

DRAGONBOAT COMPETITION RULES								
NF / BoD / Committee	ART. / BYLAW / GR / TR	ART.	POINT / BULLET POINT	POINT / BULLET POINT	EXISTING WORDING	PROPOSED WORDING	Committee Comment	BOARD STAND
Committee	PR	3	4		New	IDENTIFICATIONS AND ADVERTISING TRADEMARKS[PR] Requirements for advertising on equipment and clothing for ICF Dragonboat competitions are detailed in the ICF Guidelines for Advertising Trademark Identification on Equipment Manual.	In line with other disciplines	In Favour
Committee	PR	4	1	2	The official distances recognised by the ICF are: 200m or 250m, 500m and 2000m. The 2000 meters must be conducted as a pursuit race and achieved in the 500 meters race course by three (3) turns over two (2) laps.	The official distances recognised by the ICF are: 200m, 500m and 2000m. The 2000 meters must be conducted as a pursuit race and achieved in the 500 meters race course by three (3) turns over two (2) laps.	We never use 250m	In Favour
Committee	PR	4	2		Men categories	Open categories	anyone can start in those categories, regardless of gender	In Favour
Committee	SR	4	4	3	New	The open crew can be composed of both male and female athletes. See exceptions in articles 4.4.6 and 4.4.7.	anyone can start in those categories, regardless of gender	In Favour
Committee	SR	4	4	3	The men or women crews can only be composed of athletes of the respective gender. See exceptions in articles 4.4.6 and 4.4.7.	The women crews can only be composed of female athletes. See exceptions in articles 4.4.6 and 4.4.7.	If women start in men crews, it is not beneficial	Approved
Committee	SR	4	4	6	In the age category of Masters, all members of the crew must have reached the Masters age. See exceptions in articles 4.4.6 and 4.4.7.	In the age category of Masters, all members of the crew must have reached the respective Masters age. See exceptions in articles 4.4.6 and 4.4.7.		Approved
Committee	SR	7	1	1	International competitions are to be supervised by the following International Technical Officials (ITOs): •Chief Official •Technical Organiser •Competition Manager •Boat Measurer(s) •Boat Marshal •Starter(s) •Aligner(s) •Course Umpire(s) •Turning Point Umpire(s) •Finishing Line Judge(s) •Timekeeper(s) •Announcer •Medical officer	International competitions are to be supervised by the following International Technical Officials (ITOs): •Chief Official •Deputy Chief Official •Technical Organiser •Competition Manager •Boat Measurer(s) •Boat Marshal(s) •Starter(s) •Aligner(s) •Course Umpire(s) •Turning Point Umpire(s) •Finishing Line Judge(s) •Timekeeper(s) •Announcer •Medical officer	Correction	Approved
Committee	SR	7	1	2	If circumstances permit, one (1) person may function in two (2) of the above positions.	If circumstances permit, one (1) person may function in more than one (1) of the above positions.	Better explanation	Approved
Committee	SR	7	1	3	New	Officials' obligations - to perform their tasks in conformity with the ICF rules. a Every judge will have the obligation to check their equipment necessary to perform their tasks is in working order. In the case any shortcoming is found, it is reported to the Chief Official or Competition Manager; b Unauthorised persons must not enter any Officials area, unless are called for by either the Competition Committee or the Jury.	In line with other disciplines	Approved
Committee	SR	7	1	4	New	All communications between the Competition Officials and the athletes and team leaders must be in English language. In the case of a translated being needed, must be provided by the team.	In line with other disciplines	Approved
Committee	SR	7	2	1	The competition is to be managed by a Competition Committee consisting of:	ICF competitions are to be managed by a Competition Committee consisting of:	In line with other disciplines	Approved
Committee	SR	7	2	4.h	New	A member of the Competition Committee may not participate in a disqualification of or a judgment connected with an incident directly involving an athlete from his/her own NF.	In line with other disciplines	Approved
Committee	SR	7	3	2	New	7.3.2 - The Deputy Chief Official 7.3.2.a Cooperate with the Chief Official and the Competition Manager. 7.3.2.b Substitutes the Chief Official where necessary; 7.3.2.c Handle the administrative tasks of the competition including but not limited to: Collect the forms necessary for the administration of the competition; Formulate the decisions of the Competition Committee passed in the subject-matter of the protest and arrange to have it recorded. Check the personal identification documents of the athletes and their age if necessary; Keep in contact with the responsible IT person in case of computer data processing; Check the results race by race during the competition and prepare the list of the boats qualified in the next phase of the competition etc.	In line with other disciplines	Approved
Committee	SR	7	3	9a	Follow the 200m, 250m and 500m races in a motorboat. The races should be accompanied by two (2) Course Umpires in two (2) separate catamaran type boats;	Follow the 200m and 500m races in a motorboat. The races should be accompanied by two (2) Course Umpires in two (2) separate motorboats (preferable catamaran type boats);	In line with other disciplines	Approved
Committee	SR	7	3	9c	Stop the competition, passing all boats in the race and waving the red flag or using a sound signal until all boats have stopped paddling, in case of hindrances. Report immediately the infraction to the Competition Committee. After this all boats should return to the start.	Stop the competition. He/she passes all boats in the race whilst waving the red flag or using a sound signal until all boats have stopped paddling, in case of hindrances. He/she reports immediately the infraction to the Competition Committee. After that all boats should return to the start;	In line with other disciplines	Approved
Committee	SR	7	3	11b	Time each race with at least two (2) stopwatches.	Time each race with at least two (2) stopwatches. When the stopwatches have not recorded the same time, the slowest time will be taken as correct. The stopwatches are to be started when the electronic or optical signal from the start is received;	In line with other disciplines	Approved
Committee	SR	8	2	8	There must be start pontoons with assistants to hold the boats. Alternatively, there may be cords fixed on starting pontoons for steerers to hold on before the start.	There must be an automatic start machine or start pontoons with assistants to hold the boats. Alternatively, there may be cords fixed on starting pontoons for steerers to hold on before the start.	In line with other disciplines	Approved
Committee	SR	9	1		New	9.1 - DUTIES OF THE HOST ORGANISING COMMITTEE[SR] 9.1.1 - The HOC is responsible for the preparation and running of the competition. 9.1.2 - The HOC must, in particular: 9.1.2.a Make available a suitable venue and technical equipment conforming to the present Dragon Boat Competition Rules; 9.1.2.b Fix the date and the competition programme in agreement with the ICF; 9.1.2.c The competition programme including the date and time of the Teams Leaders meeting must be distributed in advance of the competition	In line with other disciplines	Approved
Committee	PR	9	2		New	9.2 - TEAM LEADER[PR] 9.2.1 - The Team Leader will: 9.2.1.a Represent his/her team; 9.2.1.b Be the main contact with the Chief Official and the HOC throughout the competition, but he/she cannot disturb their work; 9.2.1.c Submit any changes or comments in relation to the competition; 9.2.1.d Arrange to submit a protest or an appeal as stipulated if necessary.	In line with other disciplines	Approved
Committee	PR	9	3	2	New	9.3.2 - Documentation should be available for each Team Leader, at least five (5) hours before the beginning of the Team Leaders meeting, containing the following information: •Detailed information on the course and their markings; •Detailed competition schedule; •Time and place of the awards ceremony.	In line with other disciplines	Approved
Committee	SR	10	3	15a	The starting order is as per the starting list.	The starting order is as per the starting list. The division of the boats into heats should be determined by drawing lots or by ICF World Ranking.	In line with other disciplines	Approved

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Committee	SR	10	3	15g	If the boat already crossed the starting line with more than 50% of its length in the moment of the "GO"-command, the crew will be disqualified from the event.	If the boat already crossed the starting line with more than 50% of its length in the moment of the "GO"-command, the crew is penalised with 30 seconds additional time .	added new penalties instead DSQ	Approved					
Committee	SR	10	3	15h	If the boat already crossed the starting line with more than 50% of its length in the moment of the "GO"-command, the crew will be disqualified from the event.	If the boat already crossed the starting line with more than 100% of its length in the moment of the "GO"-command, the crew will be disqualified DSQ (see appendix 3)	added more tolerance before DSQ	Approved					
Committee	SR	10	6	2	Crews falling short of the minimum distance between two (2) boats and causing therefore an obstruction of the continuation of paddling of the other crew/s may be penalised with 10 seconds added to the race time by the Competition Committee after receiving the report of the Course Umpire or Turning Point Umpire.	Crew causing an obstruction of the continuation of paddling of the other crew/s may be penalised with 10 seconds added to the race time by the Competition Committee after receiving the report of the Course Umpire or Turning Point Umpire.	Better explanation	Approved					
Committee	SR	10	6	4	New	During the race the drummer must actively beat the drum.	it was missing	Approved					
Committee	SR	10	8	5b	Where there are not enough lanes available there will be a re-race between the boats involved after the last race of the day, or half-day programme	Where there are not enough lanes available there will be a re-race between the boats involved after the last race of the day, or half-day programme or drawing lots. The decision will be made by the Chief official.	In line with other disciplines	Approved					
Committee	PR	11	1	3	Should a crew have completed a race in a boat which is shown upon inspection not to conform with the ICF rules must be disqualified (DSQ) from the race.	Deleted	not applying to DB	Approved					
Committee	PR	11	1	4	Disqualifications must be confirmed by the Competition Committee in writing immediately, giving the reasons. The Team Leader of the athlete/team must acknowledge the receipt on the notice copy with the exact time, which marks the start of the protest time.	All penalties or disqualifications must be confirmed by the Competition Committee in writing immediately, giving the reasons. The Team Leader of the athlete/team must acknowledge the receipt on the notice copy.	In line with other disciplines	Approved					
Committee	PR	11	2	1	A protest against the right of a crew to compete in a race must be addressed to the Competition Committee and handed to the Chief Official, not later than one (1) hour before the start of the first race of the competition.	A protest against the right of a crew to compete in a race must be addressed to the Chief Official and handed to the Competition Committee, not later than one (1) hour before the start of the first race of the competition.	In line with other disciplines	Approved					
Committee	PR	11	2	2		A protest made during a competition must be in written form, addressed to the Chief Official and handed to the Competition Committee.	In line with other disciplines	Approved					
Committee	PR	11	2	3	A protest made during a competition must be in written form, addressed to the Competition Committee and handed to the Chief Official. If the protest is against a decision of the Competition Committee, the protest must be received not later than 20 minutes after the Team Leader has been informed on the decision against his/her athlete or team and has signed the receipt.	If the protest is against a decision of the Competition Committee, the protest must be received not later than 20 minutes after the Team Leader is called to attend the Competition Committee to receive the written disqualification.	If the protest is against a decision of the Competition Committee, the protest must be received not later than 20 minutes after the decision has been published at athlete's area notice board with exact time of publication.	Approved					
Committee	PR	11	2	4		The Competition Committee must note the time that the Team Leader is called to attend the Competition Committee on the written disqualification.	The Competition Committee must note the time that the decision has been published at athlete's area notice board on the written disqualification.	Approved					
Committee	SR	12	4		New	12.4 - SYSTEM OF DIVISION AND PROGRESSION[PR] 12.4.1 - The drawing of lots for the first races in each class must be carried out under the control of an ICF Official. The division into heats must be made in accordance with the Paracanoe rules, with the following additions: 12.4.1.a The division into heats will be based on the results of previous World Championships. The boats placed in A, B and C finals, if applicable, will automatically be seeded. The remainder will be placed into the heats by drawing of lots. 12.4.1.b If changes at the Team Leaders Meeting result in the fact that the actual number of boats is too small for the plan used, there may be a redraw of lots for the actual number of boats and a new plan selected. 12.4.2 - In relation to the progression plan the boats from each heat go forward to the next appropriate phase of the competition. The others are eliminated. 12.4.3 - In relation to the progression plan the boats from each semi-final go forward to a final. The others are eliminated. 12.4.4 - The Competition Committee will decide which progression plan (1 or 2) will be used for the event. 12.4.5 - The distribution of lanes for semi-finals and finals is automatically determined by the results of the previous races. 12.4.6 - A semi-final will not be held if all the competing boats would reach the next phase of the competition. The lanes for the final will be determined by means of a draw from the boats that progressed.	In line with other disciplines	Approved					
Committee	PR	12	5	3	•Technical Organiser1 •Starters3 •Boat Marshals3 •Aligners2 •Course Umpires4 •Finishing Line Judges3 •Boat Measurers2 •Medical Officer1 •Media Officer1	•Technical Organiser1 •Starters3 •Boat Marshals3 •Aligners2 •Course Umpires4 •Finishing Line Judges3 •Timekeepers 2 •Boat Measurers2 •Medical Officer1 •Media Officer1		Approved					
Committee	PR	12	6		Protest	Deleted	Duplication to 11.2	Approved					
Committee	PR	12	7		Appeal	Appeal to the Jury		Approved					
Committee	PR	12	8	2	The appeal must be handed to the Chair of the Jury in writing with reasons, not later than 20 minutes after the Team Leader has been informed with a written communication of the decision against the athlete or team and has signed the receipt given.	The appeal must be handed to the Chair of the Jury in writing with reasons, not later than 20 minutes after the decision has been published at athlete's area notice board with exact time of publication. The Competition Committee must note the time that the decision has been published at athlete's area notice board on the written disqualification.	In line with other disciplines	Approved					
Committee	PR	12	9	3	New	Medals should be awarded to all athletes of the respective crews, including the reserves.	Better explanation	In Favour					
Committee	PR	12	10	2	The ranking will be calculated with reference to the medal list.	The ranking will be calculated with reference to the gold medals list.	Better explanation	Approved					
Committee	PR	13			New	Organisation	In line with other disciplines	Approved					
Committee	PR	13	1	2	The timetable for the World Cup will be decided by the DBC.	The timetable for the World Cup will be decided by the ICF DBC.	Better explanation	Approved					
Committee	PR	13	1	2,3	New	13.1.2 - On proposal from HOC, ICF DBC will decide if national teams and/or club crew teams can participate. 13.1.3 - On proposal from HOC, ICF DBC will decide the number of team(s) per nation can participate	First World Cup was run 2019, so we need more rules	In Favour					
Committee	PR	13	2		New	Competition Programme	In line with other disciplines	In Favour					
Committee	PR	13	2	1	New	On proposal from HOC, ICF DBC will decide if the World Cup events to be organised other than those for international competitions including official boats, age groups and categories.	First World Cup was run 2019, so we need more rules	In Favour					
Committee	SR	Appendix	1		New	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>31 - 36</td> <td>F</td> <td>6 x 6 1-4 to SF rest out</td> <td>4 x 6 1st + 2x2nd BT to Final A 2 x 2nd + 4x3rd to Final B 4x4th + 2x5th BT to Final C</td> <td>A: 1 X 6 B: 1 X 6 C: 1 X 6</td> </tr> </table>	31 - 36	F	6 x 6 1-4 to SF rest out	4 x 6 1 st + 2x2 nd BT to Final A 2 x 2 nd + 4x3 rd to Final B 4x4 th + 2x5 th BT to Final C	A: 1 X 6 B: 1 X 6 C: 1 X 6	A progression for more participants	Approved
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Committee	SR	Appendix	2		Plan A	The final ranking will be based on combined time from the two Time races	Better explanation	Approved					
Committee	SR	Appendix	2		New	New	Better explanation	Approved					
Committee	SR	Appendix	3		New	New	Better explanation	Approved					
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