



# PROTOCOL FOR THE SELECTION OF CANADA'S NATIONAL TEAM FOR WORLD DRAGON BOAT RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS

## 1. Definitions

- 1.1. *IDBF* means International Dragon Boat Federation
- 1.2. *DBC* means Dragon Boat Canada
- 1.3. *WDBRC* means IDBF World Dragon Boat Racing Championships
- 1.4. *Competition Class* means a competition class included in a WDBRC. A competition class is any combination of a racing class and distance. For example, "Junior A Women's 1000 metres" is a competition class
- 1.5. *Crew* means the paddlers, drummer(s) and helm(s) of a single dragon boat team
- 1.6. *National Crew* means a dragon boat crew representing Canada at a WDBRC for a particular Racing Class. There may be one National Crew for each Racing Class. A National Crew is expected to race all distances within a Racing Class. Each member of a National Crew, its coach, and its Director, must be Associate Members of DBC and membership status must be maintained to the date of the WDBRC.
- 1.7. *National Crew Director* means an individual who is the head of a program established to select, coach and train a National Crew. Other individuals besides the National Crew Director may be involved in a program. For example, a program can have a Director, coach and manager. A National Crew Director and coach may be the same person
- 1.8. *Racing Class* means a racing class included in a WDBRC. A WDBRC is likely to have the following racing classes: Premier Open, Premier Women, Premier Mixed, Junior Open, Junior Women, Junior Mixed, Senior Open, Senior Women, and Senior Mixed. The IDBF, at its discretion, can introduce other racing classes at an event.
- 1.9. *National Team* means all of Canada's National Crews combined.
- 1.10. *HPC* means High Performance Committee

## 2. IDBF By-laws and Regulations

This section summarizes information contained in the IDBF by-laws and regulations concerning IDBF World Dragon Boat Racing Championships. Refer directly to IDBF documentation for complete regulations.

- 2.1. A WDBRC should take place every second year
- 2.2. Participation in a WDBRC is restricted to dragon boat crews selected by IDBF members to represent their country. The crews of a country make up that country's team.

2.3. A WDBRC may have the following official racing classes:

**Premier Open**

No restrictions

**Premier Women**

Must be an all female crew

**Premier Mixed**

There must be at least 8 paddlers of each gender

**Junior A Open**

All paddlers must be 17 or younger on January 1

**Junior A Women**

An all female crew. All paddlers must be 17 or younger on January 1

**Junior A Mixed**

There must be at least 8 paddlers of each gender. All paddlers must be 17 or younger on January 1

**Junior B Open**

All paddlers must be 15 or younger on January 1

**Junior B Women**

An all female crew. All paddlers must be 15 or younger on January 1

**Junior B Mixed**

There must be at least 8 paddlers of each gender. All paddlers must be 15 or younger on January 1

**18-23 Open**

All racers must be at least 18 years of age and aged 23 or under on June 1.

**18-23 Women**

An all female crew. All racers must be at least 18 years of age and aged 23 or under on June 1.

**18-23 Mixed**

There must be at least 8 paddlers of each gender. All racers must be at least 18 years of age and aged 23 or under on June 1.

**Senior A Open**

Steersperson and all paddlers must be aged 40 or older on June 1

**Senior A Women**

An all female crew. Steersperson and all paddlers must be aged 40 or older on June 1

**Senior A Mixed**

There must be at least 8 paddlers of each gender. Steersperson and all paddlers must be aged 40 or older on June 1

**Senior B Open (Grand Dragon)**

Steersperson and all paddlers must be aged 50 or older on June 1

**Senior B Women (Grand Dragon)**

An all female crew. Steersperson and all paddlers must be aged 50 or older on June 1

**Senior B Mixed (Grand Dragon)**

There must be at least 8 paddlers of each gender. Steersperson and all paddlers must be aged 50 or older on June 1

**Senior C Open (Great Grand Dragon)**

Steersperson and all paddlers must be aged 60 or older on June 1

**Senior C Women (Great Grand Dragon)**

An all female crew. Steersperson and all paddlers must be aged 60 or older on June 1

**Senior C Mixed (Great Grand Dragon)**

There must be at least 8 paddlers of each gender. Steersperson and all paddlers must be aged 60 or older on June 1

Racing classes may be added or removed at the discretion of the IDBF.

- 2.4. Races for each racing class can be held over a variety of different race distances. The official distances recognized by the IDBF are 200m or 250m, 500m, 1000m and 2000m. Each combination of racing class and racing distance is a competition class.
- 2.5. In order for a winner of a competition class to be given official championship status, there must be crews representing at least 6 different IDBF members in the race.
- 2.6. One crew per nation is allowed to compete in each competition class
- 2.7. For more information, see the IDBF Competition Regulations available at [www.idbf.org](http://www.idbf.org)

**3. Applications from National Crew Director**

DBC shall invite applications for National Crew Directors. Appointed National Crew Directors are awarded the right to select, coach, and train a National Crew or Crews. Applications must be submitted by a due date to be determined by DBC. DBC may publicize the name and contact information of each National Crew Director.

**4. Application Requirements**

A National Crew Director must meet the following application requirements:

- 4.1. The National Crew Director must be an Associate Member in good standing with DBC;
- 4.2. The National Crew Director must agree to abide by the policies, rules, regulations and codes of conduct issued by DBC;
- 4.3. The National Crew Director must pay an application fee, if any, determined by DBC;
- 4.4. The National Crew Director must acknowledge and agree that, if given the right to select a National Crew, his or her selection must be approved by DBC. DBC may refuse to grant approval (or revoke an approval) if it determines that the National Crew Director has not complied with this Protocol or the policies, rules, regulations, principles, or codes of conduct issued by DBC.

**5. National Crew Director Selection**

All applications will be reviewed by the HPC. The HPC will rank applicants and submit National Crew Director assignment recommendations to the Board of Directors for approval. DBC reserves the right to reject any or all applications received. DBC may include any appropriate criteria as determined by the association in the evaluation process.

## **6. Final Selection of a National Crew**

The National Crew Director who is awarded the right to select a National Crew has the right to select the final National Crew roster for the WDBRC, subject to approval by DBC. Crew Directors will use accepted standards and tools for crew selection and may not limit athlete crew eligibility based on geography or additional age/gender class selection.

## **7. Revocation of Rights**

- 7.1. DBC may refuse to confer rights to a National Director, or revoke rights, if:
  - 7.1.1. DBC affiliation status is not maintained as required by the Protocol;
  - 7.1.2. The National Crew Director, or a member of the National Crew, fails to comply with the policies, rules, regulations, principles or codes of conduct issued by DBC;
  - 7.1.3. The National Crew Director fails to comply with the registration requirements and rules for the WDBRC;
  - 7.1.4. The National Crew Director fails to satisfy DBC that he or she has secured the necessary funds or sponsorship for transportation of the National Crew to the WDBRC;
  - 7.1.5. The National Crew Director fails to satisfy DBC that he or she has secured appropriate athletes for the National Crew
- 7.2. If a National Crew Director's rights are revoked, the right to select, coach and train a National Crew may, at the discretion of DBC, be awarded to another National Crew Director.

## **8. Team Uniforms**

National Crew Directors shall cooperate and coordinate with DBC and the other National Crews in the selection of the National Team uniform and acquisition of uniforms.

## **9. National Crew Director Responsibilities**

National Crew Directors are entrusted with the responsibility to select and train the most successful crew possible.

## **10. Accessibility**

Regional representation is not inherent or required in the Final National Crews. National Crew Directors have an obligation to consider potential athletes from across the country (see Canadian National Dragon Boat Team Guidelines). National Crew Directors are required to provide DBC with complete selection standards and processes for publication. Nation-wide access to the selection process is inherent.

## **11. Accountability**

National Crew Directors are required to submit a signed National Crew Director Agreement and Code of Conduct. All National Team Members are required to agree to the National Team Code of Conduct.