



2019 USDBF Club Crew Championship

Frequently Asked Questions

Answers to these questions are based on the
IDBF Competition Regulations, Edition 7.1, issued 1-1-2018

1. What is a Club Crew?

The practice of Clubs' recruiting paddlers specifically for a CCNC is against the intention of the IDBF Competition Regulations and the spirit of the Championships. Any club found not to be complying with IDBF Competition Regulations 4.3 and 4.3.1 shown below, will be disqualified from further competition. For this event we will be using the IDBF definition of a Club Crew:

CR 4.3 Club Crews. *In IDBF Championships for **Club Crews** a Racer can only represent one Dragon Boat Crew.*

*The rules for National Crew Representation need not apply but all competitors must have been bona fide members of the Dragon Boat Crew that they represent, for at least **SIX (6)** months before the Club Crew Championships in question.*

CR 4.3.1. *A bona fide Club Member is one that has regularly trained and/or competed for the Club Crew that they represent during the minimum period of **six months** shown in 4.3. A bona fide Club Member will normally be a resident in the Country in which the Club Crew is located.*

A Club Member who trains and competes with a Club Crew from a different Country or Territory or a geographical Region within a Country to the one in which the Club Member himself (or herself) is normally domiciled, will only be considered as a bona fide Club Member if they can prove that they have physically attended their Club to train or compete for a period or of at least twelve (12) weeks, over a minimum period of two (2) racing seasons.

2. How will you verify crews?

A list of crews that register for the CCNC will be forwarded to the President of the respective USDBF Region for verification that the crews are members in good standing of the region.

3. How will you verify that individual paddlers are bona fide members of the crew?

Club Crew rosters are to be submitted to Event Organizer using their “online” registration process. These rosters will be sent to the President of the respective USDBF Region for verification that the participants listed are true members of the Club. The Region will notify the Club teams of any concerns. The Region will notify the USDBF that the Crew roster has been approved. However, every club crew participating in the USDBF CCNC must be ready to present documentation that verifies team membership. This verification could be having the paddler’s name appear on a membership paid listing, presenting a log of practices within the last 6 months that this paddler participated in, or even a roster from previous competitions for this crew.

4. I regularly paddle with Crew A from Club X and with Crew B from Club Y. I can prove membership to both clubs and that I practice with both crews. Can I participate in CCWC and be on both rosters from the two clubs?

No. A racer must choose to represent Club X or Club Y. At CCNC a racer may only represent one Dragon Boat Club.

5. My club has a Premier crew and a Senior A crew. I regularly practice with both crews. Can I paddle in the CCNC on both of these crews from my club?

Yes you may paddle on both of these crews from your club. However, you risk the possibility of missing a race due to scheduling constraints. From Bulletin #1:

Multiple Rostering and Cross Event Participation

Club Divisions – Participants may race with only one club at the 2019 CNCC. A participant may be on more than one crew within that club, but in no case will racing be held up to allow the transfer of a participant from one crew to another. Shared steerspersons and drummers will be allowed on a case by case basis. In no case will races be held up to allow the transfer of participants from one boat to another.

6. Our club has a Breast Cancer Survivor team and an All Cancer Survivors team. The ACS team doesn’t have enough paddlers to compete at CCNC in a Standard boat, but want to earn a Small boat berth to the CCWC in France. Can we use BCS paddlers to fill the Standard size boat so that we can compete at Nationals?

Yes you can. All paddlers in the ACS boat must be members of the same club and have practiced together. However, the same scheduling constraint mentioned above would apply here. Racing will not be held up to allow the transfer of a participant from one crew to another.

7. My crew has won the Premier Women’s berth invitation. However, we would like to enter the event in France in the Senior A Women’s division. Can you just change our berth for us from Premier Women to Senior A Women?

The berth you earned was in the Premier Women’s Division. If you wish to go to France in another Division (Senior A Women, in this example) you must follow the petition process outlined in question #9 below. Part of this petition process is to pay the fee and show that the crew has been together for the required time.

8. My club has a mixed team. We only have 9 women. Can we paddle with 11 men so that we have 20 paddlers in the boat? We have a female drummer. Does the drummer and the helm count toward the mixed boat count?

We are using the IDBF rules for the Mixed Class Standard Boat composition. Here is the rule, with some examples.

CR 2.1.3 Mixed Class

Standard Boat Combination – minimum of eight (8) to a maximum of ten (10) paddlers of either gender. Drummer and helm can be of either gender.

Small Boat Combination – minimum of four (4) and maximum of five (5) paddlers of either gender. Drummer and helm can be of either gender. (Aug16)

The following table shows the possible combination of crews

Standard boat

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| <i>10 male paddlers / 10 female paddlers</i> | <i>+ drummer and helm of either gender</i> |
| <i>10 male paddlers / 9 female paddlers</i> | <i>+ drummer and helm of either gender</i> |
| <i>9 male paddlers / 10 female paddlers</i> | <i>+ drummer and helm of either gender</i> |
| <i>10 male paddlers / 8 female paddlers</i> | <i>+ drummer and helm of either gender</i> |
| <i>8 male paddlers / 10 female paddlers</i> | <i>+ drummer and helm of either gender</i> |
| <i>9 male paddlers / 9 female paddlers</i> | <i>+ drummer and helm of either gender</i> |

Small boat

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| <i>5 male paddlers / 5 female paddlers</i> | <i>+ drummer and helm of either gender</i> |
| <i>5 male paddlers / 4 female paddlers</i> | <i>+ drummer and helm of either gender</i> |
| <i>4 male paddlers / 5 female paddlers</i> | <i>+ drummer and helm of either gender</i> |
| <i>4 male paddlers / 4 female paddlers</i> | <i>+ drummer and helm of either gender</i> |

9. My crew is not able to attend the CCNC due to various issues. Is there another method for us to earn a berth to CCWC in France?

Each of the four USDBF Regions will hold their own “Regional Championship Competition”. You can participate in your Region’s Championship and earn a Standard Boat berth to France. The USDBF also has a “petition process” that you can use to obtain any berth that has not been taken during the competition process. More information on the petition process can be found on the USDBF website at:

http://www.usdbf.org/about_us/club_crew_nationals

Scroll to the bottom of the page and download the file called “*2019 CCNC berth award process rev*”.

10. I see that there is a fee to petition the USDBF for an unused berth for the 2020 CCWC in France. Why are fees being charged?

The decision was made to reinstate fees to assure earning and awarding of berths was equitable. A crew participating in the CCNC pays a registration fee to participate in the event as well as travel expense. Crews requesting a berth by petition have made no financial investment in receiving a berth. It was the consensus of the CCNC Committee that, to be equitable to all crews, the crews awarded a berth through petition should pay a similar registration fee as a crew attending CCNC.

11. Why start charging fees this year? What is the money to be used for?

Fees charged during the petition process are not new. Fees have been charged in the past and have ranged from \$750 to \$2,000. They were discontinued a couple of years ago by the Committee at that time.

All of the money will go directly to the USDBF for the growth and development of the National organization.