews alternative boats and paddles to championships specifications. **The details of any such sponsorship must be notified by the Organising Committee to the competing crews before the Championships commence. At other EDBF competitions such sponsorship is at the discretion of the Event Organiser.**

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\* **7.2.1 (9.12). Advertising on Crew Uniforms, Boats & Equipment.** At EDBF Championships the advertising of a National Teams sponsor on a crews 'off water' uniform and training apparel; Team Boats and Equipment, not supplied by the Organising Committee *will* be permitted subject to any conditions established by the EDBF Executive Committee from time to time, *provided that such uniform (or training clothes) are not worn during an actual race.* At other EDBF competitions advertising as above shall be at the discretion of the organisers. **Failure to act in accordance with this Regulation may result in disciplinary action against the crew concerned.**

**7.11 TITLES AND PRIZES - CHAMPIONS.** For EDBF Championships, the title Champion shall be conferred on the winning crew in each Competition Class contested, which conforms to the conditions of Competition Regulations 1.4 to 1.5.2 inclusive. Every competitor in each winning crew shall be awarded a medal, gold in colour and the crew shall receive a trophy. (EDBF amended Regulation).

**7.12 NON CHAMPIONSHIP RACES.** When the number of crews in a Competition Class does not conform to the minimum number laid down by the EDBF Executive Committee, see Regulations 1.4.1 to 1.4.3, then the title 'Champion' shall not be conferred on the winning crew, nor champions medals awarded. The winning crew may receive medals and a trophy for winning a Non-Championship Race in the Competition Class concerned.

**8.2 INFORMATION & ENTRY FORMS.** For EDBF Championships, information sheets should be sent to all EDBF Members at least 6 months before, and Entry Forms at least 3 months before the championships commence. Entry Forms for International Races should be sent to crews through their EDBF Member Association at least 6 months before the event. The conditions on EDBF Championships Entry Forms form part of this Regulation. (EDBF amended Regulation).

**8.3 ENTRIES.** Entries to EDBF Championships shall be restricted to EDBF Members. For Eurocup Races entries may be accepted from non-Members but their results will not count towards Eurocup points. Crews from non-European countries may be invited to an EDBF International Race. All Entries for EDBF competitions must be returned by the Crew Manager to the Event Organiser, with the appropriate fee, on the Entry Form provided, by the Closing Date for entries shown on the form. (Amended Regulation).

**8.3.1 Entry Fees.** For EDBF Championship Races crews may be required to pay Fees as laid down by the EDBF Executive Committee. Such fees shall be shown on the Entry Form. For all other EDBF competitions the Event Organiser may set an Entry Fee, in consultation with the EDBF Executive Committee. For all EDBF events, the appropriate fee must be sent to the Event Organiser with the Entry Form. The fee is non-refundable once an Entry has been accepted. An entry received late as shown in Regulation 8.7, may attract a Late Entry Fee.

**8.12 DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME.** Surplus income from EDBF Championships after all levies, permit fees and other expenditure have been paid , shall be distributed as agreed between the EDBF Executive Committee and the Championships Organiser.

**9.12 CREW RACING COLOURS.** At EDBF Championships for National Crews, the competing crews shall race in their country's national colours, that is to say, those competitive colours recognised by their National Olympic Committee. For Club Crew Championships, the competing crews shall race in their own Club colours or those of the EDBF Member Association to which they belong.

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