

USDBF CCWC Berths

At this time, the USDBF is allotted 5 standard boat berths, and 2 small boat berths for the IDBF Club Crew World Championships (CCWC) in each racing division.

Currently the berths are for racing divisions:

- Junior A (Under 18)-Open, Mixed, and Women
- Junior B (Under 16)-Open, Mixed, and Women
- U24 (Under 24)-Open, Mixed, and Women
- University Crews-Open, Mixed, and Women
- Premier-Open, Mixed, and Women
- Senior A (Over 40)-Open, Mixed, and Women
- Senior B (Over 50)-Open, Mixed, and Women
- Senior C (Over 60)-Open, Mixed, and Women
- BCS
- ACS
- Paradrakon

At this time the USDBF chooses to award the 5 standard boat berths per racing division by giving each of its 4 regions 1 berth per division for the CCWCs to award to a regional champion for that division. The 5th berth is awarded at the USDBF Club Crew National Championships (USDBF CCNCs). All regional member club crews in good standing are eligible to participate in the USDBF CCNCs for the title of USDBF National champion as well as a berth for the IDBF CCWCs.

The 2 small boat berths for each division will be awarded in the following manner. The first place finisher in each division at the CCNCs will be offered either the standard boat berth or one of the two small boat berths. The second place finisher will be given a choice of one of the two remaining berths, and the third place finisher will be offered the remaining berth. Any unfilled berths can be awarded by petition.

Since each USDBF regional member awards its regional championships through different processes, we thought it would be helpful to clarify the procedure a bit for when the regional champion chooses not to use its awarded berth. If the regional champion chooses to not send a crew to the CCWC, the berth can then be offered to the region's second place crew for that division. If the second place crew chooses to not take the berth, it can then be offered to the third place finisher. If the third place finisher chooses not to take the slot, the berth is returned to the USDBF. This allows a greater opportunity for those who performed well in their region to represent the USDBF in the CCWCs.

All awarded berths, both Regional and National, should be confirmed no later than **September 16, 2019**. It is strongly encouraged to accept or return the berth as soon as possible so as to allow time for other crews to request berths by petition.

Member crews who did not earn a berth through this structure, but wish to go to the CCWC can petition the USDBF for an available berth. **Available berths will be posted on the USDBF website no later than September 27th.** Member crews must have competed in their regional championships (or US Nationals) and must have placed in fourth place or higher to be able to petition for a berth. Member crews will only be allowed to petition for a berth in the division in which they competed at Regionals or Nationals.

If the member crew did not compete in the division at CCNC, there is a petition fee of \$1,645.00 (the registration fee for Club Crew National Championships). Each member crew's petition must be accompanied by a deposit of \$822.50. Checks must be made payable to USDBF and mailed to the address at the bottom of this document. The balance of the fee, \$822.50 will be due within 30 days of acceptance of the berth by the member crew.

Petitions must be submitted by October 7, 2019. Petitions should indicate if you are requesting a standard or a small boat; your club information (including email contact information for this crew); the crew's placement and times at CCNC (if attended) and Regional Championships (must have finished fourth place or better); the division raced in (i.e. Senior B Mixed), as well as the number of crews competing in the racing division. A check for the petition fee deposit must be included with the above information. The CCNC committee will carefully review all petitions. Time and placement at CCNC and/or Regional Championships will determine how petition berths are awarded. **Petition Berths will be awarded no later than October 21, 2019.**

Berths must be accepted by the petitioning crew no later than October 28, 2019. Payment in full must be received at the address below within 30 days of the berth being accepted.

If a petitioning crew is not awarded a berth (for example, all remaining berths have been awarded to other petitioning crews) then the petition fee deposit amount will be refunded to that crew. If however an awarded berth is declined by the petitioning crew, the deposit amount will be forfeited.

Please mail your petition fee deposit and other requested crew information to:

USDBF

Attn: John Miller

P.O. Box 477

Dubuque, Iowa 52004-0477

Questions regarding this process should be referred to the Organizing Committee Contact:

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