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The Championships

The International Dragon Boat Federation (*IDBF*) and the Chinese Taipei Dragon Boat Association (*CTDBA*), cordially invite all crews from clubs affiliated with IDBF Members to participate in the 15th IDBF Club Crew World Championships (*CCWC*) in Hualien, Chinese Taipei, from the 29th August to 6th September 2026.

Location and Venue

The 15th IDBF CCWC will be held at Liyu Lake (鯉魚潭). This lake is located in Shoufeng Township, Hualien County, Taiwan. It is the largest inland freshwater lake in the county.





Liyu Lake spans 104 hectares and forms a large, oval racing basin measuring roughly 1,600 metres by 930 metres, with depths reaching 15 metres. Fed by underground springs, it provides clear and stable water conditions year-round, contributing to the calm waters and moderate wind conditions that make it ideal for high-performance dragon boat racing. The racecourse accommodates eight (8) lanes, each 13.5 metres wide, and is surrounded by viewing platforms and walking trails that support an estimated spectator capacity of 5,000 to 6,000 people. The venue provides ample open areas to support athlete services and championship operations. Since 2008, Liyu Lake has also been the established home of the Hualien Pacific International Dragon Boat Festival, underscoring its capability to host major international events.

Racing location (Google map): <https://maps.app.goo.gl/hn56F7xJ88Eb2unu5>

For more information, please visit: <https://www.erv-nsa.gov.tw/zh-tw/attractions/detail/30>

The Racing

Racing will be conducted in both Small and Standard Boats:

- Divisions: Premier, Senior A, Senior B, Senior C, 24U+University, Junior A, Junior B, Paradrragon and BCP, ACP
- Classes: Open, Women and Mixed
- Distances: 200m, 500m and 2000m

Racing will be conducted in accordance with:

- IDBF Competition Regulations, Edition 9.0 (January 2025)
- IDBF Rules of Racing, Edition 9.0 (January 2025)
- IDBF Rules for Paradrragon Racing, Edition 1.4 (January 2025)

PDF version of the above rules can be downloaded from

<https://www.dragonboat.sport/documents/rules-regulations/>

Entries

Entries are open to all clubs affiliated to IDBF Members provided those Members have paid their membership fees for 2026 and any other outstanding amounts due to the IDBF. By exception, strict conformance with this requirement is not necessary for Paradrragon crews (see Paradrragon section below).

All entries to the Hualien 2025 CCWC must be sanctioned by the IDBF Member to which that crew belongs. Subject to the agreement of the IDBF Executive Committee, clubs from countries or territories where there is not an IDBF member, may also compete.



All entries from clubs affiliated to IDBF Members MUST be made by member federations using the IDBF National Federation registration system at <https://natfed.idbfchamps.org>.

Once the Club Manager receives their credentials, crew registrations can be done at <https://idbfchamps.org>. The system shall be open on **Friday 16 January 2026**.

Further information about key dates for this process is provided later in this Bulletin. However, member federations must have registered their **provisional entries no later than Wednesday 18 February 2026**. Any changes to club entries can only be made by the National Federation. Different arrangements will be made for those clubs requiring IDBF Executive approval.

Entry fees have two components:

- an amount paid to IDBF (the 'IDBF Registration Fee') and
- an amount paid to the event organiser (the 'Event Administration Fee').

IDBF Registration Fee: Based on the age attained in the year of competition, the IDBF registration fee for competitors, coaches and officials is US\$50 for aged 19 and over and US\$25 for under 19 years regardless of the competition class the person is competing in. There will be a US\$50 processing fee per each invoice issued. The IDBF registration fee must be **paid by 1 August 2026**, otherwise a late fee will be applied. Any outstanding bank fees are payable by the team.

Event Administration Fee: paid to the Hualien 2026 Organizing Committee in **NT\$ (TWD)**. The Event fee table below sets out the fee structure using an Early Bird reduction.

Payment made before	Competitors/Official/Coaches		Supporters
	Of age 19 and over	Of age 18 and under	
30th March 2026	NT 2500 approx. USD 80	NT 1250 approx. USD 40	NT 1250 approx. USD 40
18th May 2026	NT 2800 approx. USD 90	NT 1400 approx. USD 45	NT 1400 approx. USD 45
30th June 2026	NT 3200 approx. USD 100	NT 1600 approx. USD 50	NT 1600 approx. USD 50

Children under the age of 16 are free.

A late entry fee of an extra **NT 750** per person will be charged for any payments made after 30th June 2026.

Entry Requirements

Each IDBF Member may sanction the participation of up to five (5) of their Clubs in each Competition Class in Standard boats, and two (2) Clubs in the Small boat classes.

For the Paradrragon class each IDBF Member may sanction up to seven (7) Clubs in total, subject to a maximum of four (4) Clubs in either Standard or Small boat classes.



Member Federations are required to enter all the Club entries into the EMS (IDBF Registration System) Then add in the Team Managers for each of the clubs. Once the Team Managers have been added in, then future communication can go to the Team Managers. However, any changes to club entries MUST be completed by the National Federation only. This is to avoid clubs entering entries they are not endorsed for.

Member federations are also required to provide the IDBF chair-ctc@dragonboat.sport with a list of the clubs that have been endorsed for entry.

The attention of the team managers is drawn to CR4.3.1. This is a mandatory requirement for all team members, except for those competing in the Paradrakon class (see Paradrakon section below).

Race entries Classes and Distances

If a Club 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.

Competitors from the open and women classes may combine to form the mixed crews. Refer to Mixed crew combinations below (CR2.1.3)

Standard boat crews –minimum of eight (8) to a maximum of ten (10) female paddlers, and a maximum of ten (10) other gender paddlers. Drummers and Helms can be either.

Small boat crews – minimum of four (4) to a maximum of five (5) female paddlers, and a maximum of five (5) other gender paddlers. Drummers and Helms can be either.

“Female” in this CR means a person who was assigned the biological gender of female at birth and who continues to identify with that same biological gender

Standard Boat (22 athletes)

Racing Class	Premier Division	Snr A Division	Snr B Division	Snr C Division	18U Division	24U- Uni Division	BCP	ACP	PD1	PD2
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	200m 500m 2000m			
Mixed	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m				



Small Boat (12 athletes)

Racing Class	Premier Division	Snr A Division	Snr B Division	Snr C Division	18U Division	24U-Uni Division	BCP	ACP	PD1	PD2
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	200m 500m 2000m			
Mixed	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m				

Double Rostering

A Reminder (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 to allow a competitor to participate in more than one (1) competition class.

Please note: If a competitor enters more than one age class, no changes will be made to the program to accommodate requests about double rostering.

Note: Be aware marshalling for standard boats and small boats maybe in two (2) different locations

Age Regulations

- 18 and under – 13th to 18th birthday falls in the year of the competition (minimum age of 12)
- 24 and under+ University - 13th to 24th falls in the year of the competition (minimum age of 12)
- Senior A – 40th or older, birthday falls in the year of competition
- Senior B – 50th or older, birthday falls in the year of competition
- Senior C – 60th or older, birthday falls in the year of competition

Paradragon Racing

Paradragon racing is aimed at broadening the reach of our sport by encouraging those with physical, psychological, neurological, sensory, developmental or intellectual impairments to participate.

Two Paradragon categories are offered: one for teams where every paddler has a recognised impairment (defined as 'PD1' in the Rules for Paradragon Racing) and a second where at least half the paddlers have a recognised impairment ('PD2'). Clubs intending to enter crews in the PD2 category are encouraged to review the requirements for the mix of unimpaired and Paradragon paddlers (set out in Annex C of the Rules for Paradragon Racing).

Because Paradragon racing is still relatively new, IDBF has decided that it will continue to relax certain race regulations that would normally apply. These relaxations relate to **CR 4.3:**



1. The Paradrragon club can be constituted solely for the purposes of entering the Championships and there is no requirement for it to have been in existence for at least six months or for its members to have been members for the same period. Member federations are asked to be aware of this when endorsing entries.
2. Racing for two clubs is permitted without penalty for:
 - a. unimpaired paddlers in a Paradrragon PD2 team – they may also compete as members of another Club; and
 - b. Paradrragon paddlers – they may also compete as members of another Club provided that club is not another Paradrragon club.

However, note that the caveats set out in Competition Regulation **CR2.2.2** (Double Rostering) will apply to all paddlers participating in Paradrragon racing. Clubs should note that only 'Open' Paradrragon racing is offered (and IDBF's Rules for Paradrragon Racing set out how age and gender are taken into account). All impaired paddlers in the Paradrragon class are required to submit a completed Certificate of Diagnosis to IDBF. The deadline for this will be set out in Bulletin 2. The Certificate is at Annex D of the Rules for Paradrragon Racing but can also be downloaded as a discrete document at: <https://dragonboat.b-cdn.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/IDBF-Paradrragon-Certificate-of-Diagnosis-1.pdf>

A class of supporters called 'Paradrragon Chaperone' is offered. A Paradrragon Chaperone can accompany an impaired paddler through marshalling and, by agreement with the Chief Marshal, to and from boat loading/unloading. Any questions regarding the set of rules or the nature of the competition should be sent by email to chair-para@dragonboat.sport.

The Provisional Schedule

Date	Schedule
Saturday 29 August 2026	A) Team registration The office will be open from 1200 to 1600hrs. Please note that a booking system for registration will be available once team training times are released. The team manager will be required to book an appointment to attend registration. Unless otherwise stated, registration will take place at the race site. B) Team training
Sunday 30 August 2026	A) Team registration The office will be open from 0900 to 1600hrs.



Date	Schedule
	B) Team training
Monday 31 August 2026	AM – Team registration The office will be open from 0830 to 1200hrs AM – Team training PM – Team Managers meeting PM – Opening Ceremony
Tuesday 1 September 2026	Racing Day 1 - 500m
Wednesday 2 September 2026	Racing Day 2 - 500m
Thursday 3 September 2026	Racing Day 3 - 200m
Friday 4 September 2026	Racing Day 4 - 200m
Saturday 5 September 2026	Racing Day 5 - 2000m
Sunday 6 September 2026	Racing Day 6 - 2000m Closing Ceremony (handover of flag to 2028 host nation, Spain) Closing Party
Monday 7 September 2026	Congress (TBC)

Note: Once provisional entries are confirmed, IDBF will have better clarity on participation levels across the competition classes and will finalise the programme structure accordingly. For example, Premier Mixed (AM) may be scheduled on Day 1, with Premier Open and Women (PM) on Day 2. Final competition classes and scheduling may be determined based on entry numbers to ensure fair and competitive racing.

Key Dates

Requirement	Deadline
Provisional Entries Open	16 January 2026
Provisional Entries Close	18 February 2026
Confirmed Entries Close	18 May 2026
Final team names submission - against which all fees will be charged	30 June 2026
Accommodation & Transfer Booking – Limited availability	15 February 2026 (for best booking)

Note: All Paradrakon Certificates of Diagnosis, ADEL certificates for ALL Athletes and Coaches and Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUE) can start to be submitted to Chair of Paradrakon commission and Chair of Medical commission respectively. Deadline to be announced soon.



Accommodation and Transfer

Accommodation

To ensure smooth coordination for all participating teams, it is strongly recommended that accommodation bookings be arranged through the Hualien 2026 Organizing Committee, managed by Leading Taiwan Travel Agency — the officially designated accommodation and logistics partner. Official Email: 2026CCWCHotel@gmail.com

Accommodation Locations & Types

All official hotels arranged by the Organizing Committee are located primarily in Hualien City, and Ji'an Township, which is approximately 25 minutes by bus from the competition venue at Liyu Lake. A full range of accommodation categories is available to meet different team preferences and budgets, including:

- 5-Star Hotels (Premium)
- 4-Star Hotels (Comfort)
- 3-Star Hotels (Standard)
- Economy Category Hotels / Inns

All hotel partners are vetted for quality, safety, and accessibility to the shuttle routes.

Shuttle Services

To support competition logistics, the Organizing Committee will provide:

- **Fixed-schedule shuttle buses** between official hotels and Liyu Lake
(Note: *Capacity is limited; priority based on booking order*)
- **Exclusive private chartered buses** for teams requesting dedicated transport
(Recommended for large teams or teams with specific timing needs)

Teams booking through the Committee will receive guaranteed access to the official shuttle system and dedicated support during their stay.

Meals

Food, drinks, and meal catering will be available at the race venue. More info will be provided with Bulletin 2.

Tents

Clubs will be provided with dedicated space within a shared, unfurnished tent area. Club locations within the shared tent will be assigned once the race schedule and entries have been finalised.



In addition, private tents may be reserved by Clubs through the Organizing Committee. Enquire for prices and availability with ctdragonboat@gmail.com.

Transportation

We provide the following recommended travel options for reaching Hualien. Teams may also book these services directly through the Official Travel Agency for greater convenience and coordination.

Arrival via Taoyuan International Airport (TPE – Taipei)

- Direct Chartered Coach to Hualien
Approx. 4–4.5 hours
- Airport MRT (40 min) → Taipei Main Station → Train to Hualien (2.5 hours)
Total travel approx. 3–3.5 hours
- Airport MRT (50 min) → Domestic Flight from Taipei SongShan Airport to Hualien 40 minutes
(Seats are limited; early booking recommended)

Arrival via Kaohsiung International Airport (KHH)

- Direct Chartered Coach to Hualien
Approx. 5–6 hours
- Train from Kaohsiung to Hualien (via East Coast)
Approx. 4.5 hours
- Domestic Flight: Kaohsiung → Hualien
50 minutes

Parking

Information regarding parking sites for cars and buses will be posted within Bulletin 2.

VISA Process

International participants traveling to Taiwan for the 2026 CCWC should review Taiwan's entry and visa policies in advance. Please refer to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) for the latest information: <https://www.boca.gov.tw/>

Visa-Exempt Entry

Participants from the following countries may enter Taiwan visa-free for the stated duration, provided they meet entry requirements and hold a passport valid for at least **six months**.



90-Day Visa-Exempt Countries

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Eswatini*, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Holy See, Honduras*, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan*, Kosovo, Republic of Korea, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands*, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua*, North Macedonia*, Norway, Palau, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tuvalu*, United Kingdom, United States of America.

30-Day Visa-Exempt Countries

Belize*, Dominican Republic*, Malaysia, Nauru*, St. Kitts and Nevis*, Saint Lucia*, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Singapore.

14-Day Trial Visa-Exemption Program

Thailand*, Brunei*, Philippines*.

**Countries with special arrangements under Taiwan's foreign affairs policy.*

Entry Requirements for Visa-Exempt Travelers

Visitors entering Taiwan visa-free must:

- Hold a passport valid for **at least six (6) months** on arrival.
- Hold an **onward or return air/sea ticket**, or a confirmed ticket to the next destination with a valid entry visa (if applicable).
- Have confirmed flight booking for the departure date and flight number.

Online Pre-Arrival Registration

Foreign visitors planning to enter Taiwan may complete pre-arrival registration through the National Immigration Agency (NIA) TWAC System *within 3 days before arrival*:

TWAC Online Application: <https://twac.immigration.gov.tw>

Pre-arrival registration is recommended to streamline immigration procedures.



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The IDBF and CTDBA encourage your Club to enter the 15th IDBF CCWC, Hualien 2026 and look forward to welcoming you to join the Championships.