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INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION

12<sup>th</sup> WORLD DRAGON BOAT RACING  
CHAMPIONSHIPS

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## **ENTRY CONDITIONS**

Entry to the 2015 IDBF 12th World Dragon Boat Racing Championships (WDBRC) is restricted to Representative Teams selected and entered by their IDBF Member. As such, the competitors race in Racing Colours of the country or territory that they represent.

### **Rowing and Canoeing or Multi-Sports' Federations**

Rowing, Canoeing and Multi-Sports' 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; this is 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 the 2015 WDBRC. Each team entering the World Dragon Boat Racing Championships may have up to a total of 96 team members (Standard Boats) or 48 team members (Small Boats), in each Championships Division (Premier, U24, Senior A, Senior B, Senior C, Junior A and Junior B) to give a maximum team total of 576 in a Standard Boat Team or 288 in a Small Boat Team.

## **LOCATION**

Welland, Ontario, Canada is known as “The Rose City” for its beautiful rose gardens located within the city's parks. It is situated in the heart of the Niagara Region and is abundant with heritage, culture and community spirit.

The citizens of Welland are proud to host the World Championships and welcome newcomers to explore the wonderful opportunities the City and Region has to offer.

Welland is located in a part of Canada that offers a unique and renowned natural environment. The Niagara escarpment is a major feature of the area; a 725km long ridge that extends throughout Southern Ontario. Visitors enjoy the forested areas and waterfalls of the escarpment through world-class hiking and outdoor adventuring opportunities. Another spectacular feature of the Niagara Region is the Niagara Parkway, a scenic drive from Fort Erie to Niagara-on-the-Lake. In a 1943 visit, Winston Churchill referred to the Parkway as “the prettiest Sunday afternoon drive in the world.”

In addition to the abundance of parks, trails, gardens and beaches, is the Region's most famous feature is the Niagara Falls - one of the Great Wonder's of the World. The Falls are 57 meters high (180 feet) and has 168,000 cubic meters of water fall over its crest every minute. Hydro created from the redirected waterflow provides electricity to Southern Ontario and Western New York, making the falls a vital resource to both Canada and the United States. The majesty of the Falls attracts millions of visitors annually to the “Honeymoon Capital of the World.”

## VENUE

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### *Welland International Flat-water Centre*

The Welland International Flat-water Centre (WIFC) North Course will be the host venue for the 2015 IDBF 12th World Dragon Boat Racing Championships (WDBRC). The WIFC rivals top facilities in the world with infrastructure exceeding current international standards for hosting, accessibility, and pristine water conditions. It includes a top quality start system with clear 'boots' to ensure a fair start and an international standard course with Albano type buoys. The WIFC is located at the end of the 7.5 km long Welland Recreational Waterway. With its basin-like characteristics the WIFC will be the perfect venue for this competition.

### VENUE'S PROFILE:

**Address:** Welland International Flatwater Centre (WIFC), 16 Townline Tunnel Rd., Welland ON

**Width:** 125 – 135 m wide

**Depth:** 9.2 m depth over full distance and full width of race course

**Sides:** Uniform slope of 29 degree; docking facilities extend the length of the racing area for easy embarkation

**Current:** Negligible to none – scientifically measured and confirmed

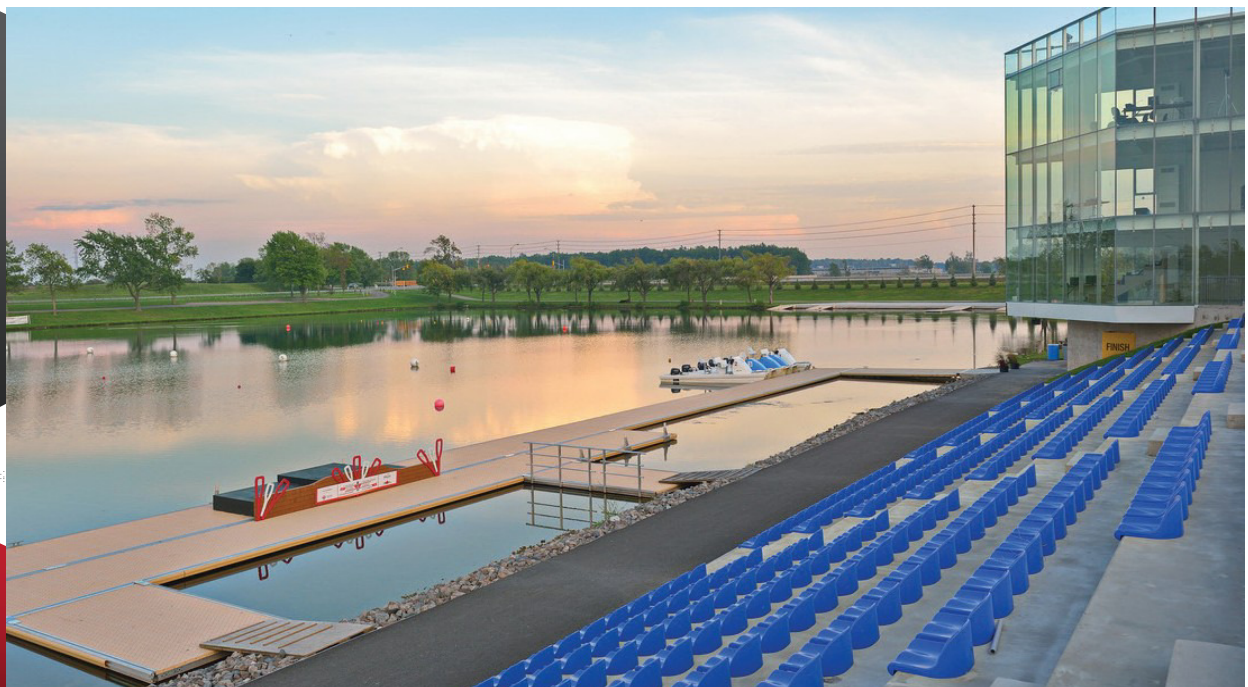
**Water Quality:** Excellent quality freshwater - source of municipal drinking supply

**Avg. Water Temp:** 21 -24 Degrees Celsius in August

**Additional:** Sheltered from prevailing SW winds; paved paths are located on both sides of the course with full visibility of the race area for spectators, bikers or those who wish to rollerblade

All race distances will be held at the Welland International Flat-water Centre North Course. The 2000 metre races will be held on an elliptical course.

For more information regarding the venue, please visit: [www.wifc.ca](http://www.wifc.ca)



## ENTRIES

### PROVISIONAL ENTRIES

The Championships will be conducted under the IDBF Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing. All participating National Federations are required to submit their Provisional Entries to [https://idbfchamps.org/login\\_idbf.php](https://idbfchamps.org/login_idbf.php) no later than January 30th, 2015.

### CONFIRMED AND FINAL NAMED ENTRIES

Teams will be required to submit both their Confirmed and Final Named Entries by May 3, 2015 and July 3, 2015 respectively (team member details and photographs etc.) online at [https://idbfchamps.org/login\\_idbf.php](https://idbfchamps.org/login_idbf.php). Further details regarding Confirmed and Final Named Entries will appear in Information Bulletin No. 2.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The Administration Fee Deposit is USD \$500.00 per team and it is to be paid with the Confirmed Entry by May 3, 2015. It is non-refundable; exceptions may be made if inability to participate is related to visa issues. The balance of Administration Fees (not exceeding USD \$45.00 per person less USD \$500.00 deposit) will be paid with the Named Entries by July 3, 2015.\*\*

**The Registration Fee is to be paid with the Named Entries by July 3, 2015 and will not exceed USD \$20.00 per person for IDBF Basic Members and \$30.00 per person for IDBF Full Members.**

**Administration Fees paid after July 3, 2015 may be subject to an IDBF surcharge of USD \$5.00 per person.**

### PAYMENTS

Accommodation and Administration Deposits are to be paid to the 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee. Payment details will be issued according to the Confirmed Entries and those shown on the Named Entry Lists. Additional payment details will be included in Information Bulletin No. 2.

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

The following descriptions are an overview. For complete information regarding Divisions, Racing Classes, and Competition Classes please review the IDBF Rules of Racing and Competition Regulations ([http://idbf.org/library\\_racing.php](http://idbf.org/library_racing.php)).

As per the IDBF regulations, in order for a competition to qualify for World Championship status no less than 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 three (3) entries per class will be held as demonstration races. One entry per Team (Nation) per Competition Class is permitted.

Other Classes may be added at the discretion of the IDBF. Contact [director@dragonboat.ca](mailto:director@dragonboat.ca) for more information.

**AGE REGULATIONS:** The Drummer in a Senior Crew and the Steersperson in a Junior Crew do not need to conform to the relevant age limits shown below. Eligibility for all classes is determined by age on June 1 of the competition year.

## STANDARD BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS (22 Racers)

Division	Racing Class	2000m	1000m	500m	200m
Premier	Open	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Premier	Women	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Premier	Mixed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Premier age requirement: Racers must be over the age of 12 on 01/06/2015**  
**Mixed Crews will have a minimum of eight (8) and a maximum of twelve (12) female paddlers**

Division	Racing Class	2000m	1000m	500m	200m
U24	Open	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
U24	Women	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
U24	Mixed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**U24 age requirement: Under 24 but 18 or over on 01/06/2015. Four (4) crew members may be 16-17 years old, and two (2) crew members may be 24-25 years old on 01/01/2015**  
**Mixed Crews will have a minimum of eight (8) and a maximum of twelve (12) female paddlers**

Division	Racing Class	2000m	1000m	500m	200m
Junior A	Open	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Junior A	Women	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Junior A	Mixed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Junior A age requirement: Under 18 but at least 12 on 01/06/2015**  
**Mixed Crews will have a minimum of eight (8) and a maximum of twelve (12) female paddlers**

Division	Racing Class	2000m	1000m	500m	200m
Junior B	Open	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Junior B	Women			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Junior B	Mixed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Junior B age requirement: Under 16 but at least 12 on 01/06/2015**  
**Mixed Crews will have a minimum of eight (8) and a maximum of twelve (12) female paddlers**

Division	Racing Class	2000m	1000m	500m	200m
Senior A	Open	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senior A	Women	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senior A	Mixed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Senior A age requirement: Racers must be 40 or over on 01/06/2015**  
**Mixed Crews will have a minimum of eight (8) and a maximum of twelve (12) female paddlers**

Division	Racing Class	2000m	1000m	500m	200m
Senior B	Open	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senior B	Women	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senior B	Mixed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Senior B age requirement: Racers must be 50 or over on 01/06/2015**  
**Mixed Crews will have a minimum of eight (8) and a maximum of twelve (12) female paddlers**

	Racing Class	2000m	1000m	500m	200m
Senior C	Open	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senior C	Women	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senior C	Mixed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Senior C age requirement: Racers must be 60 or over on 01/06/2015  
Mixed Crews will have a minimum of eight (8) and a maximum of twelve (12) female paddlers

### SMALL BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS (12 Racers)

Division	Racing Class	2000m	500m	200m
Premier	Open	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Premier	Women	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Premier	Mixed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Premier age requirement: Racers must be over the age of 12 on 01/06/2015 Mixed Crews will have a minimum of four (4) and a maximum of six (6) female paddlers

Division	Racing Class	2000m	500m	200m
U24	Open	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
U24	Women	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
U24	Mixed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

U24 age requirement: Under 24 but 18 or over on 01/06/2015. Three (3) crew members may be 16-17 years old, and one (1) crew members may be 24-25 years old on 01/01/2015  
Mixed Crews will have a minimum of four (4) and a maximum of six (6) female paddlers

Division	Racing Class	2000m	500m	200m
Junior A	Open	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Junior A	Women	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Junior A	Mixed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Junior A age requirement: Under 18 but at least 12 on 01/06/2015  
Mixed Crews will have a minimum of four (4) and a maximum of six (6) female paddlers

Division	Racing Class	2000m	500m	200m
Junior B	Open	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Junior B	Women	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Junior B	Mixed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Junior B age requirement: Under 16 but at least 12 on 01/06/2015  
Mixed Crews will have a minimum of four (4) and a maximum of six (6) female paddlers

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Senior A	Open	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Senior A	Mixed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Senior A age requirement: Racers must be 40 or over on 01/06/2015  
Mixed Crews will have a minimum of four (4) and a maximum of six (6) female paddlers

Division	Racing Class	2000m	500m	200m
Senior B	Open	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senior B	Women	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senior B	Mixed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Senior B age requirement: Racers must be 50 or over on 01/06/2015**  
**Mixed Crews will have a minimum of four (4) and a maximum of six (6) female paddlers**

Division	Racing Class	2000m	500m	200m
Senior C	Open	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senior C	Women	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senior C	Mixed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Senior C age requirement: Racers must be 60 or over on 01/06/2015**  
**Mixed Crews will have a minimum of four (4) and a maximum of six (6) female paddlers**

### **BOAT TYPE - STANDARD AND SMALL BOATS**

Small Boat Racing is intended for new and developing IDBF Member Countries; that is generally the IDBF Basic and Associate Members. Teams cannot enter both a Standard Boat and Small Boat in the same Competition Class or use the same paddlers in a Standard and Small Boat Crew with the exception of the competitions mentioned below. Any Full IDBF Member who is unable to field Standard Boats in the Junior B, U24 and Senior C Competition Classes, may enter into these specific Small Boat competitions. By exception and on application to the Chairman of the IDBF and C&CTC, teams may be permitted to enter a Small Boat Crew in the Premier Racing Class.

IDBF Members who have taken part in a WDBRC in the past four (4) 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 and C&CTC. Example: an IDBF Member with only twelve (12) paddlers of either sex available, who has competed in a previous WDBRC may be allowed to enter a Small Boat Crew in the appropriate class/category.

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 required to enter a Standard Boat Mixed Crew and not a Small Boat Crew.

### **TIMELINES**

#### **ARRIVAL AND TRAINING BEFORE THE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

It is expected that most Teams will arrive during the period of August 14th – 16th, 2015. Crews are advised to arrive in the Niagara Region no later than August 17th. Crews are invited to arrive earlier as training times will be made available to crews for acclimatization, starting as early as August 12th.

Note: Limited Standard Boat training will be available on August 16th and Official Training will begin on August 17th.

*All details are provisional and may be subject to change.*

## CHAMPIONSHIPS WEEK – OUTLINE PROGRAMME

All details are provisional and may be subject to change.

All races will take place at the Welland International Flat-water Centre North Course.

DATE	SCHEDULE
<b>Saturday August 15th - Monday August 17th</b>	<b>Teams arrive, Registration</b> at the Welland International Flatwater Centre <b>Team Registration</b> at the Welland International Flatwater Centre
<b>Sunday August 16th</b>	<b>Crew Training Standard Boat</b> at the Welland International Flatwater Centre <i>South Course</i> <b>Team Registration</b> at the Welland International Flatwater Centre
<b>Monday August 17th</b>	<b>Crew Training Standard and Small Boat</b> at the Welland International Flatwater Centre <i>North Course</i> <b>IDBF Executive and Council Meetings</b> at Welland International Flatwater Centre
<b>Tuesday August 18th</b>	<b>Crew Training Standard and Small Boat – Reserve Racing Day</b> at the Welland International Flatwater Centre <i>North Course</i> <b>Race Officials Meeting</b> at Welland International Flatwater Centre <b>Team Leaders Technical Meeting</b> at Welland International Flatwater Centre <b>IDBF Race Officials Examinations</b> at Welland International Flatwater Centre <b>Opening Ceremony</b> in Niagara Falls
<b>Wednesday August 19th</b>	<b>Racing Day</b> 2000m All Standard and Small Boat Classes
<b>Thursday August 20th</b>	<b>Racing Day</b> 1000m Standard Boat Championships, less Senior C, Junior A Women & Junior B
<b>Friday August 21st</b>	<b>Racing Day</b> 500m Standard & Small Boat Mixed Championships
<b>Saturday August 22nd</b>	<b>Racing Day</b> 200m Standard and Small Boat Open and Women's Championships, all Divisions.
<b>Sunday August 23rd</b>	<b>Racing Day</b> 500m Standard and Small Boat Open and Women's Championships, all Divisions. <b>Closing Ceremony &amp; Celebration</b> in Niagara Falls
<b>Monday August 24th</b>	<b>IDBF Members Congress</b>



## ENTRY AND PAYMENT TIMELINES

REQUIREMENT	DEADLINE DATE
<b>Provisional Entries</b> <b>Provisional Accommodation, Transportation, Meal Requests</b> <a href="https://idbfchamps.org/login_idbf.php">https://idbfchamps.org/login_idbf.php</a>	<b>January 30th, 2015</b>
<b>Confirmed Booking and Deposit on Accommodation, Transportation, and Meals</b> 50% Deposit on Accommodation, Transportation, and Meals	<b>March 3rd, 2015</b>
<b>Confirmed Numerative Entries and Administration Deposits of USD \$500.00 per Team.</b> Only in exceptional circumstances will the Admin Deposit be refunded, such as a visa refusal.	<b>May 3rd, 2015</b>
<b>Final Named Entries, IDBF Registration Fees, Balance of Admin Fees</b>  <b>Named Entry Form</b> – Against which all Regatta Fees (Administration and Registration) will be finalized and charged  <b>Administration Fee</b> - Will not exceed USD \$45.00 per person minus the Admin Deposit paid with the Confirmed Entry  <b>Supporter Fee</b> - USD \$40.00 per person  <b>IDBF Registration Fee</b> - Basic Members USD \$20.00 per person Full Members USD \$30.00 per person  <b>Accommodation, Transportation and Meals</b> Remaining balance of all booked arrangements due	<b>July 3rd, 2015</b>

## ANTI-DOPING AND BANNED SUBSTANCES

Random drug testing will be conducted during the 2015 World Dragon Boat Racing Championships. All tests will be set against the current WADA banned substances list as shown on the WADA website (<http://list.wada-ama.org/>). The list is updated each year on January 1. Complete information on the IDBF Doping Policies are available on the IDBF website (<http://idbf.org/antidoping.php>). Therapeutic Use Exemption forms and expanded information will be included in information Bulletin No. 2.

Members of the IDBF Medical and Sports Science Commission will be on hand to monitor the testing process.

## **VISAS**

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All visitors to Canada require a visa except citizens of countries where an exemption has been granted. Please visit the following website to obtain visa requirement information about your specific country: [www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/index.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/index.asp)

An official Letter of Invitation will be sent via email to each National Federation. Do not delay in beginning your Visa process. If there are any further questions or concerns please contact: [visa@wdbrc2015.ca](mailto:visa@wdbrc2015.ca)

Note: Canadian Visas are not available at the border or airport upon entry to Canada, they must be obtained before travel to Canada.

## **FEES AND CHARGES**

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### **REGATTA FEES**

The IDBF Registration Fee (USD \$20.00 - Basic Members or USD 30.00 Full Members) and the balance of all Admin Fees (not exceeding USD \$45.00 per person) are to be paid directly to or through the IDBF. Full details of all payment requirements will be published in Information Bulletin No.2.

The Regatta Fees (Registration and Administration) are payable for every individual participant attending the World Championships. This includes but is not limited to officials, supporters, coaches, staff, team leaders and athletes; everyone included on the Final Named Entry Form and wishing access to athlete areas. Account payment details will be shown in further Information Bulletins.

### **SPECTATORS**

To have access to the grandstands during competition days, spectators are required to purchase a pass. Passes will be sold for \$10.00 per day or \$25.00 for the duration of the event.

### **PARKING**

Parking is available on site for a fee of \$5.00 Per Day or \$20.00 for the duration of the event, including training days.

### **ACCOMMODATION**

Niagara is comprised of 12 distinct and vibrant communities, all just a short drive from the venue. The 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee is working in partnership with various accommodations and tourism operators throughout the Niagara Region to offer participants the best experience possible, on and off the Waterway.

A variety of hotel accommodations have been arranged with pricing as low as USD \$72.00 per person, per night based on double occupancy with two beds per room. There are accommodation options for other occupancies including single university residence accommodation starting at just USD \$54.00, or triple, quad, and five/six participants per room, bed sharing options at a variety of area hotels. Below is the list of Official Accommodations for the 2015 WDBRC. Detailed descriptions of accommodations and prices will be available online beginning December 2014. All prices are subject to applicable taxes.

**Event transportation will only be provided for those Teams staying in Official Accommodation.**

Accommodation	Location	Minutes to Course	Single Occupancy	Double Occupancy (1 or 2 beds)	Triple Occupancy (2 beds)	Quad Occupancy (2 beds)	Family (5-6) Occupancy (3 beds)	Meal Plan Availability
Days Inn	St. Catharines	25	\$135	\$72	\$63	\$56	n/a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breakfast <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dinner
Emerald Crown Hotel	Niagara Falls	25	\$135	\$72	\$63	\$56	n/a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breakfast <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dinner
Comfort Inn	Fort Erie	25	\$135	\$72	\$63	\$56	n/a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breakfast <input type="checkbox"/> Dinner
Clarion Hotel	Fort Erie	25	\$162	\$86	\$72	\$63	n/a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breakfast <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dinner
Best Western	St. Catharines	30	\$162	\$86	\$72	\$63	\$59	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breakfast <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dinner
Radisson Hotel & Suites Fallsview	Niagara Falls	20	\$171	\$90	\$75	\$65	n/a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breakfast <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dinner
Ramada Hotel	Niagara Falls	20	\$171	\$90	\$75	\$65	n/a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breakfast <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dinner
Hilton Garden Inn	Niagara on the Lake	30	\$180	\$95	\$78	\$68	n/a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breakfast <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dinner
Best Western Rose Suites	Welland	5	\$189	\$99	n/a	n/a	n/a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breakfast <input type="checkbox"/> Dinner
Holiday Inn	St. Catharines	25	\$189	\$99	\$79	\$69	\$65	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breakfast <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dinner
Hilton Hotel & Suites Fallsview	Niagara Falls	20	n/a	\$114	\$79	\$69	n/a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breakfast <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dinner

(\*) Prices are given in USD per person per night. All prices are subject to applicable taxes.

**Teams are free to make their own accommodation and transport arrangements but the only method for booking the Official Accommodation is through the Organizing Committee**, which will assist in ensuring each Federation has personalized transportation. Accommodation requests will only be secured and fulfilled upon first deposit, on a first come, first served basis. The 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee will do its best to place participants at requested accommodations, based on availability. Provisional accommodation bookings must be submitted by January 30, 2015.

**Any questions on Official Accommodation can be directed to [stay@wdbrc2015.ca](mailto:stay@wdbrc2015.ca)**

## **MEAL PACKAGES**

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Meal packages are available for purchase through the Organizing Committee; breakfast and dinner options are available at official hotels and lunch at the venue.

**LUNCH:** Lunch packages are available for purchase at the venue for Training and Racing Days (Sun Aug 16 to Sun Aug 23). Lunches are a healthy choice, minimum 1500 calories, and will vary daily. Lunches will be delivered directly to your athlete village tent at a predetermined time.

Lunches will be USD \$12.00 per person per day and will contain:

- 2 sandwiches/wraps
- Vegetable salad/assorted raw vegetables
- Fruit
- Milk/juice
- Side (ie. Granola bar, nuts, or cheese and crackers pack)

Note: Lunches will be available for various dietary needs, upon request

**BREAKFAST AND DINNER:** Breakfast and dinner packages are also available at participating official hotels through the 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee. Information on breakfast and dinner options will be included in Information Bulletin No. 2; breakfast prices begin at USD \$10.00; dinner prices begin at USD \$20.00.

***Provisional meal orders must be submitted by January 30, 2015.***

Any questions can be directed to [stay@wdbrc2015.ca](mailto:stay@wdbrc2015.ca).

## **TRANSPORTATION**

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**AIRPORT TRANSFERS;** The 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee is offering arrival and departure transfers from/to Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ), Hamilton International Airport (YHM) and Buffalo International Airport (BNIA). Pricing will be included in Information Bulletin No. 2 and will be available in varying sizes, including singles, passenger vehicles, passenger vans, and coaches.

***Provisional airport transfers requests must be submitted by January 30, 2015.***

**LOCAL TRANSFERS:** The 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee is offering a shuttle service from the Official Accommodation locations to the venue for all participants and supporters. Teams will be able to purchase a shuttle pass to have access to the shuttle service that will regularly run between the Official Accommodation locations and the venue.

Teams have the option to book a dedicated bus transfer from their accommodations to the venue. Those crews who opt-in to the dedicated bus transfer from the Organizing Committee, will receive a bus or buses dedicated to their Team for a transfer from their accommodation to the venue. Team Managers will be required to inform the Organizing Committee a minimum 48 hours in advance as to what time they would like their transfer from their accommodation to the venue. Teams who opt-in for the dedicated bus transfer will receive the shuttle service complimentary.

Options will also be available for crews to purchase a dedicated bus transfer for return transport from the venue to their accommodations.

Pricing will be included in Information Bulletin No. 2.

***Provisional local transfers requests must be submitted by January 30, 2015.***

## **TOURISM EXCURSIONS**

The 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee is organizing various tourism excursions and packages for participants to purchase in advance, to explore and discover the Niagara Region, after and/or during competition. A variety of tours and activities, from 90 minutes to full day adventures will be made available for participants to book. Details of the excursions, prices, and booking information will be available in Information Bulletin No. 2.

## **OPENING & CLOSING CEREMONIES, CELEBRATION PARTY**

Details and booking process for Ceremonies and Celebration Party will be included in Info Bul 2.

## **DATES**

<b>Provisional Requests for Accommodation, Meals, and Transportation:</b>	January 30, 2015
<b>Proforma Booking for Accommodation, Meals, and Transportation:</b>	March 3, 2015
<b>50% Deposit on Proforma Accommodation, Meals, and Transportation:</b>	March 3, 2015
<b>Administration Fee Deposits of USD \$500.00 per Team (not Crew).</b>	May 3, 2015
<b>Balance Payment of Accommodation, Meals, and Transportation:</b>	July 3, 2015
<b>Balance of Admin Fees (less deposit) and payment of Registration Fees</b>	July 3, 2015

## **BOOKING INFORMATION**

Booking of hotels, transfers, meals and excursions will be available online at the end of January on [www.wdbrc2015.ca](http://www.wdbrc2015.ca). Information will also be included in Information Bulletin No. 2.

Until the booking system is available online, please send any preliminary requests to: [stay@wdbrc2015.ca](mailto:stay@wdbrc2015.ca); confirmation can only be provided with paid deposit. Teams can make a deposit early to secure choices.

## **PAYMENT DEADLINES**

Deposits and Admin Fees are to be paid by electronic transfer in US Dollars to the 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee.

Accommodation, meals, and transportation will be subject to applicable local taxes and applicable hospitality fees. Federations will receive a pro forma invoice for accommodations, meals, and transportation prior to payment dates and a final invoice for settlement with the July 3rd Remaining Balance Payment. Further details will be included in Information Bulletin No. 2.

## **CANCELLATION TERMS**

In the event of an accommodation, meals, and/or transportation cancellation, a charge will be made equivalent to any loss suffered by 2015 WDBRC.

**After May 1, 2015:** 30% of total costs

**After June 1, 2015:** 50% of total costs

**After July 3, 2015:** 100% of total costs

**Any questions can be directed to [stay@wdbrc2015.ca](mailto:stay@wdbrc2015.ca)**

## **BOATS, PADDLES and PFDs (Buoyancy Aids).**

IDBF Specification Dragon Boats (Standard and Small) will be provided for the Championships.

A limited number of IDBF Spec 202a paddles will be available for hire or purchase at cost price for those Teams that do not bring their own Spec 202a paddles. Teams requiring this service must advise the Org Com in advance of their requirements.

Under the IDBF Competition Regulations, participants are not required to wear Persona Flotation Devices (PFDs) when racing, unless the Chief Official so decides. This decision is solely at the discretion of the Chief Official and may be determined by the weather (e.g. Junior's, BPS required to wear PFDs).

PFDs will be available at the regatta site. Availability may be limited so if the desire to use a PFD is known in advance, please book in advance (through online registration).

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