



## **INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 1**

### **14th EDBF EUROPEAN NATIONS DRAGON BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Banyoles Lake, Banyoles, Girona, Spain**

**31<sup>st</sup> August - 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

First of all, we want to send our heartfelt sentiments out to the Ukraine Dragon Boat Federation and share great concern for their safety and a quick and peaceful settlement to the unfortunate events that are taking place in Ukraine, which along with terrible consequences have also caused the cancellation of the European Nations Dragon Boat Championships in Kyiv.

In this respect, as confirmed at the EDBF Extraordinary Congress, the 14th EDBF European Nations Championships will be held at Lake Banyoles, Banyoles, Catalonia, Spain – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 to 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Furthermore, we are glad to announce that a parallel Championship to be known as a EuroCup competition will be held during the celebration of the Championship. This competition will be open to any International crew and BCP teams in homage to the Ukrainian nation and it will be called the **Kyiv Cup**. More details will follow in Bulletin No. 2.

Therefore, the European Dragon Boat Federation (EDBF) in conjunction with the Spanish Dragon Boat Association (AEDB), local organizers, and the governing bodies of the City of Banyoles, warmly invite all National Dragon Boat Teams from European countries to participate in the 14th EDBF European Nations Dragon Boat Championships (ENC) at Lake Banyoles, Spain.

#### **DATE**

The postponed 14th EDBF ENC will be held from 31<sup>st</sup> August – 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Competing crews are advised to arrive in Banyoles no later than Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022.

#### **LOCATION**

The 14th EDBF ENC will be held at Lake Banyoles, located in the province of Girona in north eastern Catalonia. Lake Banyoles is a natural lake with a history of hosting numerous international rowing and canoeing competitions and year round training events. Banyoles became well-known as the Barcelona 1992 Olympic Games Rowing venue, and since then it has been a favourite location for both training camps and rowing events. Located in the centre of Girona province, just over an hour from Barcelona, the Lake of Banyoles is considered one of the most attractive rowing, paddling and triathlon sites in Europe. The very best crews train here, including Cambridge University Boat Club, a loyal guest for more than 25 years. Other major events have included the Junior World Rowing Championships in 1991, the World Rowing Championships 2004 and 2009 and ICF Canoe Marathon World Championship in 2010.

### **REGATTA COURSE**

- Location: Lake Banyoles, Catalonia
- Coordinates: 42°07'31"N 2°45'19"E
- Catchment area: 11.42 km<sup>2</sup> Basin
- Max. length: 2,100 m (6,900 ft)
- Max. width: 750 m (2,460 ft)
- Surface area: 1.575 km<sup>2</sup> (0.608 sq mi)
- Average depth: 14.8 m (49 ft)
- Max. depth: 62.4 m (205 ft)
- Water volume: 12,000,000 m<sup>3</sup>
- Shore length: 9.13 km (5.67 mi)
- Surface elevation: 172 m (564 ft)
- Islands: none
- 6 lane courses



Detailed information regarding crew tents, the grandstand and parking facilities for both guests and competitors will follow in Bulletin no. 2.

### **OPENING CEREMONY**

The Opening Ceremony will take place on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022. Further details will follow in Bulletin no. 2.

### **ENTRY CONDITIONS**

Each country may enter one crew per competition class as detailed below. Teams from countries where there is not an EDBF Member may compete subject to the agreement of the EDBF Executive Committee.

### **COMPETITION FORMAT**

The Championship will be conducted according to the EDBF Competition Regulations and IDBF Rules of Racing – Edition 8 (Effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020). The racing will be conducted by IDBF International Race Officials and assisted by National Officials and volunteers under the direction of an IDBF Chief Official and with a Jury nominated by the EDBF Executive Committee.

### **ENTRIES**

When called for all Confirmed and Named entries must be made on the IDBF registration system at [https://idbfchamps.org/login\\_edbf.php](https://idbfchamps.org/login_edbf.php). The system will open from **16<sup>th</sup> May 2022**.

### **CONFIRMED ENTRIES**

All Nations are required to submit their Confirmed Entries no later than **19<sup>th</sup> July 2022, six weeks before the championships start.**



### **NAMED ENTRIES**

All Nations are required to submit their Named Entries (including team member details & photographs) by **31<sup>st</sup> July 2022**, one month before the championships start.

### **VISAS**

Spain is a part of the **Schengen Area** which means they share a visa policy and a common, external border with the other participating countries. Citizens who are not from visa-exempt countries need to obtain a Schengen Visa, which allows stays of up to 90 days from tourism and business purposes. Applications can be made at Spanish embassies and consulates.

### **NEW ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR SPAIN**

At present, all travellers need to obtain the Health Control Form (FCS) to enter Spain. This entry requirement was introduced by the Government of Spain due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, due to the favourable evolution, the situation may change. Updated info: <https://www.spainhealthform.com/>

### **CURRENCY**

The currency in Spain is the Euro.

### **BOATS AND EQUIPMENT**

IDBF licensed boats will be provided by the Championship organizers. Competing crews will be expected to bring their own paddles that conform to the IDBF Paddle Specification 202a.

### **FEES**

**ADMINISTRATION FEE** - There will be an Administration Fee of €60.00/person (adult) for anyone traveling with the team, including competitors, coaches and managers. There will be an Administration Fee of €30.00/person for all juniors whose 18<sup>th</sup> birthday falls in the year of competition or younger. **Due to the changing situation concerning Covid-19, Administration Fees will not be required before the closing date for Confirmed Entries (19<sup>th</sup> July 2022).**

**EDBF REGISTRATION FEE** – There will be an EDBF Registration Fee of €20.00/person (adult) for anyone traveling with the team, including competitors, coaches and managers. There will be an EDBF Registration Fee of €5.00/person for all juniors whose 18<sup>th</sup> birthday falls in the year of competition or younger. Team Manager's will register their team members on the EDBF registration system and generate their own invoices. **Due to the changing situation concerning Covid-19, Registration Fees will not be required before the closing date for Named Entries (31<sup>st</sup> July 2022).**

**SUPPORTERS FEE** - It has been agreed that Supporters will pay a reduced Administration Fee of €18.00/person + an EDBF Registration Fee of €7.00/person. Supporters who are under the age of 12 are free of charge, but must be accompanied by an adult with an ID tag at all times. The entry fee will entitle people to receive an accreditation card, which makes it possible to enter the restricted competition areas and they may have other advantages. **Due to the changing situation concerning Covid-19, Supporters Fees will not be required before the date of arrival in Banyoles.**

**Further details concerning any deposits to be paid and the process for the payment of administration, registration and supporters fees will be confirmed in further Bulletins, dependent on any restrictions placed on attending the joint championships by developments in the Covid-19 pandemic.**

### **DIVISIONS, RACING CLASSES, COMPETITION CLASSES AND RACE DISTANCES**

If a team wishes to enter a standard and small boat competition class, the competitors in the standard boat must be completely different to those in the small boat. The 26 competitors (including reserves, drummer and steerer) in the standard boat must be completely different to the 14 competitors (including reserves, drummer and steerer) in the small boat. Competitors from the open and women classes may combine to form Mixed Crew.

### **MIXED BOAT REQUIREMENTS**

**Standard Boat Crews** – The crew must consist of a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 10 paddlers of either gender. Drummers and helms can be either gender.

#### **Standard Boat**

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

**Small Boat Crews** - The crew must consist of a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 5 paddlers of either gender. Drummers and helms can be either gender. The following table shows the composition of crews.

#### **Small Boat**

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

A new regulation will be introduced for 2022, which will be Edition 8 of the IDBF Competition Regulations.

#### **CR 2.2.1 mixed crews**

*When there are sufficient numbers of men and women competitors entered in either or both small or standard boat open and women classes then the mixed entry must be made in the standard boat.*

Standard Open + Standard Women's Entry	Must enter Standard Mixed
Small Open + Small Women's Entry	Must enter Standard Mixed
Standard Open + Small Women's Entry	Must enter Standard Mixed
Small Open + Standard Women's Entry	Must enter Standard Mixed

### **AGE REGULATIONS**

**Junior A** – 13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> birthday falls in the year of competition (minimum age of 12).

**Junior B** – 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> birthday falls in the year of competition (minimum age of 12).

**24 and under** – 13<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> birthday falls in the year of competition (minimum age of 12).

**Senior A** – 40<sup>th</sup> or later birthday falls in the year of competition.

**Senior B** – 50<sup>th</sup> or later birthday falls in the year of competition.

**Senior C** – 60<sup>th</sup> or later birthday falls in the year of competition.



**Note:** The Drummer in a Senior Crew and the Helm (Sweep) in a Junior Crew do not need to conform to the relevant age limits as detailed above.

### **PERSONAL 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.

### **COMPETITION REGULATION AND RACING RULES**

The Championships will comply with the IDBF Competition Regulations and will be conducted under the IDBF Rules of Racing, which can be found at [www.edbf.org/library](http://www.edbf.org/library).

The Championship Divisions, Racing and Competition Classes that will be contested are listed below. In all competitions to qualify for a European Championship status at least four (4) entries from different countries per competition class are required. Competition Classes with three (3) entries or fewer will be placed in the next younger (senior class) or next higher (junior class) age group and participate in the competition with no separate rating.

Double rostering of paddlers between Divisions is discouraged. Helms and Drummers may be used across the Divisions (re: rules for Juniors and Seniors) but in the case of 'back to back races', the officials will NOT delay races to accommodate the transfer of Helms or Drummers. Note, drummers and helms are not allowed to pass from boat to boat on the water i.e. outside the marshalling area.

## **EUROPEAN NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Representation and Nationality** (IDBF Competition Regulation 4)

**CR 4.1 Representation.** To represent a country in an EDBF Championship for Representative Crews, a Dragon Boat Competitor must normally be a citizen of or born in the country represented and be able to prove this by showing an official document, such as a Passport, Identity Card, Birth Certificate, or the like.

**Dual Nationality.** Competitors with dual nationality (citizenship) may represent the Country or Territory of their Birth or their dual citizen Country or Territory, whichever of these they are residing in, providing that they have been resident in that Country or Territory for a current period of at least 3 years. Competitors who do not meet these requirements must comply with Regulation 4.2 or 4.2a.

**CR4.2 Country or Territory Residence.** Dragon Boat competitors who have left their country of birth and are a permanent, not a temporary resident in another country may represent that country if they have lived there for a current period of three (3) years or more and have not represented their country of birth, during the previous two (2) years.

**Temporary Residency.** A Temporary Resident, for the purposes of this Regulation, is a person who resides in a Country by virtue of holding a visa, for example a visitor's visa, student visa, work visa or the like. The EDBF considers such visas to indicate a 'temporary' residency in the Country concerned, not a permanent residency.

a. Exceptionally, competitors who have a permanent residential qualification of less than 3 years and who have not represented an EDBF Member previously, may with the permission of both their birth and



residential EDBF Member, apply to the EDBF Executive Board for permission to compete for their country of residence. When permission is given, the competitor concerned will not be allowed to compete for any other Country for a minimum period of 2 years following the year in which the permission was given.

b. (4.2) Competitors who, by marriage have acquired the nationality of another country may compete for that country without delay.

**CLASSES AND DISTANCES**

**Subject to the Provisional Entries received, the following competitions will be offered for the ENC.**

**STANDARD BOAT**

Racing Class	Premier	Senior A 40+	Senior B 50+	Senior C 60+	24 & Under	Junior A 18 & Under	Junior B 16 & Under
Open	200m	200m	200m	200m	200m	200m	200m
	500m	500m	500m	500m	500m	500m	500m
	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m
Women	200m	200m	200m	200m	200m	200m	200m
	500m	500m	500m	500m	500m	500m	500m
	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m
Mixed	200m	200m	200m	200m	200m	200m	200m
	500m	500m	500m	500m	500m	500m	500m
	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m

**SMALL BOAT**

Racing Class	Premier	Senior A 40+	Senior B 50+	Senior C 60+	24 & Under	Junior A 18 & Under	Junior B 16 & Under
Open	200m	200m	200m	200m	200m	200m	200m
	500m	500m	500m	500m	500m	500m	500m
	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m
Women	200m	200m	200m	200m	200m	200m	200m
	500m	500m	500m	500m	500m	500m	500m
	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m
Mixed	200m	200m	200m	200m	200m	200m	200m
	500m	500m	500m	500m	500m	500m	500m
	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m

**DOUBLE ROSTERING**

Double Rostering concerns competitors in more than one competition class.

A competitor, including drummer and helms, should only enter one (1) Racing Class. No allowance will be made in the program or races delayed to allow a competitor to participate in more than one (1) Racing Class. Example. A competitor should not enter both the 500m Open and 500m Senior A competitions, unless they are on different racing days but could enter the 500m Open and the 200m Senior A competitions, on the same day.

Note, if a competitor enters more than one Racing Class, no changes will be made to the racing program time-table to accommodate double rostering.

### OUTLINE PROGRAMME

<b>Wednesday, 31st August 2022</b>	Teams arrive and training at race venue. Team Registration.	
<b>Thursday, 1st September 2022</b>	Teams arrive and training at race venue. Team Registration.	
	Morning	Race Officials Meeting. Team Manager's Meeting
	Race Day 1	2000m - EuroCup and European Nations
<b>Friday, 2nd September 2022</b>	Race Day 2	200m - EuroCup and European Nations
	Evening	Opening Ceremony.
<b>Saturday, 3rd September 2022</b>	Race Day 3	200m - EuroCup and European Nations  500m - EuroCup and European Nations
<b>Sunday, 4th September 2022</b>	Race Day 4	500m - EuroCup and European Nations  Closing Ceremony
<b>Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022</b>	09.00 – 13.00	EDBF Congress

Should teams arrive earlier than 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022, then training can be arranged, but not at the race venue.

### ACCOMMODATION

In order to make the organization of the Championships easier, it is highly recommended that all accommodation bookings including hotels, hostels and others are arranged through the Organizing Committee.

The Organizing Committee is working and negotiating the best rates and conditions to host our athletes at official hotel partners to provide different types of accommodation locations that will be available within 1km up to 50km from the race site, depending on budget and preferences for close to city/beach options.

Those accommodations will also be linked to the transfer service we will offer the hosts. A special bulletin to provide this important information will be launched very soon. In a few days we will have the list of the accommodations available for the teams with the best price you can find at the market/internet, but here are the four areas you could choose depending on your preferences.



**-BANYOLES:** If you want to stay in Banyoles you will be next to the lake, close to Banyoles Swimming Club and only 5 minutes' walk from the historic centre. Banyoles has a variety of lodgings suitable for any budget. We can offer camp-site bungalows, sports residences and hostels, where we can accommodate any type of team. It is perfect for those who are willing for an economical stay close to the Championship venue!

**-PLA DE L'ESTANY:** Not far from Banyoles, there is a huge territory to discover with beautiful landscapes and charming, silent towns and hills. Here you can find more "rural" lodges, such as farmhouses or bed and breakfast in the middle of the country fields. It's a good option if you want to enjoy all the delights of the surrounding counties such as Besalú, the Volcanic area in La Garrotxa, the Dalí Museum in Figueres or simply outstanding natural areas like Vall d'en Bas. A vehicle is recommended if you wish to visit all these places on your own.

**-GIRONA:** The city is located only 20minutes by car and it has a lot to offer. There are plenty of good hotels to stay in. In and around the city, we have accommodation to suit everyone. We've chosen the best options for you. The Girona City Centre Hotels are located in Girona city, 5 minutes walk from the Girona Train and Bus station. They are perfect for those participants willing to be in the middle of the Old Town and spending their free time wandering around one of the most beautiful and historical cities in Catalonia. Furthermore, Girona is also a Sports Tourism Destination in Catalonia.

**-COSTA BRAVA:** If you are willing to spend some more days with your family or friends, this is the best place to stay! We have chosen the area of Lloret de Mar, since it's another sports destination and it has many great resorts by the sea. The hotels located in Lloret de Mar are perfect for those willing to spend a beach holiday besides the Championship. Lloret de Mar is situated in a wonderful location on the southern Costa Brava, set in stunning natural surroundings with 9 km of coastline and an extensive offer of leisure options. There are plenty of connections by public buses with Girona and Barcelona and we will be offering bus shuttles to the venue.

### **RACE LUNCHES AND CATERING AT VENUE**

Participants will be able to book a lunch menu (meal) with the Organizing Committee. Further details and the booking form will be included in a later Bulletin with the Confirmed Entry form. There will also be a food court zone at the race venue with various bars, restaurants and food and drink stands.

### **ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE TRANSFER SERVICE**

Every major city in Europe flies or connects through Barcelona, which is a bit more than one hour drive from Banyoles. Moreover, numerous regional airlines also connect to Girona - Costa Brava Airport or Perpignan Airport. We will be organizing bus transfers from the Airport to the Team's Hotel by request at an extra price. Further information will be provided in Bulletin no. 2.

Distance from Banyoles:

-Barcelona Airport: 133km

-Girona Airport: 32km

-Perpignan Airport: 103km

### **LOCAL TRANSPORTATION**

Transport from the accommodation to the race venue will be included in the hotel price. Further information will be provided in Bulletin no. 2.



### **CELEBRATION PARTY**

A celebration party will be provided for all competitors, coaches, managers and registered supporters on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022 after the racing. Further details will be available in Bulletin no. 2.

### **PAYMENTS for ACCOMMODATION, TRANSPORTATION, MEALS, CELEBRATION PARTY, REGATTA FEES**

The details of when and how payments for Accommodation, Transport, the Celebration Party and all Regatta Fees (Admin, Registration and Supporters) will be notified in further Information Bulletins but the EDBF will do its best to ensure that no fees are paid in full until after the closing date for Named Entries (31<sup>st</sup> July 2022) and that any deposits that are required are kept as low as possible and ideally lodged with the EDBF Treasurer for safekeeping.

Teams are advised not to pay any deposits for their accommodation before the date for Confirmed Entries (19<sup>th</sup> July 2022) and then only if they receive a guarantee in writing from the accommodation venue concerned that any deposit will be returned to them in the event that Covid-19 restrictions prevent them from attending the event.

### **INTENDED TIME LINES**

<b>Entry Form</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Entries	Registration system will open.	<b>16<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>
Confirmed Entries	Submit Confirmed Entries to include participants, supporters & officials	<b>19<sup>th</sup> July 2022</b>
Named Entries	Submit Final Named Entries Final confirmation of accommodation and transportation Final order for lunches & meals Final order for party tickets	<b>31<sup>st</sup> July 2022</b>

### **SOCIAL NETWORKS**

Event Website	<a href="https://banyolesdragonboat.com/">https://banyolesdragonboat.com/</a>
EDBF Website	<a href="https://www.edbf.org/">https://www.edbf.org/</a>
EDBF Facebook page	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/edbf.org/">https://www.facebook.com/edbf.org/</a>
Spanish DBF Website	<a href="https://www.dragonboatspain.es/">https://www.dragonboatspain.es/</a>
Facebook AEDB	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/DragonboatSPAIN/">https://www.facebook.com/DragonboatSPAIN/</a>

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