



INFORMATION BULLETIN No.1

11th IDBF World Dragon Boat Racing Championship

Maty-ér, National Olympic Regatta Centre

Szeged, Hungary - 24-28 July 2013

The 11th IDBF WDBRC will be held from 23-28 July 2013, at the Maty-ér, National Olympic Regatta Centre, Szeged, Hungary, with the 2000m Championships' taking place on the River Tisza in the City Centre.

The Opening Ceremony will be held on the 23rd July 2013, with Championship Racing taking place between 24 -28 July, inclusive. Competing Teams are expected to arrive in Szeged from 18th – 23rd July 2013.

GETTING THERE. Many international airlines have direct flights to the Liszt Ferenc Budapest International Airport and from the airport to Szeged is a 90 minute coach ride – some 165 km, via the M5 motorway from Budapest. By car from the centre of Budapest, the journey time is around 2 hours. By train there is an Inter City service from Budapest Western Railway Station to Szeged which takes 2hrs 15 min. For Teams arriving at Budapest International Airport, the Org Com can organize airport transfers to Szeged and return, in air-conditioned, deluxe coaches, at an agreed cost.

ENTRY CONDITIONS. Entry to the 11th World Dragon Boat Racing Championships is restricted to Teams selected and entered by their IDBF Member as a 'Representative Team'. As such the competitors race in Racing Colours of the country or territory that they represent.

Canoeing & Rowing Federations' located in Countries where there is an IDBF Member, may take part in the selection process of the IDBF Member concerned at that Member's discretion and under any local selection and entry conditions.

Such Federations' in a Country where there is not an existing IDBF Member may enter the World Championships directly, subject to becoming an IDBF Associate Member and to the conditions published in this Information Bulletin

Nationality. The IDBF Nationality Regulation - Competition Reg No.4, will apply for Szeged 2013. Each Team entering the World Championships, may have up to a total of 96 Team Members (Standard Boats) or 48 Team members (Small Boats), in each Championship Division (Premier, U24s, Senior A, B, C and Junior A and B) to give a maximum Team total of 576 in a Standard Boat Team or 288 in a Small Boat Team.

REGATTA COURSE:

The Maty-ér, National Olympic Regatta Centre is one of the most modern water sport centres in Europe, it provides excellent facilities. It has great cultural background with the City of Szeged, which is an important touristic area of Hungary. Photos: see www.hungary2013.dragonboat.hu

Main data of the course: Full length: 2250 m. Width: 120 m. Depth of water: 3.5-4 m

The 2000 meters races are planned to be held on a circular course, in the heart of Szeged, on the River Tisza.

PROVISIONAL ENTRY FORM. The Championships will be conducted under IDBF Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing. All participating teams are required to return their **Provisional Entries to the IDBF by email to wdbrcentry@idbf.org, no later than the 14th February 2013, on the form shown at the end of this Bulletin.** All subsequent correspondence with the IDBF and Szeged 2013, must come via the IDBF Member in the Country or Territory concerned who should direct their enquiries to the contact shown below.





DIVISIONS, RACING CLASSES, COMPETITION CLASSES AND RACE DISTANCES.

In all competitions to qualify for World Championships status at least six (6) entries, from different Countries or Territories, per competition class are required. Competition Classes with three (3) to five (5) entries will be given IDBF Championship status and less than 3 entries, per class, will be held as demonstration races. One Entry per Team, per Competition Class, is permitted

STANDARD BOAT (22 Racers) (Mixed Crews = min of 8 and max of 12 female paddlers)

Division = Racing Class	Premier Division Comp Classes	Senior A & B (GDs) Comp Classes *	Senior C (GGDs) Comp Classes **	Under 24s (18-23s) Comp Classes +	Junior Division A/B Comp Classes # ##
Open	200m, 500m, 1000m, 2000m	200m, 500m, 1000m, 2000m	200m, 500m, 2000m	200m, 500m, 1000m, 2000m	200m, 500m, 1000m, 2000m (A only)
Women	200m, 500m, 1000m, 2000m	200m, 500m, 1000m, 2000m	200m, 500m, 2000m	200m, 500m, 1000m, 2000m	200m, 500m and 2000m (A only)
Mixed	200m, 500m, 1000m, 2000m	200m, 500m, 1000m, 2000m	200m, 500m, 2000m	200m, 500m, 1000m, 2000m	200m, 500m, 1000m, 2000m (A only)

SMALL BOAT (12 Racers) (Mixed Crews = min of 4 and max of 6 female paddlers)

Division	Premier	Senior A & B (GDs)	Senior C (GGDs)	Under 24s	Junior A/B
Open	200m, 500m, 2000m	200m, 500m. 2000m	200m, 500m	200m, 500m.	200m, 500m.
Women	200m, 500m.	200m, 500m.	200m, 500m	200m, 500m.	200m, 500m.
Mixed	200m, 500m.	200m, 500m.	200m, 500m	200m, 500m.	200m, 500m.

+ 18-23s - Under 24 but 18 or over on 01 Jan 2013 - **Standard Boat** 4 crew members may be 16-17 years old & 2, 24-25 years old. For the **Small Boat** the numbers are 3 (16-17) & 1 (24-25)..

* **Senior A** - 40 or over on 01 June 2013 (01/06/13) **Senior B Grand Dragons** - 50 or over on 01/06/2013.

** **Senior C (Great Grand Dragons)** - 60 or over on 01/06/2013.

Junior A - under 18 but at least 12 on 01 Jan 2013. ## **Junior B** - under 16 but at least 12 on 01/01/2013.

The Small Boat Championships are primarily for new and developing IDBF Member Countries – normally the IDBF Basic and Associate Members but any IDBF Member who is unable to field Standard Boats in the Junior B, 18-24s s and Senior C Competition Classes, may enter these specific Small Boat competitions.

IDBF Members who have taken part in a WDBRC in the past four years but are unable to send Standard Boat Crews may be permitted to compete in the Small Boat Championships at the discretion of the Chairman of the IDBF C&TC. For example, an IDBF Member with only 12 paddlers of either sex available, who has competed in a previous WDBRC, may be allowed to enter Small Boat Open or Women’s Crews.

In the Mixed Championship Races, where there are insufficient Women or Men available for a Mixed Standard Boat Crew, **paddlers from a Standard Open or Women’s Crew may be used in a Mixed Small Boat Crew.**

Teams entering both a Small Boat Open and Women’s Crews will be expected to enter a Standard Boat Mixed Crew rather than a Small Boat Crew.



OUTLINE PROGRAMME (All details are provisional and subject to final agreement & confirmation)

18-22 July 2013	<i>Crews arrive & registration in Szeged</i>
Sun 21 July 2013	<i>Szeged International Dragon boat Cup – river Tisza Race Course</i> <i>Crews training – National Olympic Centre Regatta Course.</i>
Mon 22 July 2013	<i>Crews training – Regatta Course. IDBF Executive & Council Meets</i>
Tue 23 July 2013	<i>Crews training – Regatta Course. AM. Race Officials Meeting. Afternoon Team Leaders Championship's Technical Meeting.</i> <i>IDBF Race Officials exam</i> <i>Evening - Opening Ceremony</i>
Wed 24 July 2013	<i>Racing day – 2000m All Classes (planned race venue: river TISZA)</i>
Thu 25 July 2013	<i>Racing day – 200m All Mixed Championships + Small Boat Open and Women's Championships (Maty-er National Olympic Centre Regatta Course).</i>
Fri 26 July 2013	<i>Racing day – 200m Open and Women's Standard Boat Champs (Maty-er, National Olympic Centre Regatta Course).</i>
Sat 27 July 2013	<i>Racing day – 500m All Mixed Championships + Small Boat Open and Women's Championships (Maty-er National Olympic Centre Regatta Course)</i>
Sun 28 July 2013	<i>Racing day. – 500m Open & Women's Standard Boat Championships (race venue: Maty-er National Olympic Centre Regatta Course).</i> <i>Evening - Celebration Dinner</i>
Mon 29 July 2013	<i>IDBF Members' Congress & Seminar - Crews depart</i>

CONFIRMED AND NAMED ENTRIES – ONLINE REGISTRATION

Teams will be required to submit both their Confirmed and Final Named Entries (team member details and photo, etc.) on-line at www.idbfworldchamps.com. Details regarding the online registration process will appear in Information Bulletin No.2.

ARRIVAL AND TRAINING BEFORE CHAMPIONSHIPS

It is expected that most Teams will arrive during the period 18th to 22nd July 2013. The Maty-ér Regatta Course and the river TISZA racecourse will be available for Official Training on 21st, 22nd and 23rd July 2013.

ANTI-DOPING & BANNED SUBSTANCES.

Random drug testing will be conducted during the 11TH World Dragon Boat Racing Championships. All tests will be set against the current WADA banned substances list as shown on the WADA Website. Members of the IDBF Medical and Sports Science Commission will be on hand to monitor the testing process.



VISAS

Hungary is within the Schengen Area and Visas issued by one of the Members States are valid in Hungary. No visas are required for Teams coming from a Schengen Area member country. Full information on which Countries need visas and application forms can be obtained from the Hungarian Foreign Affairs Ministry at: www.kulugyminiszterium.hu/kum/en/consular_services/Entry_of_Foreigners_to_Hungary/ (click on to the VISA INFO and on VISA APPLICATION FORM).

Information about the visa requirements for participants of 11th IDBF WDBRC will also be available on www.idbf.org and www.hungary2013.dragonboat.hu.

A Schengen visa validity is for up to 90 days. Applications have to be submitted at least three (3) months before the day of arrival in the Schengen area. For those Teams requiring visas to enter Hungary the Organising Committee has started negotiations with the Hungarian authorities to make the application process as smooth as possible.

To assist in this process, please read carefully the website of the Hungarian Foreign Affairs Ministry, shown above. In outline, visa applications for a Schengen Visa should be submitted

- 90 days prior departure the earliest,
- personally, via a travel agency or by an officially authorized representative,
- at the diplomatic representation of the country which is the main destination of the visit (Hungary) or the Member State that represents Hungary regarding visa issuing or if no Member State represents Hungary than at any Hungarian Consulate out of the Schengen Area
- in that country where the applicant resides legally and has a habitual residence.

Further information, conditions, fees and documents to be presented when submitting Visa Application Form are listed on the VISA INFO link.

WDBRC 2013 FEES & CHARGES

Fees and charges are to be paid for the following: (see details below)

- Accommodation and Food
- Airport Transfers and local Transportation with certain exceptions
- Optional programmes
- Celebration Dinner
- Administration Fee – **maximum** USD 50.00 per person, see below
- IDBF Registration Fee – USD 15.00 per person, see below

REGATTA FEES. The **IDBF Registration Fee** will be payable directly to the IDBF and the **Admin Fee** will be paid into a dedicated IDBF/HDBF account.

The Regatta Fees are payable in respect of every participant attending the World Championships This includes official supporters as shown on the Final Named Entry Form. Account payment details will be shown in further Information Bulletins.



ACCOMMODATION:

Szeged is a university city offering limited capacity in hotels but a big number of University hostels. Apart from hotels and hostels there are campsites available, too.

The Organising Committee have blocked booked enough hotel, hostel and bungalow/camping capacity for the 11th WDBRC.

As Hotel capacity is limited, we recommend booking as soon as possible through the Organising Committee to be able to confirm the preferred accommodation.

Deadline to submit **PROVISIONAL HOTEL REQUEST FORM: 14th FEBRUARY 2013.**

Accommodation rates include: all local taxes, breakfast (except camping), shuttle transfer (accommodation-race site on race days 24-28. 07.201 – see Transportation below for Training Days transport costs).

The detailed description of accommodations and content of prices will be available online from end January on www.hungary2013.dragonboat.hu

CATEGORY	ACCOMMODATION	PRICE RANGE (*)
hotel ****:	Hunguest Hotel Forras Novotel Szeged (sold out) Hotel Dom Soleil Szeged Art Hotel Szeged (opening soon) Hotel Colosseum	USD 77,50 – USD 190
hotel ***:	Tisza Hotel Hotel Alfa Hotel Bella Hotel Korona	USD 37,50 – USD 140
hotel **:	Tisza Sport Tisza Corner Hotel Euro	USD 29 – USD 125
Hostel category "A": (rooms with en-suite bathroom or shower)		USD 28 – USD 40
Hostel category "B": (rooms with shared bathrooms only)		USD 25 – USD 30
Campsites:	Ekopark Partfürdő Sziksósfürdő	Separate price list

(*) Prices are given in USD per person per night, with a minimum stay of 5 overnights.

The Hostel accommodation has been initially reserved for those new and developing Countries or established IDBF Members on limited budgets. The allocation of Hostel accommodation will be subject to approval by the IDBF.

MEALS:

The Maty-ér National Olympic Regatta Centre is approximately 5 km from the city. In the surrounding area the restaurant are rare, it is highly recommended that Teams book lunch packages (menu or a-la carte) as provided by the Organising Committee. Prices and conditions will be available in the next Bulletin.

Team dinners can also be arranged, if required.



TRANSPORTATION:

Arrival and departure coach transfer from/to Budapest airport train station or pier will be offered at a charge.

FROM / TO	Group size	PRICE (*)
Budapest airport / Szeged	For up to 50 persons	USD 1149,-
	For up to 70 persons	USD 1499,-
Budapest train station or International pier / Szeged	For up to 50 persons	USD 1499,-
	For up to 70 persons	USD 1949,-

USD per group per each way journey

Transfer on practice days: for 21 to 23 July 2013 we recommend booking transfer service to the Maty-ér National Olympic Regatta Centre and back (at a charge). Prices will be available in the next bulletin.

River Tisza racecourse is just a short walk from most of the central hotels or it is easy to access by public transportation.

Race Days Shuttle transfer: between the Official hotels and the race site on race days (24-28. July 2013) during racing will be complimentary for all participants booking their accommodation in the Official hotels, hostels or campsite, through the Organising Committee.

OPTIONAL PROGRAMMES: details and booking on the www.hungary2013.dragonboat.hu from end January. Details will be available in the next bulletins, too

CELEBRATION PARTY: details and booking on the www.hungary2013.dragonboat.hu from end January. Details will be available in the next bulletins, too.

BOOKING of hotels, transfers, meals and programs will be available online from the end of January on www.hungary2013.dragonboat.hu.

Until the booking system is online please send your requests by email to:- dragonboat2013@holiday55.hu.

A reminder that the deadline to submit the attached **PROVISIONAL HOTEL REQUEST FORM** (hotel, meals, and transfers) is Thursday **14th FEBRUARY 2013**.



ENTRY & PAYMENT DEADLINES

	Deadline	
PROVISIONAL ENTRIES AND ACCOMMODATION REQUESTS	14 FEB	PROVISIONAL ENTRY FORM – complete and submit to the IDBF by email at:- wdbrcentry@idbf.org
ACCOMMODATION CONFIRMED BOOKING AND ACCOMMODATION DEPOSIT	20 APR	50% DEPOSIT ON ACCOMMODATION – submit and pay directly to the Org Com.
CONFIRMED ENTRY AND DEPOSIT	20 APR	Confirmed Entries and Admin Fee deposit of <u>USD 500 per team, non refundable</u> (except in case of visa problem) payable to the IDBF/HDBF account
ACCOMMODATION PAYMENTS AND ALL OTHER ARRANGEMENTS	01 JUN	50 % REMAINING BALANCE OF ACCOMMODATION plus ALL OTHER BOOKED ARRANGEMENTS (transfers, meals, tours etc.) payable to the Org Com
NAMED ENTRIES, IDBF REGISTRATION FEE, BALANCE OF ADMIN FEE	12 JUN	NAMED ENTRY FORM - against which all Regatta Fees (Admin & Registration) will be finalized and charged. Admin Fee will be a maximum of USD 50 per person minus the deposit paid with the Confirmed Entry IDBF Registration Fee will be USD 15 per person, including Official Supporters.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Conditions of entry

Admin Fee Deposit is USD 500 per team and it is to be paid with the Confirmed Entry by the 20th April 2013. It is non refundable except in case of visa problems. The balance of Admin Fees (maximum of USD 50 per person minus the deposit) is to be paid with the Named Entries by the 12th June 2013 at the latest.

Admin Fees paid after the 12 June 13 are liable to an IDBF surcharge of USD 5, per person.

Payments:

Deposits and Admin Fees are to be paid by wire transfer to the shared WDBRC bank account of Hungarian Dragon Boat Federation and IDBF. Bank details will be available on the proforma invoices issued according to the Confirmed Entries and those shown on the Named Entry Lists.



ACCOMMODATION BOOKINGS:

Conditions for accommodation All bookings for Official Accommodation are to be made on the advanced online booking system at www.hungary2013.dragonboat.hu, and all deposit payments made on time. In case the online booking is not available, requests for bookings can be sent by email to dragonboat2013@holiday55.hu. Deadline for Provisional Bookings is **14 FEB 2013**.

Within 48 hours of a booking request the accommodation will be confirmed or in case of lack of availability an alternative offer will be sent with a short release period.

Once rooms are confirmed a Pro-forma (50% of accommodation cost) invoice and a print out of the booking will be sent. Deadline for payment of **1st accommodation deposit is 20th April 2013**.

If the deposit is not received by 20 April 2013, the booking will automatically be cancelled and new booking will not be guaranteed.

The **remaining balance** of accommodation costs and any other booked services (meals, transfers, tours, etc.) will be due for payment by **1st June 2013 at the latest**.

Cancellation Conditions: Cancellations are free of charge up to 61 days prior to arrival, then cancellation Fees will apply as follows:-

- cancellation between 60- 31 days prior arrival is 30% of the total amount,
- cancellation between 30-16 days prior arrival is 50% of the total amount,
- cancellation between 15-8 days prior arrival is 75% of the total amount,
- cancellation within 7 days prior arrival or in case of no show is 100% of the total amount.

Payments: **Cost of accommodation, meals, transfers and programmes** are to be paid by wire transfer to Holidays 55 Hungary Kft. (H-1015 Budapest, Csalogány u.6-10. IV/172). After booking confirmation a pro-forma invoices will be issued containing bank details for wire transfer.

All amounts given in USD are to be paid in USD or in HUF by wire (bank) transfer by the deadline dates, after which the arrival and identification of the payment and corresponding services cannot be guaranteed.

CONTACTS:

Registration, Technical: wdbrcentry@idbf.org
Visa, Admin issues: registration@dragonboat.hu
Online registration: www.idbfworldchamps.com
Accommodation, transfers, meals, tours: dragonboat2013@holiday55.hu

Organising Committee contacts:

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11th IDBF World Dragon Boat Racing Championship
Szeged, HUNGARY, 23-28 July 2013

PROVISIONAL ENTRY FORM

One (1) Entry Form only per TEAM - not per Crew in a Team

Send all Provisional Entries by **14th February 2013** directly to the IDBF by email to wdbrcentry@idbf.org
 with a copy to registration@dragonboat.hu

Team Name	隊名		
Contact Person	聯絡人姓名		
Phone Number	聯絡人電話	Fax	傳真
E-mail Address	電郵地址		

Place an **X** in the boxes below for each Competition Class entered - **1 Entry per Competition**. For mixed entries if the competitors are from your Open or Women's crews, indicate this by marking **C** for combined instead.
Standard Mixed Crews = min of 8 and max of 12 female paddlers. **Small Mixed Crews** = min of 4 and max of 6 female paddlers. The same competitors cannot compete in both the Standard and Small Boat competitions, except that competitors in the Open and Women's Standard Boat competitions can compete in a Mixed Small Boat and vice-versa.

STANDARD Boat	Open Classes				Women's Classes				Mixed Classes			
	200m	500m	1000m	2000m	200m	500m	1000m	2000m	200m	500m	1000m	2000m
Premier												
U24 (18-23)												
Snr A 40+												
Snr B 50+												
Snr C 60+												
Jnr A U18												
Jnr B U16												

SMALL Boat	Open Classes			Women's Classes		Mixed Classes	
	200m	500m	2000m	200m	500m	200m	500m
Premier							
U24 (18-23)							
Snr A 40+							
Snr B 50+							
Snr C 60+							
Jnr A U18							
Jnr B U16							

Age Regulations: Seniors A – age 40 or over. Senior B (Grand Dragons) 50 or over, Senior C 60 or over as of 1 June 2013 □
 Junior A – aged under 18 but 12 or over as of 1 January 2013. Junior B- Under 16 but 12 or over as of 1 January 2013 □
 U24s – aged 18 to 23 years old as of 1 January 2013 - **Standard Boat** 4 crew members may be 16-17 years of age & 2 may be 24-25 years of age – for the **Small Boat** the numbers are 3 (16-17) and 1 (24-25)

Reserve Paddlers: Maximum of Four (4) in a Standard Boat Crew and two (2) in a Small Boat Crew



IN THE TABLE BELOW, please indicate the provisional number of Team Members & Official Supporters requiring, Official Accommodation in one of the options shown in this Information Bulletin.

OR TICK THE BOX if you are booking accommodation under your own arrangements -

Please be advised that Teams making their own accommodation arrangements will pay the Full Admin Fee – maximum USD 50.00, per person and the full cost of any airport transfers and local transportation to the Regatta Course

FOR TEAMS BOOKING OFFICIAL ACCOMMODATION or CAMPING

* TEAM Numbers	** Supporter Numbers	Total Rooms	Numbers Camping	Arrival Date	Departure Date

We do/do not (delete one) require breakfast. (A revised ‘accommodation only’ quote will be sent to Teams NOT requiring breakfast by the Org Com booking agency.

ALL TEAMS: We do/do not (delete one) anticipate requiring lunches at the Regatta Centre on Race days.

ALL TEAMS - Total Number of People expected to travel to Tampa:

Team Members *	Supporters **	Media	IDBF Race Officials	Congress Delegates	Grand Total
Teams Anticipated Arrival Date			Teams Anticipated Departure Date		

* All competitors, managers, coaches, medics or other crew officials.

** Official supporters = family, friends, etc attending the Championships for which USD 15.00 IDBF Registration Fee will be due.

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Return all Provisional Entries by 14 February 2013 by email to: wdbrcentry@idbf.org

Fax: + 44 1633 666796 with cc to registration@dragonboat.hu



PROVISIONAL REQUEST FORM

ACCOMMODATION – MEALS – TRANSFERS

Please fill in and return to dragonboat2013@holiday55.hu by **14th February 2013**

On behalf of (Team name) I confirm that we would like to provisionally make the following request for accommodation during the 11th IDBF WORLD DRAGON BOAT RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS, 2013 Szeged.

PART.1. ACCOMMODATION (to be detailed and fixed later)

a) HOTEL Preferred category: 2* / 3* / 4* (please underline)

We need ____ (nr) rooms for the following dates from ____/07/2013 to ____/07/2013 for ____ (nr) nights consisting of ____ (single) ____ (double) ____ (twin bed) ____ (triple) ____ (quadruple) rooms.

b) HOSTEL (University Campus) Preferred category: A / B (please underline)

We need multiple-bed rooms for ____ (nr) persons from ____/07/2013 to ____/07/2013 for ____ (nr) nights

c) CAMPING

We need bungalows for ____ (nr) persons from ____/07/2013 to ____/07/2013 for ____ (nr) nights

We need tent space for ____ (nr) persons from ____/07/2013 to ____/07/2013 for ____ (nr) nights

PART.2. CATERING SERVICES (to be detailed and fixed later):

a) LUNCH at the REGATTA COURSE

race days: ____ (nr) persons for ____ (nr) days; training days: ____ (nr) persons for ____ (nr) days

b) DINNER

- at Regatta Course (Maty-ér)

race days: ____ (nr) persons for ____ (nr) days

training days: ____ (nr) persons for ____ (nr) days

- at the accommodation

for ____ (nr) persons for ____ (nr) days

PART.3. TRANSPORT SERVICES

We would need the following transport services (to be detailed and fixed later):

a) Arrival and departure airport transfers for persons – arrival date departure date

b) Training session transfer (accommodation-venue) for (nr) persons for (nr) days.

CONTACT:

NAME:.....EMAIL:.....

ADDRESS:.....PHONE:.....

DATE:.....SIGNATURE:.....