

EUROPEAN DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION

EUROPEAN DRAGON BOAT LEAGUE 2008 **INFORMATION LEAFLET**

Aim: The aim of the European Dragon Boat League (EDBL) is to encourage and develop international level competition between Dragon Boat Crews in Europe, primarily at National Crew level but also at Club Crew level.

Object: The object of the EDBL is to give National and Club Crews the opportunity to compete in a 'peer group' level of competition, irrespective of their Racing Class, that will better prepare them for European and World Championships' Regattas.

Operation: The Euro League Races (EL Races) are an Open Competition, over 500m, held on one day, in which all Racing Classes compete together. The EL Races will be held in conjunction with a set number of national level dragon boat races held in Europe during the period April – September and may therefore form part of an EDBF Member's weekend race programme.

Competing Crews: The EDBL will be open to Dragon Boat Crews representing their EDBF Member Country (National Crews) and to established Club Crews from the EDBF Members.

Definitions. EL Crews will be designated as either Home Crews – those Crews domiciled in the Country staging the ELR or Visiting Crews – those crews domiciled in other Countries. There will be two types of competing crews, namely:-

National Crew: A **National Crew** is a Dragon Boat Crew selected to represent their Country in the Euro League, by an EDBF Member. The IDBF Nationality Rules will apply to all National Crews. A number of National Crews', for example, Premier Open, Premier Women, Junior Mixed, form one National Dragon Boat Team. All crews in a National Team can score points in the EL. National Crews will always race in their recognised National Racing Colours.

Club Crew. A **Club Crew** is a Dragon Boat Crew sanctioned by their EDBF Member that satisfies the IDBF Bye-Laws and Competition Regulations regarding the definition of and requirements for a bona fide Dragon Boat Club. The IDBF eligibility rules will apply to all Club Crews. A Club Crew will always race in the Racing Colours of their Club. Club Colours must be clearly distinguishable from the National Racing Colours of their EDBF Member Country.

b. Scratch Club Crews. Crews from Non-EDBF Member Countries, may also compete in the EDBL as a Club Crew not a National Crew and then only at the discretion of the EDBF Board. A Scratch Crew's result will not count for EDBL points until such time as that Country is an EDBF Member. Such Membership will not be given retrospectively for EL purposes.

All Visiting Crews and some Home Crews can score points in the EL - see League Format.

Race Venues: The venues for the ELR will be decided by the EDBF Euro League Committee following annual applications from the EDBF Members to the EDBF Secretary-General, which must be submitted by 30 November each year, for the following year.

EDBL Venues must normally have 6 racing lanes of at least 12m and conform to the following minimum requirements for length, width and depth and should preferably be held on inland water locations or by exception on water where the flow is minimal.

Water Depth - 2.5 metres minimum across the racing lanes.

Course Length - a minimum of 600m to enable a straight racing distance of 500m.

The EL Com may make an exception to the course width and length requirements, in the interest of balancing the EL Racing Programme or to help develop the sport in new areas and especially in new EDBF Countries

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2008 EURO LEAGUE FORMAT.

League Sections: There will be two points scoring Sections in the Euro League. The National Crews Section and the Club Crews Section. Points in each Section will be awarded at every EL Race based on the results of the 500m races. There will therefore be Euro League Points Tables for both National and Club Crews. Any other race distances held will be designated as domestic races and will not count for EL Points. The Euro League will typically consist of six races during the season. **Only the best three points scoring results, per Nation and Club, will count towards the Euro League points total in each Section.**

At each EL Race, a crew must be entered as either a National Crew or a Club Crew (Visiting or Home based).

There is no restriction on the number of Crews that can be entered in each EL Section (National and Club) for each ELR. Points towards the EDBL Trophies can be scored by all Visiting Crews (National and Club) at each ELR but only the highest placed Home Crews (National and Club) will score EL points on the day of their particular 'home based' EL Race – see Points Scoring System.

The same crew cannot race as both a National Crew and Club Crew at the same EL Race. That does not preclude an EDBF Member nominating a crew from one Club as a 'National Crew' in one ELR and a 'Club Crew' in another. Such a crew could therefore score points in both EL Sections but at different races during the EL series.

EL 500m Races: All crews (Visiting or Home) and irrespective of their Racing Class, that is, Open, Women, Mixed, Junior or Senior, will automatically be entered into the ELR Open Races.

Competition Divisions: Dependent on the total number of Visiting Crew entries received all crews (National and Club) will **race in the EL Open 500m Competition Class.**

If there are less than 9 EL Visiting Crews from all Racing Classes entered in a EL 500m Race, then the competing crews may race in one EL Division – designated as the Premier Division or they may race with all the Home based crews in a combined domestic race programme. In this case crews will score EL Section Points according to their final placing in the domestic 500m competition classes (Open, Mixed, Women, etc). The Open 500m competition will be considered as the EL Premier Division for EL points scoring purposes – see Points Scoring System.

If there are 9 or more EL Visiting Crews from all Racing Classes entered in an ELR, then the crews will race in their own EL Competition Division or Divisions. If there are 12 or more crews entered then the top crews will form the Premier Division, with the remaining crews forming additional Divisions. Each Division will consist of a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 12 crews. The seeding for the Divisions will normally be determined by crew times recorded in Preliminary Heats held over a shorter race distance – **see ANNEX A for a EL Race Programme Example**.

Racing Classes: In addition to the Competition Divisional Finals and where there is only a one day race programme the following additional **Class Finals**, each of at least 3 Competing Crews, will be held if there are sufficient crews entered to hold them and the time available for racing on the day, permits. (Racing Class Finals may be combined).

National Crews	-	Open Final
	-	Womens Final
	-	Mixed Final
	-	Senior Open Final (may combine with Senior Women)
	-	Junior Open Final (may combine with Junior Women)
Club Crews	-	Open Final
Home Club Crews	-	Open Final
Other Club and Home	-	Women and Mixed Finals etc, if the time-table permits

When the EL Races are held as part of a domestic weekend race programme then crews entered for the EL Races may race in the normal domestic races for all Competition Classes and in addition, separate 500m finals for the National Crews as shown above will be held, if the number of crews entered justifies additional finals. These finals will determine the EL Points.

EDBL SECTIONS' POINTS SYSTEM

EDBL Points will be awarded by the EL Co-ordinator, for each ELR to the EDBF Member Countries entered in the League and to the Club Crews concerned on the scale shown below.

20 points respectively to the winning National and Club Crews, based on their final position in one of the EL Competition Divisions or their final placing in the 500m domestic races (weekend programme) **19 points** to the second placed National and Club Crew and **18 points** to the third placed National and Club Crew and so on down the final place order in the Competition Divisions, starting from the Premier Competition Division or the Open 500m Competition in a domestic race programme. For those crews not in the Premier Division (or domestic 500m Open Final) their respective final Open Division placing (or domestic Mixed, Women's, etc Final result) will determine their EL Section Points. See **Competition Divisions below**.

If more than one National Crew is competing in an ELR, for example, two Open Crews or one Open and one Mixed crew or more than one Club Crew from an EDBF Member Country or individual Club, then in addition to the National and Club crew, from each Country, scoring the highest Section Points, other crews can score EL Section Points as follows:-

a. Visiting Crews. = 1 point per Crew for all additional visiting National Crews, such as National Mixed Crews and 2nd Open Crews etc and all additional visiting crews from the same Dragon Boat Club.

b. Home Crews = 1 point per crew for each additional Home based National or Club Crew that reaches the EL Premier Division 500m Major Final or domestic 500m Open Final.

An example of the EL Points System and Points Table is shown at ANNEX. B.

EDBL Trophies: For both the National and Club Divisions, trophies will be awarded at the end of the season to the overall 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed Nations and Clubs. In addition, the winning Nation and Club Crews' will receive a cash or equipment based prize. Each ELR Organiser may award trophies and prizes for their own ELR, for National and Club Crews for each Competition Division and Racing Class Finals, as they see fit.

EDBL REGISTRATION FEES. EDBL Fees payable to the EDBF will be levied as follows:-

Euro 100.00 per EDBF Member entering National Crews in the EDBL – Annual Fee.

The EDBF Member's Annual Euro League Fee is payable by the EDBF Member concerned one month before the first Euro League Race of the season. For 2008, that is 30 April 08. **This payment, made directly to the EDBF**, is a 'one off' payment to the EDBF to register the Country concerned to take part in the EL that year.

PLUS

Euro 5.00 per competitor in each visiting National or Club Crew entered in each ELR.

The Registration Fee is payable by the crews concerned with each Race Entry Form to the EL Race Organiser (ELRO) shown on the Entry Form

PLUS

Visiting Crew Fees. Any Race Entry Fee or Boat Hire Fees etc, that the ELRO may need to charge to visiting crews, to cover any specific costs associated with staging the ELR. Any such fee must be agreed, in advance, with the EL Co-ordinator. **Any Race Entry Fee** should not exceed 50% of the Race Entry Fee charged to the competing Home Crews **and must not exceed Euro 100 per crew.**

For Home Country Crews the ELRO may charge the Race Entry Fee normally charged for an entry to a Domestic Race in the Country staging the ELR.

All EDBL Registration Fees will be retained by the EDBF towards providing League Trophies and prizes and to cover incidental admin costs and expenses incurred by the EDBF in co-ordinating and administering the EDBL. All Race Entry Fees will be retained by the ELRO concerned.

An example of an EL Race Entry Form is shown at ANNEX. C.



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The example shown below is a suggested Race Programme for a 'one day' event where the EL Race is the prime competition. For a weekend Race Programme the EL Races can be run separately using domestic race times to seed the crews or as a combined competition class within the normal 500m domestic race programme. The programme shown gives balanced days racing over two race distances.

2008 EURO LEAGUE ONE DAY RACE PROGRAMME -TIME TABLE EXAMPLE

Race Day / Race Date / Race Location

Race	Time	Comp Class	0800		Team Leaders Meeting			Competition Format
			Comp Round	Crews	Boats	Plan		
01	0900	Club Crews	Heat	1	(5)	A	-	(First 2 crews in each Heat to (the Semi Finals (8 crews). (The Rest (12) to the Reps.
02	0910	Open 200m		2	(5)	B	-	
03	0920			3	(5)	A	-	
04	0930			4	(5)	B	-	
05	0940	National Crews	Heat	1	(6)	A	T2	Heat Winners + fastest loser to 200m Major Fi, rest to Reps
06	0950	Open 200m		2	(6)	B	T2	
07	1010	Club Crews	Rep	1	(6)	A	-	First 2 in each Rep to Semis Next 6 to Tail Race. Rest out.
08	1020	Open 200m		2	(6)	B	-	
09	1030	National Crews	Rep	1	(5)	A	T2	Rep Winners + fastest loser to 200m Major Fi. Rest - Minor Fi.
10	1040	Open 200m		2	(4)	B	T2	
11	1100	Club Crews	Semi	1	(5)	A	-	First 2 in each Semi ,plus 2 fastest losers to Major Final. Rest to Minor Final.
12	1110	Open 200m		2	(5)	B	-	
13	1120	Nat Crews	Minor Final		(6)	A	T2	To decide 7-12 places in 200m To decide 1-6 places in 200m
14	1130	Open 200m	Major Final		(6)	B	T2	
15	1140	Club Crews	Tail Race		(6)	A	-	To decide 13-18 th places in 200m
16	1150	Club Crews	Minor Final		(6)	B	-	To decide 7-12 places in 200m To decide 1-6 places in 200m
17	1200	Open 200m	Major Final		(6)	A	-	
LUNCH BREAK								
18	1250	EL Open 500m	Prelim	1	(6)	A	-) Heat Winners + 6 fastest losers overall to the Prem Div (12 crews).) Next 12 to Div A Open Comp.) Remaining 8 to the Div B) Open Competition
19	1300			2	(6)	B	-	
20	1310			3	(5)	A	-	
21	1320			4	(5)	B	-	
22	1330			5	(5)	A	-	
23	1340			6	(5)	B	-	
24	1410	EL Comp Div B	Heat	1	(4)	A	T1	Heat Winners + fastest loser to Div B Grand Final, rest to Rep.
25	1420	Open 500m		2	(4)	B	T1	
26	1430	EL Comp Div A	Heat	1	(6)	A	T2	Heat Winners + fastest loser to Div A Grand Final, rest to Reps.
27	1440	Open 500m		2	(6)	B	T2	
28	1450	EL Prem Div	Heat	1	(6)	A	T2	Heat Winners + fastest loser to Prem Div Grand Fi, rest to Reps.
29	1500	Open 500m		2	(6)	B	T2	

30	1510	EL Comp Div B	Repechage	(6)	A	T1	First 3 crews to Div B Major Fi. The Rest to Div B Minor Final.
31	1520	EL Comp Div A	Rep 1	(5)	B	T2	Rep Winners + fastest loser to
32	1530	Open 500m	2	(4)	A	T2	Div A Grand Fi. Rest to Minor Fi.
33	1540	EL Prem Div	Rep 1	(5)	B	T2	Rep Winners + fastest loser to
34	1550	Open 500m	2	(4)	A	T2	Prem Div Grand Fi. Rest - Minor Fi.
35	1600	EL Comp Div B	Minor Final	(3)	B	T1	To decide 6 - 8 places in Div B
36	1610	EL Open 500m	Grand Final	(5)	A	T1	To decide 1- 5 places in Div B
37	1620	EL Comp Div A	Minor Final	(6)	B	T2	To decide 7 – 12 places in Div A
38	1630	EL Open 500m	Grand Final	(6)	A	T2	To decide 1 – 6 places in Div A
39	1640	EL Prem Div	Minor Final	(6)	B	T2	To decide 7-12 places in Prem Div
40	1650	EL Open 500m	Grand Final	(6)	A	T2	To decide 1-6 places in Prem Div
41 *	1700	Women's 500m Final		(6)	B	-	Best 6 crews from Div Races
42 *	1710	Mixed Crews 500m Final		(6)	A	-	Best 6 crews from Div Races
43 *	1720	Home Club Crews 500m Final		(6)	B	-	Best 6 crews from Div Races
44 *	1730	Visiting Club Crews 500m Final		(6)	A	-	Best 6 crews from Div Races
45 *	1740	National Crews 500m Final		(6)	B	-	Best 6 crews from Div Races

1800 Prize Giving (optional)

* **Additional Finals if time and total crew numbers permit.** Could be combined finals, e.g. Juniors and Seniors or Women and Mixed etc.

200m HEAT DRAWS

<u>Race</u>	<u>Lane No</u>	<u>Crews</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Lane No</u>	<u>Crews</u>
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Club Crews Open – 200m

Heat 1	1	Home Crew (Snr)	Heat 2	1	Home Crew
0900	2	Home Crew	0910	2	Home Crew (Wmn)
Race 1	3	Visiting Crew (Ger)	Race 2	3	Home Crew
	4	Home Crew		4	Visiting Crew (Ita)
	5	Home Crew		5	Home Crew
Heat 3	1	Home Crew	Heat 4	1	Home Crew (Mixed)
0920	2	Home Crew (Mixed)	0930	2	Visiting Crew (Ger Jnr)
Race 3	3	Visiting Crew (Gbr)	Race 4	3	Home Crew
	4	Home Crew		4	Visiting Crew (Ger Wmn)
	5	Visiting Crew (Nld)		5	Home Crew

First 2 crews in each Heat (8) to Club Crew 200m Semis. The Rest (12) to the Club 200m Reps

National Crews Open – 200m

Heat 1	1	Netherlands	Heat 2	1	Ukraine
0940	2	Italy	0950	2	Czech Rep (Women)
Race 1	3	Czech Republic	Race 2	3	Spain
	4	Germany		4	Great Britain
	5	Russia		5	Germany (Mixed)
	6	Great Britain (Women)		6	Switzerland

Heat Winners + fastest loser overall to Nat Crews 200m Major Final. The Rest (12) to the National Crews 200m Reps

500m HEAT DRAWS

Euro League Open Prelim Heats

(Seeding based on 200m results)

Heat 1	1	6 th in Race 15	Heat 2	1	5 th in Race 15
1250	2	6 th in Race 16	1300	2	5 th in Race 16
Race 18	3	1 st in Race 17	Race 19	3	2 nd in Race 17
	4	1 st in Race 14		4	2 nd in Race 14
	5	6 th in Race 13		5	5 th in Race 13
	6	11 th from Races 8 & 9		6	12 th from Races 8 & 9
Heat 3	1	4 th in Race 16	Heat 4	1	3 rd in Race 16
1310	2	3 rd in Race 17	1320	2	4 th in Race 17
Race 20	3	3 rd in Race 14	Race 21	3	4 th in Race 14
	4	4 th in Race 13		4	3 rd in Race 13
	5	4 th in Race 15		5	3 rd in Race 15
Heat 5	1	2 nd in Race 16	Heat 6	1	1 st in Race 16
1330	2	5 th in Race 17	1340	2	6 th in Race 17
Race 22	3	5 th in Race 14	Race 23	3	6 th in Race 14
	4	2 nd in Race 13		4	1 st in Race 13
	5	2 nd in Race 15		5	1 st in Race 15

Heat Winners + 6 fastest losers overall (12 crews) to the EL Premier Division Competition.

The next 12 crews, on times, to the EL Division A competition

The remaining crews (8) to the EL Division B competition.

EURO LEAGUE COMPETITORS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY CANNOT COMPETE FOR A NATIONAL AND CLUB CREW IN THE SAME EURO LEAGUE RACE NOR IS IT PERMITTED TO RACE FOR TWO DIFFERENT DRAGON BOAT CLUBS IN THE SAME EL RACE





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2008 EURO LEAGUE SECTIONS - POINTS SCORING SYSTEM EXAMPLE

Points are allocated by the EL Co-ordinator from Race Results received by the EDBF.

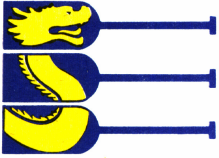
<u>Division</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Crew</u>	<u>Type</u> (NC:CC;HC)	<u>Points</u>		<u>Comments</u>
				<u>Nation</u>	<u>Club</u>	
Prem Gnd	1	Russia	NC	20		
	2	Czech Rep	NC	19		
	3	Great Britain	NC	18		
	4	Prague DBC (Cze)	HC	-	20	Highest placed HC
	5	Germany	NC	17		
	6	Great Britain (Women)	NC	01		Extra NC
Prem Min	1	Spain	NC	16		
	2	Berlin DBC (Ger)	CC	-	19	
	3	Germany Mixed	NC	01		Extra NC
	4	Slovenia DBC (Cze)	HC	-	-	No points 2 nd HC
	5	Ukraine	NC	15		
	6	Amathus DBC (Gbr)	CC	-	18	
Div A Maj	1	Switzerland	NC	14		
	2	Rome DBC (Ita)	CC	-	17	
	3	Italy	NC	13		
	4	Charles Bridge DBC	HC	-	-	No points 3 rd HC
	5	Netherlands	NC	12		
	6	Scherwin Jnrs (Ger)	CC	-	16	
Div A Min	1	Dutch Dragons (Nld)	CC	-	15	
	2	Czech Rep (Women)	NC	01		Extra NC
	3	Berlin DBC Women (Ger)	CC	-	01	Extra CC
	5	Prague DBC Mxd (Cze)	CC	-	-	No points 4 th HC
	6	Home Club Crew Cze	CC	-	-	No points 5 th HC
	Div B Maj	1	Home Club Crew Cze	CC	-	-
2		Home Club Crew Cze	CC	-	-	No points 7 th HC
3		Home Club Crew Cze	CC	-	-	No points 8 th HC
4		Home Club Crew Cze	CC	-	-	No points 9 th HC
5		Home Club Crew Cze	CC	-	-	No points 10 th HC
Div B Min	1-3	Home Club Crews Cze	CC	-	-	No points 11- 13 th HCs

The Euro League Points scoring system is based on the results obtained by all Crews from one Country (National Crews) or from one Dragon Boat Club (Club Crews) competing in the EDBL.

The highest placed National and Club Crews will score points towards their respective Euro League Section, including the highest placed Home based National and Club Crews, on a scale of 20 points to the highest placed National Crew and Club Crew, respectively, in descending order (19, 18, 17 and so on) down to 1 point, for the 20th plus placed National and Club Crews.

Extra EL Points can be scored by additional visiting National and visiting Club Crews, from the same Country or Dragon Boat Club, on the basis on 1 point per extra crew, which will count towards the total points score for that Country or Club in the Euro League. **Only those additional Home based** National and Club Crews who qualify for the Premier Division Major Final, will score extra points.

The above example is based on results from a 'one day' race programme but can be adapted to cater for results from a weekend combined race programme, replacing the Divisions shown with a crew's final placing in the appropriate Open, Mixed, Women's, etc, 500m competition classes.



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Race Day/ Race Date/ Race Location

EURO LEAGUE CREW ENTRY FORM (Example only)

National Team or Club Crew Name _____ Home or Visiting _____

Entries. Please enter the number of crews you are entering against each Racing Class and Crew designation. (See Note.1)

National or Club Entry	Racing Class	Crew Designation			Remarks
		Open	Women	Mixed	
	Premier				
	Senior				
	Junior				

Note:1 If you intend to enter a Women's; Mixed; Junior or Senior Crew as well as an OPEN CREW, it should NOT consist of paddlers from any other crew you enter as all Crews will race in the EL Open 500m and crews from the same Country or Club could be drawn or seeded in the same race or 'back to back' races.

Participants (See Note 2). Arrival Date Departure Date

Athletes		Coaches		Managers		* Grand Total	* Crews are required to pay a Euro 5 EDBF Registration Fee for this number of participants with this Entry. In addition, a max fee of Euro 100, per crew, may be charged by the Race Organiser – see below
Male	Female	Male	Female		Male	Female	

Note 2. Participants: Enter the total numbers in the appropriate boxes.

Travelling by:- .Road..... Rail Air..... (Please mark with x)

IF BY AIR:- Time Arrive..... Flt No:Time Depart..... Flight No:.....

Accommodation: We require accommodation, please email details of what is available **OR** We do NOT require accommodation **OR** We will make our own arrangements (**please delete as appropriate**)

Name of Crew Manager _____

Contact Details: Tel: _____ Fax _____

Email address _____

Signed _____ Name _____ Date _____

At the VERY latest, Entries are to be made 2 weeks before the EL Race Date shown

All Entries Are To Be Sent To _____

The Race Entry Fee for this EL Race will be per crew entered. **Information on Boat Hire Fees and accommodation costs etc, can be obtained from the Race Organiser** who can be contacted by **email** Or tel