



# 11th EDBF EUROPEAN NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIPS

**WATER SPORT CENTRE RAČICE - CZECH REPUBLIC**  
**24th – 27th July 2014**



## **INFORMATION BULLETIN No. 1**

**To: ALL EDBF MEMBERS and non-member Dragon Boat Organizations in Europe.**

Czech Dragon Boat Association (CZDBA) and the Organizing Committee in conjunction with the European Dragon Boat Federation (EDBF) warmly invite all National Dragon Boat Teams from European Countries to participate in the 11<sup>th</sup> EDBF European Nations Dragon Boat Championships – Račice/Prague 2014, for the distances 200m, 500m and 2000m.

### **DATE:**

The 11<sup>th</sup> EDBF ENC will be held **from 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> July 2014** at the Račice National Olympic Water Sport Centre. Competing crews are advised to arrive in Prague - Račice no later than Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2014. Crews arriving earlier will be catered for.

### **LOCATION:**

The 11<sup>th</sup> EDBF ENC will be held at the Račice National Olympic Water Sport Centre – the location of the 2009 IDBF World Championship. The regatta course and whole complex has been recently renovated and is like brand new! It is situated in the north of Prague and it takes about 30 minutes by car on the new highway. A shuttle service between the accommodations and the regatta venue will be organized. Accommodation will be available both in Prague and Račice location.

### **OPENING PARTY & CEREMONY:**

The opening ceremony will take place at the race venue before the start of the races. There will be a VIP reception for city and sport representatives and an opening party for all participants the day before, on the evening of Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

### **ENTRY CONDITIONS:**

Each country may enter one crew per nation, per competition class shown below. **Teams from countries where there is not an EDBF Member may compete subject to the agreement of the EDBF Executive Board.**

### **COMPETITION FORMAT:**

The championship will be conducted according to the IDBF Competition Regulations and IDBF Rules of Racing by IDBF International Race Officials and Czech National Officials, under the direction of an IDBF Chief Officials and with a Jury nominated by the EDBF Executive committee.

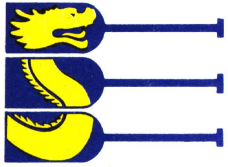
### **REGATTA COURSE:**

The regatta course and technical facilities will be to IDBF standards for continental championships. The number of lanes will be up to six for 200 and 500 m, with a minimum width of 12m.

Photo finish and computerized results processing will be provided at the finish tower on site. There is a huge grandstand for spectators and guests incl. parking place available. VIP guests of the OrgCom and EDBF will be able to enjoy the races from the VIP area with a view over the whole regatta course.

### **BOATS AND EQUIPMENT:**

IDBF licensed boats will be provided by the Championship organizers. Competing crews are expected to bring their own paddles that confirm to the IDBF Paddle Specification 202a.



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## **CLASSES AND DISTANCES:**

Races will be held for the following Racing Classes

<b>Class</b>	<b>Premier</b>	<b>Seniors A (1) 40+</b>	<b>Seniors B (1) 50+</b>	<b>Seniors C (1) 60+</b>	<b>Juniors (2)</b>
<b>Open</b>	200m, 500m 2000m	200m, 500m 2000m	200m, 500m 2000m	200m, 500m 2000m	200m, 500m 2000m
<b>Women</b>	200m, 500m 2000m	200m, 500m 2000m	200m, 500m 2000m	200m, 500m 2000m	200m, 500m 2000m
<b>Mixed</b>	200m, 500m 2000m	200m, 500m 2000m	200m, 500m 2000m	200m, 500m 2000m	200m, 500m 2000m

(1) **Senior A** over age 40, **Senior B** over age 50 and **Senior C** over age 60 as of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014

(2) **Junior A** under age 18 but over 11 and **Junior B** under age 16 but over 11 as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014

## **COMPETITION REGULATION AND RACING RULES:**

The Championship will comply with the IDBF Competition Regulations and will be conducted under the IDBF Rules of Racing.

Details: <http://www.edbf.org/library.php>

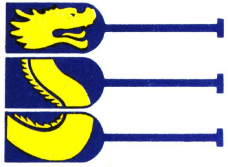
All Entries are to be sent to the EDBF and OrgCom, with all administrative information and logistical returns deadlines shown below.

**The Championship Divisions, Racing and Competition Classes** that will be contested are listed above. In all competitions to qualify for a European Championship status at least four (4) entries from different Countries per competition class are required. Competition Classes with three (3) entries will be given EDBF Championship status and less than 3 entries, per class, will be classified as demonstration races and could be combined together.

The Small Boat Championships are primarily for new and developing EDBF 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 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.

**Double rostering of paddlers between Divisions is discouraged.** Helms and Drummers may be used across the Divisions (re: rules for Junior and Seniors) but in the case of 'back to back races' the race officials will NOT delay races to accommodate the transfer of Helms or Drummers.



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## **EURO CHAMPS - REPRESENTATION AND NATIONALITY:**

### **IDBF Competition Regulation 4**

#### **CR 4.1 Representation.**

To represent a country in an EDBF Championship for Representative Crews, a Dragon Boat Competitor must normally be a citizen of or born in the country represented and be able to prove this by showing an official document, such as a Passport, Identity Card, Birth Certificate, or the like.

#### **Dual Nationality.**

Competitors with dual nationality (citizenship) may represent the Country or Territory of their Birth or their dual citizen Country or Territory, whichever of these they are residing in, providing that they have been resident in that Country or Territory for a current period of at least 3 full years. Competitors who do not meet these requirements must comply with Regulation 4.2 or 4.2a.

#### **CR 4.2 Country or Territory of Residence.**

Dragon Boat competitors who have left their country of birth and are a permanent, not temporary resident in another country may represent that country if they have lived there for a current period of three (3) years or more and have not represented their country of birth, during the previous two (2) years.

#### **Temporary Residency.**

A Temporary Resident, for the purposes of this Regulation, is a person who resides in a Country by virtue of a holding a visa, for example a visitors visa, student visa, work visa or the like. The EDBF considers such visas to indicate a 'temporary' residency in the Country concerned, not a permanent residency.

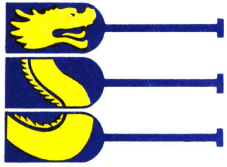
a. Exceptionally, competitors who have a permanent residential qualification of less than 3 years and who have not represented an EDBF Member previously, may with the permission of both their birth and residential EDBF Member, apply to the EDBF Executive Board for permission to compete for their country of residence.

When permission is given, the competitor concerned will not be allowed to compete for any other Country for a minimum period of 2 years following the year in which the permission is given.

b. (4.2) Competitors who, by marriage have acquired the nationality of another country may compete for that country without delay.

## **PERSONAL SAFETY:**

All crew members must be water-confident and ideally be able to swim at least 150 meters. It is the crew manager's responsibility to ensure that this limitation is complied with, and to ensure that known weak swimmers wear personal flotation aids. Crews compete entirely at their own risk and must be 'Fit to Race', as defined in IDBF Competition Regulations.



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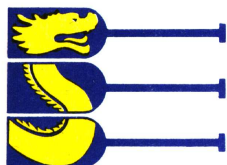
### OUTLINE PROGRAMME:

This program is to assist Teams with their planning but is provisional and could be changed:

<b>From Monday, 21 July 2014</b> Teams arrive (optional).
<b>Wednesday 23 July 2014</b> Teams arrive and training - Račice Regatta Course. Afternoon Race Officials Meeting.
<b>Thursday, 24 July 2014</b> Teams arrive and training - Račice Regatta Course. Morning <b>EDBF Board and Council Meeting.</b> Afternoon Crew Managers Meeting. Evening – Opening VIP Reception & Dragon Boat Party.
<b>Friday, 25 July 2014</b> <b>Before the Race</b> – Opening Ceremony <b>Racing day</b> – <b>2000m</b> All Euro Championship Classes.
<b>Saturday, 26 July 2014</b> <b>Racing day</b> – <b>200m</b> All Championship Classes.
<b>Sunday, 27 July 2014</b> <b>Racing day.</b> – <b>500m</b> All Championship Classes. <b>Evening</b> - Celebration Dragon Boat Party.
<b>Monday, 28 July 2014</b> Morning <b>EDBF ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY meeting.</b> Crews depart.

### ON-LINE REGISTRATION:

On-line registration will be open at the official championship website on the date when named registrations are due.



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### **ADMINISTRATION FEE:**

There is an administration fee EUR 55,- per accredited person (incl. EUR 10,- EDBF registration fee + EUR 45,- regatta fee) for everyone travelling with the team, including competitors, coaches, managers, supporters, congress delegates and others that will entitle everyone to receive an ID badge. The administration fee must be paid with named entries which are due on the deadline stated above. The EDBF registration fee has to be transferred directly to the EDBF account and regatta fee directly to the Organizer account.

Children under 12 (who are not dragon boat crew members) may receive a reduced price accreditation card (10 euro pp) to allow them to be supervised by parents racing in a registered crew.

### **ACCOMMODATION:**

We offer accommodation to every team (including registered competitors, officials, delegates, and supporters who travel with the team) in different categories in both location: Račice or Prague.

Category I.	Camping on the site	from EUR 10,- per person/night
Category I.	Hostel / with breakfast	from EUR 20,- per person/night
Category II.	Hotel * - **/ with breakfast	from EUR 40,- per person/night
Category III.	Hotel *** / with breakfast	from EUR 70,- per person/night
Category IV.	Hotel **** / with breakfast	from EUR 120,- per person/night

Details will follow in Bull. No.2.

### **TRANSFER SERVICE:**

A shuttle service between the airport and the official accommodations / regatta venue will be available.

### **RACE LUNCHES & CATERING:**

Participants can book a lunch menu at the course. There will be also various food and drink stands available in the area.

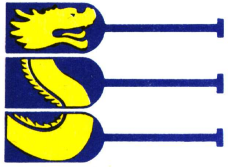
### **CELEBRATION DRAGON BOAT PARTY:**

A celebration party will be provided for all competitors and their coaches, managers and registered supporters on Sunday evening after the racing day. Details will be available in the next bulletin.

You will find the package offers, transfer rates and information about meals in the next bulletin.

### **ENTRIES & DEAD LINES:**

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DUE DATE</b>	<b>ENTRY FORM</b>
PROVISIONAL ENTRIES & ACCOMODATION REQUEST	20/02/2014	<b>PROVISIONAL ENTRY FORM</b>
NUMERATIVE ENTRIES & ACCOMODATION PAYMENT	31/03/2014	<b>NUMERATIVE ENTRY FORM</b>
NAMED ENTRIES & ADMIN FEE PAYMENT	30/06/2014	<b>NAMED ENTRY FORM</b>



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## PROVISIONAL ENTRY FORM

One (1) Entry Form only per Team – NOT one (1) per Crew within a Team

Return this Provisional Entry Form till Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2014 by email to: [office@dragonboat.cz](mailto:office@dragonboat.cz)

Country and EDBF Member Represented	
Team Manager's Name	
Estimated number of participants	
E-mail Address	
Phone Number	
Mailing Address	

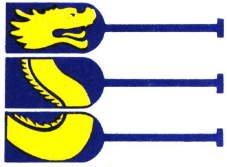
In the table below, mark (x) in the appropriate box (es) to indicate each category and distance your Team is entering. If your Team is entering a crew in mixed category and the respective mixed crew to be drawn from your Open and Women's Crews', indicate this by marking a (C) for combined in the box(es).

Standard Boat (22 Racers)	Open			Women			Mixed		
	200m	500m	2000m	200m	500m	2000m	200m	500m	2000m
Premier									
Senior A 40+									
Senior A 50+									
Senior A 60+									
Junior A									
Junior B									

Small Boat for developing Countries (12 Racers)	Open			Women			Mixed		
	200m	500m	2000m	200m	500m	2000m	200m	500m	2000m
Premier									
Senior A 40+									
Senior A 50+									
Senior A 60+									
Junior A									
Junior B									

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Team Manager – Name

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Date & Signature



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Country and EDBF Member Represented	
Team Manager's Name	
E-mail Address	
Phone Number	
Mailing Address	

Please, indicate your estimated number of participants and accommodation requirement:

Team *	Supporters **	Media	Total

\* Includes all competitors, coaches, managers and medics etc. \*\* Includes spouses, family & friends.

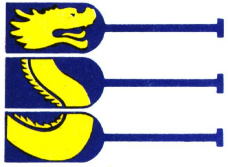
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Location Račice Race Site					
Location Prague City					

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Team Manager – Name

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Date & Signature



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