



**DRAGON BOAT CANADA**  
**BATEAU-DRAGON CANADA**

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

## **1. Definitions:**

- 1.1. *WDBRC* means an IDBF World Dragon Boat Racing Championships
- 1.2. *DBC* means Dragon Boat Canada
- 1.3. *Competition Class* means a competition class included in a WDBRC. A competition class is any combination of a racing class and race distance. For example, "Junior Women's 1000 metres" is a competition class.
- 1.4. *Crew* means the paddlers and steersperson of a dragon boat team.
- 1.5. *IDBF* means the International Dragon Boat Federation.
- 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 Program 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.

## **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:

- 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**  
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**

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**

Must be an all female crew, all paddlers must be 15 or younger on January 1

**Junior B Mixed**

Must be at least 8 paddlers of each gender, all paddlers must be 15 or younger on January 1

**18-23 Open**

All paddlers must be at least 18 years of age and under the age of 23 on January 1

**18-23 Women**

Must be an all female crew, all paddlers must be at least 18 years of age and under the age of 23 on January 1

**18-23 Mixed**

Must be at least 8 paddlers of each gender, all paddlers must be at least 18 years of age and under the age of 23 on January 1

**Senior A Open**

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

**Senior A Women**

Must be an all female crew, steersperson and all paddlers must be 40 or older on June 1

**Senior A Mixed**

Must be at least 8 paddlers of each gender, steersperson and all paddlers must be 40 or older on June 1

**Senior B Open (Grand Dragon)**

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

**Senior B Women (Grand Dragon)**

Must be an all female crew, steersperson and all paddlers must be 50 or older on June 1

**Senior B Mixed (Grand Dragon)**

Must be at least 8 paddlers of each gender, steersperson and all paddlers must be 50 or older on June 1

Additional other racing classes may be introduced 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 and 1000m. 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 premier competition class.
- 2.7. For more information, see the IDBF Competition Regulations available at their Web site [www.idbf.org](http://www.idbf.org).
3. **Applications from National Crew Directors.** DBC shall invite applications from National Crew Directors who want to receive the right to select, coach and train a National Crew. 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:
- 1.1 The National Crew Director must be an affiliate in good standing with DBC;
  - 1.2 The National Crew Director must agree to abide by the polices, rules, regulations, and codes of conduct issued by DBC;
  - 1.3 The National Crew Director must pay an application fee, if any, determined by DBC;
  - 1.4 The National Crew Director must acknowledge and agree that if it is 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 or codes of conduct issued by DBC.
2. **One Application Received.** If DBC receives only one application by the due date for a particular Racing Class, the National Crew Director who submitted the application shall automatically receive the right to select, coach and train the National Crew for that Racing Class.
3. **More than one Application Received.** If more than one application is received by the due date for a particular Racing Class, then DBC will arrange a National Trial to be held among Crews selected by the contending National Crew Directors. The national trial for a Racing Class shall be held at a time and place to be determined by DBC, and in accordance with DBC Bulletins and Rules of Racing. Each member of a Crew participating in a national trial must be an Associate Member of DBC.
- 3.1 The National Trials will consist of distances of 200m, and 500m and in the case of a tie 2000m
  - 3.2 National Trial points will be awarded on the following basis
    - 3.2.1 4 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place
    - 3.2.2 2 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place
    - 3.2.3 1 point for 3<sup>rd</sup> place
  - 3.3 If there is a tie among Crews in a Racing Class after completion of the 200m and 500m races a 2000m race between the tied crews will be held. A draw for start positions will be conducted and the winner of the draw is granted a choice of start position. Start times for the 2000m tie-breaker will be staggered by 2 minute intervals. At the completion of the 2000m tie-breaker the Crew Director of the 1<sup>st</sup> place Crew in overall points will receive the right to select coach and train the National Crew for that Racing Class.

**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. The roster of the National Crew may include individuals who were not on the Program Director's Crew that participated in the national trial as per the 2010-2011 Canadian National Dragon Boat Team Guidelines and Requirements for National Crew Directors.

#### 4. Revocation of Rights

4.1 DBC may refuse to confer rights to a National Crew Director, or revoke rights, if:

4.1.1 DBC affiliation status is not maintained as required by this Protocol;

4.1.2 the National Crew Director or a member of the National Crew fails to comply with the policies, rules, regulations, or codes of conduct issued by DBC;

4.1.3 the National Crew Director fails to comply with the registration requirements and rules for the WDBRC;

4.1.4 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.

4.2 If a National Crew Director's rights are revoked, the right to select, coach and train a National Crew may be given to another National Crew Director.

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

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

11 **Accessibility.** Regional representation is not inherent or required in the development of National Crews. National Crew Directors have an obligation to consider potential athletes from across the country (see CNDBT Guidelines)

12 **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.