14th IDBF World Dragon Boat Championships

INFORMATION BULLETIN NO.3

IDBF WORLD DRAGON BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS – 20th to 25th August 2019

This Information Bulletin No.3 provides further information about the 14th World Dragon Boat Racing Championships and reminds participating nations of important timelines that must be adhered to.

In addition to the championships the 14th WDBRC will also involve an IDBF Council Meeting and the IDBF Congress.

Racing will take place from August 20th – 25th inclusive, with the Opening Ceremony on Tuesday August 20th, 2019. Teams for the 14th WDBRC should plan to arrive between Friday August 16th and Monday August 19th.

Provisional Entries or intentions to compete in the 14th WDBRC, have been received from 28 IDBF Members, including: Australia; Canada; China; China Hong Kong; China Macau; China Taipei; Czech Republic; France; Germany; Great Britain; Hungary; India; Iran; Italy; Japan; South Korea; Malaysia; Myanmar; New Zealand; The Philippines; Puerto Rico; Russia; Singapore; Sweden; Switzerland; Thailand; Ukraine and the United States of America.

Additional entries are expected from Venezuela.

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(up-to-date entries are available online at https://idbfchamps.org/InformationTables.php?event_id=51)

Confirmed entries must be made by participating nations by May 3rd, 2019. Changes to confirmed entries require permission from the IDBF.

Any requests to change your entry must be made to chair-ctc@dragonboat.sport

PARADRAGONS

14th WDBRC will include Paradragon racing! Although the number of entries at the moment is small, nevertheless having Paradragon racing at all is a massive first step for our sport. And the way in which our Paradrags will compete is unique in the sporting world.

In order to promote this new race category, IDBF is willing to accept more entries than those made in accordance with the official published deadline. If a nation wishes to enter a team for the Paradragon category, but has not yet done so, there is one final chance! Time is tight. Entries must be received by IDBF by June 28th, 2019.

It has been decided to withdraw the standard boat category in the hope that more nations will enter the small boat races. As a reminder, PD-1 races are for crews where all paddlers are impaired in some way, while PD-2 races are for crews where approximately half the paddlers are impaired. As previously advised in Bulletin No.1, there will be no restriction on any paddler who competes in a Paradragon event; in other words the usual IDBF rules regarding a paddler competing in multiple categories do not apply for Paradragon events.

Should any nation have an interest in participating in a Paradragon event at 14th WDBRC but is uncertain about the way in which impairments will be ‘scored’ or how teams need to be entered, please contact Nigel Bedford directly in the first instance: he can be reached by email at chair-para@idbf.org and he is also willing to answer queries over the telephone (during normal UK working hours) on +44 771 264 5800

As part of the process for accrediting Paradrags, a Certificate of Diagnosis for each paddler will be required (copy attached to this Bulletin). This will need to be completed by the paddler and by his or her medical practitioner and returned to chair-para@idbf.org by email by June 30th 2019 at the latest. Note that:

- Certificates of Diagnosis are not required for any unimpaired paddler who is part of a PD-2 team; and
- This deadline is the same for all teams irrespective of whether the team was entered before the official published deadline, or the extended deadline allowed in this Bulletin.

These completed certificates will allow the Para Athletes Commission to develop preliminary ‘scores’ for each team well before the Championships start and allow dialogue with participating nations if it appears clear that the race rule requirements may not be met.
At the 14th WDBRC, and before racing actually starts, a few Paradragon paddlers from each team will be formally assessed by the Para Athletes Commission to confirm that the impairment(s) declared in the Certificates of Diagnosis are consistent with the athletes' presentation.

Special boat loading / unloading facilities will be provided to facilitate participation by Paradragon crews.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Please take careful note of the Entry Conditions which were noted in Bulletin 1 and further details on mixed crews is added below. Please note that all countries must be current paid members of IDBF. If you have not paid the membership fee will be invoiced with the named entries.

**MIXED CREW REQUIREMENTS**

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

Drummers and Helms can be of either gender.

**Small Boat Crews** – The crew must consist of a minimum of 4 and maximum of 5 of either gender.

Drummers and Helms can be of either gender.

**STANDARD and SMALL BOATS**

If a Country 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.

The following examples may help:

**Example 1**

Premier Mixed Standard Boat and Premier Mixed Small Boat – must have completely separate competitors

**Example 2**

Senior B Open Standard Boat and Senior B Open Small Boat – must be completely separate competitors

**FEES**

An Administrative fee and an IDBF registration fee are to be paid for all athletes, coaches and team officials.

The fees are shown in the payment timeline below.

IDBF Membership

Countries wishing to participate in the Championship must have fully paid their IDBF Membership fees. The current rate is USD 250.
# ENTRY AND PAYMENT TIMELINES

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  50% Deposit on Accommodation, Transportation and Meals | May 3rd, 2019 |
| Confirmed Numerative Entries and Administration Deposits of USD 500 per Team  
  *Only in exceptional circumstances will the Admin Deposit be refunded, such as a visa refusal.* | May 3, 2019 |
| Exceptional extended deadline for Paradragon race category | June 28th, 2019 |
| Certificates of Diagnosis of Paradragon paddlers received by chair-para@idbf.org | June 30th, 2019 |
| Final Name Entries  
  Balance of Admin Fees  
  - Named Entry form – against which all Regatta Fees (Administration and Registration) will be finalized and charged  
  - Administration fee – USD 45 for adults, USD 30 for Juniors and U24  
  - Supporters Fee – USD 20 per person | July 5th, 2019 |

Administration Fee should be transferred to the bank account below:

**2019 WDBRC ORGANIZING COMMITTEE BANK ACCOUNT**

**RCAT Bank:** Krungthai Bank, Thailand  
**Bank Address:** Sports Authority of Thailand Branch, 286 Ramkhamhaeng Rd, Huamark,  
Bangkapi, Bangkok Thailand 10240  
**Beneficiary Name:** The Rowing & Canoeing Association of Thailand  
**Account Number:** 989-8-52035-3  
**SWIFT or BIC:** KRTHTHBK  
E-Slip or any kinds of money transferring evidence should be sent to info@wdbrc2019.org.
### IDBF Registration Fee

Full Members USD 40 per person and USD 20 for Junior and U24 participants.

The IDBF will provide an invoice for this payment, which will contain the bank details.

- Entries close 5\textsuperscript{th} July
- Invoices sent on 8\textsuperscript{th} and 9\textsuperscript{th} July
- Payment due 16\textsuperscript{th} July

IDBF Registration Fees paid after July 16\textsuperscript{th} 2019 may be subject to a surcharge of USD 5.

IDBF will not be refunding registration fees for registered attendees who cancel after the payment of the invoice.

It is the responsibility of the participating member to ensure the full amount showing on the IDBF invoice is received by IDBF. Any bank fees remain the responsibility of the participating member.

The IDBF invoices will be emailed out from July 8\textsuperscript{th} and 9\textsuperscript{th}.

The registration fee is the only money payable to the IDBF.

All other fees are payable to the Organizing Committee.

### OUTLINE PROGRAMME

This program is to assist teams with their planning but is currently provisional and could change.

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| Tuesday August 20th | Crew Training Standard and Small Boat – Reserve Racing Day  
|                   | Race Officials (10:00 – 12:00) at Bangsaray Room at Ambassador Jomtien Pattaya  
|                   | and Team Leaders Technical Meetings (13:00-15:00) in the Bangsaray Room at Ambassador Jomtien Pattaya  
|                   | IDBF Grade 1 Race Officials Examinations (venue TBC)  
|                   | Opening Ceremony at RCTC (17:30)                                                                |
| Wednesday August 21st | Racing Day 1 – 2000m All Competition Classes  
|                   | IRO’s Grade 2 and Grade 3 Training (19:30-21:30) in the Bangsaray Room at Ambassador Jomtien Pattaya  |
| Thursday August 22nd | Racing Day 2 – 1000m All Competition Classes  
|                   | (note: 1000m is only for Standard Boats)                                                       |
|                   | IDBF Commission Meetings (19:30-21:30) in the Bangsaray Room at Ambassador Jomtien Pattaya |
| Friday August 23rd  | Racing Day 3 – 500m All Mixed Competition Classes  
|                   | IDBF Member Governance Forum/Presentations (19:30-21:30) in the Bangsaray Room at Ambassador Jomtien Pattaya |
| Saturday August 24th | Racing Day 4 – 200m All Competition Classes                                                     |
| Sunday August 25th  | Racing Day 5 – 500m All Open and Women’s Competition Classes  
|                   | Closing Ceremony & Celebration at the (Convention Hall) at Ambassador Jomtien Pattaya  
| Monday August 26th  | IDBF Members Congress (09:00-15:00) in the Chantburi Room at the Ambassador Jomtien Pattaya |

**ANTI DOPING**

IDBF is a signatory to The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). IDBF is committed to ensuring that its athletes comply with WADA requirements and WADA-run testing will be conducted at 14th WDBRC.

Athletes who take substances or use methods prohibited by WADA are liable for expulsion from IDBF events and their teams may face disqualification. However, IDBF (and WADA) understand that sometimes there are overriding medical reasons for use of prohibited substances or methods and their use can be permitted on acceptance by IDBF of a Therapeutic Use Exception Application Form (TUE).

The list of substances and methods prohibited by WADA can be found at:

[https://www.wada-ama.org/en/content/what-is-prohibited](https://www.wada-ama.org/en/content/what-is-prohibited)

The TUE is available for download from the IDBF registration site, and note the following points when preparing:

**Only** those prescribed medications that are on the prohibited list require a TUE

All medical evidence (diagnosis, medical history, test results etc) as stated on the TUE form point 6, **must** be submitted with the TUE in order for it to be processed.

All submissions of TUE to be in PDF document format.
TUEs must be submitted to Bridget Walter, vice-chair-medical@dragonboat.sport, at least 30 days prior to the commencement of the Championship.

The final date for submission is Friday 20th July.

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**DECLARATIONS, CONSENTS & WAIVERS**

The following Declarations are required, further detail on Declaration 2 will be in Bulletin 4:

Declaration 1 – Competitors & Team Leaders Medical & Financial Declaration

Declaration 2 – Competitors Anti-Doping Declaration

Declaration 3 – Competitors Declarations of Commitment to Dragon Boat Sport

Declaration 4 – Team Officials Declarations of Commitment to Dragon Boat Sport

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**COMPETITOR’S RIGHTS**

- Be notified of selection for doping control
- Be informed of the consequences of refusing to provide a sample
- Have the doping control procedures explained
- Be provided with a selection of sealed equipment from which to choose
- Be observed when providing sample by someone of the same gender
- Receive copies of all signed documentation

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**COMPETITOR’S RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Know the IDBF and your IDBF’s Member anti-doping regulations
- Carry photo ID to present to the Doping Control Office (DCO)
- Inform your doctor or pharmacist that you are a competitor who may be subject to doping control
- Consult your IDBF Member in advance if you are medically required to take any medication on the prohibited list – before being permitted to take such substances, you will need to apply for medical exemption and therapeutic use exemption (TUE)
- Keep a list of all medications, vitamins or supplements you are taking and declare them on the doping control form
- Be careful with unlicensed products such as nutritional supplements or herbal products as they may contain prohibited substances
- From notification through to completion of sample collection, stay in full view of the DCO or chaperone, whether at a Competition, Training Venue or your home
- Re-hydrate with sealed non-alcoholic, caffeine-free beverage before the test
- Be prepared to begin sample collection procedures as soon as possible after notification

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**DRAGON BOATS**

All dragon boats to be used in the Championship will be supplied by Pei Sheng/BuK.
VISAS

All visitors to Pattaya, Thailand require a visa except citizens of countries where an exemption has been granted. Visa details were provided in Bulletin 2.

The Organising Committee have arranged a special fast track for all team members arriving at the airports; they have negotiated a specific lane in immigration for all competitors/supporters attending the Championships All countries must provide Organising Committee with FULL NAME and PASSPORT number to assist with the process. Please tick HOLIDAY on immigration arrival card rather than SPORTING EVENT.

ACCOMMODATION

Full details and information about Hotels for 14th WDBRC was provided in Bulletin 2. Please note that teams who book their own hotels will also need to make all their own transport arrangements.

MEAL PACKAGES

Information about meal packages were provided in Bulletin 2. Breakfast will be provided at participating Official Hotels through the 2019 WDBRC Organizing Committee, and lunch will be prepared to purchase at the venue by the Organizing Committee.

For any teams which choose to have your own lunch (not with the OC), there are various kinds of food vendors, such as burgers, noodles, fast food, fried chicken, etc. Also, beverage is provided at the food vendor. Anyway, the Organizing Committee suggests all teams reserve for lunch service from the Organizing Committee, due to food quality and comfort.

Please let the OC notified in advance if there are any Muslims or any food restrictions for any religious and/or medical reasons.

TRANSPORTATION

The 2019 WDBRC Organizing Committee will provide coaches for teams that reserved their accommodation with the OC for free to the venue and the Accommodations. The number of coaches will be determined according to the number of participants in the country. Teams can arrange their own commutation schedule.

There are 3 airports where the coaches will pick you up on your arrival and take you to on your departure; Suvarnabhumi Airport, Don Muang Airport, and U-Tabao Airport. The coaches will pick you up at the airport and take you to the hotel. The service will be provided both on training days and competition days. On your departure, coaches will pick you up at your hotel and take you to the airport.

Please note that this Local Transfer Service will be provided ONLY to teams which book their accommodations in the official hotels with the OC. (Buses are designated per country NOT shuttle bus style as previous).

Any teams who have chosen not to use the Official accommodation arranged by the Organising Committee are responsible for organising own transport to/from airport and to/from regatta course and to/from opening ceremony and closing party each day. IDBF and Organizing Committee are not responsible for any delays which may occur using non-official transportation.

If you need assistance with any of your arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact the 2019 WDBRC Organizing Committee.

Should any teams wish to take the coaches for your own purposes, teams will be responsible for additional cost.
OPENING CEREMONY AND CLOSING PARTY CELEBRATIONS

The opening ceremony will be held at 19:00 on Tuesday 20th August 2019.

Celebrating exciting competition, new friendships, and a shared passion of dragon boat, the Closing Celebration will take place at 18:30 on August 25th, 2019 in the (Convention Hall) Ambassador Jomtien Pattaya.

Exciting traditional and international performances (such as, Muay Thai Fighting Show, Thai Drama performances, etc.), music, dancing, food, and beverages are just some of the many features of the Closing Celebration.

Tickets will be available for purchase through 2019 WDBRC Organizing Committee. Pre-booked tickets will cost USD $16.00 per person, which includes entry to the event, food and beverages, and music entertainment. Pre-booked tickets must be paid for by July, 5th 2019. Tickets booked after July, 5th 2019 or at the Venue, will cost USD $20.00 per person.

Reservation request and E-slip or any kind of payment should be sent to info@wdbrc2019.org

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TRAINING SESSIONS

Crew Official Training Sessions bookings are to be completed electronically on the online registration site: https://idbfchamps.org/idbf/TRAININGS interface.

The online registration system will open by booking training sessions from Saturday July 20th at 12:00 noon UTC (to verify the current UTC time use https://time.is/UTC).

Official Training sessions in both standard and small boats are available from Saturday August 17th to Tuesday August 20th.

The time length of one session is one hour, however, the real practice time is shorter because the boat must be available for another crew every next hour.

There are six sessions every day, starting at 09:00, 10:00, 11:00 and 13:00, 14:00, 15:00.

The training schedule of each country shall be based on the time posted in the embarkation area.

The schedule is available publicly at https://idbfchamps.org/TrainingsBookingShow.php?event_id=51

Be aware that this address only displays the data and that the booking is to be made in the Event Registration system.

Should the 2019 WDBRC Organizing Committee, in consultation with the IDBF C&TC, deem it necessary and conditions allow, additional practices may be added.

Further detail on booking the trainings, in particular restrictions on the number of training sessions per crew, will be in Bulletin 4.

There is a video (made a few years ago) presenting the booking process. It’s available at https://idbfchamps.org/help/videos/idbf-booking-trainings-1100.htm (Adobe Flash is required)

PRE-TRAINING SESSIONS

The 2019 WDBRC Organizing Committee will not accept training before the times stated above.
NATIONAL FLAGS

National Flags for medal ceremonies and Opening Ceremony (for flag bearers) will be provided by the Organising Committee. Countries are encouraged to bring additional national flags which can be displayed in team tents.

ANTHEMS

Please check your National Anthem at https://idbfchamps.org/anthems.php?event_id=51 (Anthems interface). If you require a change or need to add your anthem, please upload an MP3 file or MP4 audio file in the National Federation system or in the Event Registration system opened for the current Championships, that is https://idbfchamps.org/idbf

To ensure the anthem is correct it is expected to be approved in the last two weeks before the Championships by the Team Manager or a person representing the National Federation concerned. It can be done either in the public Anthems interface or in the Event Registration system - ENTRY FORM interface.

Should you have any questions please contact Sławek Borucki at s.borucki@borsoft.pl or Kirsty Hartley at kmhartley@tiscali.co.uk

IDBF GRADE 1 RACE OFFICIALS EXAM

Please inform Melanie Cantwell the Chair of the C&TC at chair-ctc@dragonboat.sport if anyone from your country whose is attending the 13th WDBRC wishes to take the IDBF Race Officials grade 1 examinations. Arrangements will then be completed.

SITE INFORMATION

SPECTATORS

The accreditation issued by the organizing committee (athlete’s ID, official accreditation, etc.) provides access to the designated viewing area for free. There is no fixed seating requirement. First come first served. Supporters can apply for viewing card by the National Association and the submitted deadline is July 5th, 2019.

STREET MARKET

For participants who stay in Ambassador Hotel, there is a local market which is open during the day and night. The market is just opposite to the hotel. Furthermore, there are various supermarkets, such as Tesco Lotus, Max Value, etc., just 20-minute drive from the hotel.

For participants who stay in Banchang Palace Hotel and Play Hotel, there is a street market in Banchang district, just 5-10 drive from the hotel. Other than a street market, there is Tesco Lotus located in Banchang as well.

REGISTRATION HEADQUARTERS

The Registration Office will the Laemchabang Room at the Ambassador Jomtien Pattaya. Per program on page 5 of this bulletin.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Full technical information will be published in Information Bulletin No. 4 – the Championship Technical Bulletin, but the following points are highlighted.
CREW LISTS

All Crew Lists showing the competitors and reserves who will be racing in a particular Competition Class should be submitted by the Team Leader or Crew Manager to Race Secretariat (Race Administration) preferably at the Team Leaders meeting.

It is preferable for all Crew Lists to be submitted to the Race Secretariat (Race Administration) by the end of each day racing for the following days racing. This will allow the Race Officials to process the Crew Lists in sufficient time for the following day. With discretion Crew Lists will be accepted up to 1 hour prior to first race of the day.

Once racing commences, requests for changes to Crew Lists will only be accepted relating to a medical condition. Hence why reserves should be nominated on the Crew Lists to avoid the need for changes. Competitors do not need to be nominated as Reserves as long as their name appears as one of the 26 or 14 named competitors.

It is recommended to generate Crew Lists from the IDBF online database as it will improve clarity, and pin numbers and bar codes are automatically provided. This facility is available after Team named lists have been entered online at https://idbfchamps.org/idbf

The 2019 WDBRC Organizing Committee will have a printer and laptop/computer available at the Venue for those Teams wishing to print their crew lists from the IDBF online database.

Please be aware that the registration system for preparing crew lists does not include the rules of the crew composition. It is the responsibility of the team manager to ensure that each crew complies with the relevant rules.

Fit to Race: You are reminded that when signing the Crew List, the person signing is confirming with the Chief Official that all the competitors shown on the list are Fit to Race. This statement covers not just the physical ability of the competitors to undertake the race concerned but it also means that the signatory is confirming that there are no known medical reasons why those listed should not compete during the whole period of Championships.

DOUBLE ROSTERING (Competitors in more than one racing Class)

Team Managers are advised that no allowance will be made in the Race Programme for any competitors who are double rostered. Crews with double rostered competitors (and this includes drummer and helms) are advised that in the event of ‘back to back’ racing arising that the Race Officials will not delay races to make any extra time allowances.

BOAT POOL

All Teams are advised that only those dragon boats provided by the 2019 WDBRC Organizing Committee will be permitted to race in the Championships. For this World Championships, 20 standard and 20 small Dragon Boats built to the IDBF International Standard Racing Dragon Boat Specifications (ISRDB).

BOAT ALLOCATION

Crews will be allocated to boats in accordance will the Lane Draws shown in the IDBF Tail Race Plans. Crews will NOT be allowed to pre-select a boat for any race or to race in a boat not provided by the 2019 WDBRC Organizing Committee.
Racing Vest NUMBERS (race number bibs)

Teams should provide their own sets of Racing Vest Numbers or race number bibs (01-26). The 2019 WDBRC Organizing Committee can, if requested, provide vest numbers for purchase by pre-ordering. Team Managers will be able to collect their pre-ordered Racing Numbers when they register at the Accreditation Office of the 2017 WDBRC Organizing Committee. Pre-ordered Racing Numbers must be submitted before August 18th, 2019.

To pre-order Racing Vest Numbers (race number bibs), submit the booking form to: info@wdbrc2019.org

COMPETITORS PADDLES

Only IDBF Licensed Paddles showing the Spec 202a Manufacturers Mark will be permitted at the 2019 World Dragon Boat Racing Championships. Competitors not in procession of a Spec 202a paddle will be required to either rent one from another competitor or purchase one before racing. Please ensure that all paddles clearly display the IDBF License Number on them. Competition Paddles are available for rental from the 2019 WDBRC Organizing Committee. Please fill out attached form and submit to info@wdbrc2019.org

To pre-order a competition paddle to rent, submit the booking form to info@wdbrc2019.org, no later than August 15th, 2019.

SEAT PADS

IDBF Competition Reg 13.1 Seat Pads. Dragon Boat Seat Pads (cushions) shall be made of a soft material, such as neoprene, of a maximum thickness of 15mm that will compress easily when squeezed between finger and thumb. The width of the seat pad shall approximate to the width of a paddling seat in the IDBF Standard International Racing Boat (12.5 cm) and the length should ideally, not exceed 33 cm. Seat pads should be rectangular, we will not be measuring seat pads to the exact cm, but obviously the round seat pads (IKEA type, for example) will not be accepted, unless they are ‘cut to size’.

SAFETY ISSUES

Teams must be trained and understand the recommended procedures in the event of a capsize. Full details of the IDBF recommendations can be found at www.idbf.org/documents_safety.php. It is essential that all Teams are familiar with the “Buddy System” and that if a capsize should occur, the paddlers are required to stay with the dragon boat and wait for the instructions from the safety boat crew. No one should swim to the shore.

PHOTO FINISH

A fixed photo finish camera (Finish Lynx) will be used at the Finish to record all boats crossing the Finish line.

STARTS

200m, 500m, and 1000m racing distances will be held with an automatic start system; boats will be held on the Start Line by purpose built mechanical boat holders linked to the starting system, similar to the system used in World Rowing and Canoeing Championships and the Olympics.

2000m racing distance will consist of a running start.
## CONTACTS

**Championship Website**

http://www.wdbrc2019.org/

**Organizing Committee Contacts**

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Closing Celebration Ticket Ordering Form

Celebrating fierce competition, new friendships, and a shared passion of dragon boat, the Closing Celebration will take place on the evening of August 25th, 2019. It will be an event you will not soon forget – a night of music and dancing under the stars with the waterway lit with fire pods as the backdrop. Food trucks, drinks, and a photo booth are some of the many features of the Closing Ceremony.

Tickets will be available for purchase through the 2019 WDBRC Organizing Committee. Pre-booked tickets will cost USD $10.00 per person, which includes entry to the event, transportation from all Official Accommodations, and music entertainment. Pre-booked tickets must be paid by August 18th, 2019. Tickets booked after August 18th, 2019 or at the Venue, will cost USD $20.00.

Team:

Contact Person:

Email Address:

Phone Number:
Paddle, Racing Numbers, and PFDs Request Form

Team:
Program Class:
Contact Person:
Role:
Email Address:
Phone Number:

Paddles
Charge according to actual conditions

Racing Numbers
Charge according to actual conditions

Personal Floatation Devices (PFDs)
Charge according to actual conditions.

A confirmation notices and invoice for the rental of any Paddle, Racing Numbers and/or PFDs will be sent upon the processing of your request. Payment for the equipment must be paid in full prior to receiving the items.

Send completed forms to info@wdbrc2019.org by no later than August 17th, 2019.
Invitation Letter Request Form for VISA applications only

All visitors to Thailand require a visa except citizens of countries where an exemption has been granted.

An Official Letter of Invitation will be sent via email to each National Federation. Do not delay in beginning your visa process. Official Letter of Invitation request can be made to the 2019 WDBRC Organizing Committee at info@wdbrc2019.org. Once a request is made, a member of the 2019 WDBRC Organizing Committee will forward a spreadsheet to be completed (see the attachment). One invitation letter will be provided for the entire Team. (Every country applying for the invitation will have to submit a copy of the President’s signature or a national association seal and a WORD version of the attached form.

If there are any further questions or concerns, please contact: info@wdbrc2019.org.

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Airport Pickup and Dropoff Service

Official Team Name: ____________________________________________________________

Team manager’s Name: _________________________________________________________

Email: _______________________________________________________________________

What’s app or WeChat app number: _____________________________________________

Arrival Date (DD/MM/YYYY): ____________________________________________________

Arrival flight number: ________________________________ (XX to Pattaya-Rayong)

Number of people: _______________________

Departure Date (DD/MM/YYYY): ________________________________________________

Departure flight number: ________________________________ (Pattaya-Rayong to XX)

Number of people: _______________________

Accommodation Name: _________________________________________________________

Accommodation Address: _______________________________________________________________________

Send completed forms to info@wdbrc2019.org by no later than August 9th, 2019.