



2019 Southeastern Regional Dragon Boat Association Championships
May 11, 2019 – Nathan Benderson Park, Sarasota, FL

Bulletin #1

Welcome to the first bulletin regarding participation in the 2019 Southeastern Regional Dragon Boat Association (SRDBA) Championships. In this bulletin you will find information on the venue, club eligibility, racing classes, registration, proof of identification and important deadlines.

Venue – Nathan Benderson Park, Sarasota, FL

Nathan Benderson Park is a Suncoast Region, Florida park located adjacent to Interstate I 75 at University Parkway in Sarasota, FL. The fresh water lake is a purpose built, Olympic class venue featuring 2000m of 8x 13.5 lanes at 3.5m deep. The regatta course is well sheltered from crosswinds, has attenuated shorelines to dissipate wash and allows no access for commercial or pleasure boat traffic, which could disrupt the competition.

Club and Individual Competitor Eligibility

Participation in the SRDBA is open to any member club and athletes within **that** club who are in good standing with the SRDBA. **CLUB AND INDIVIDUALS ATHELETES MUST BE REGISTERED WITH SRDBA BY MIDNIGHT ON MARCH 31,2019**

Racing Classes

The 2019 CCWC will follow the IDBF regulations for age classes.

Junior Class will be held for Single or Mixed gender crews or in Open Competition. With the exception of the Steersperson (Helm) the following age categories will apply to the Junior Class.

Junior U16 – 13th to 15th birthday falls in the year of the competition

Junior U18 – 13th to 17th birthday falls in the year of the competition

Junior U24 – 13th to 23rd birthday falls in the year of the competition and is a full-time student of a University or a College (proven by the institute) Premier Class – no age limit.

Senior Class Races will be held for Mixed or Single gender crews or in Open Competition. With the exception of the Drummer, all competitions must be aged as follows

Senior A – 40th or later birthday falls in the year of the competition

Senior B – 50th or later birthday falls in the year of the competition

Senior C – 60th or later birthday falls in the year of the competition

Racing Rules

SRDBA Rule and Points System

For those teams seeking a berth at the Club Crew World Championships in France in 2020, important information regarding the updated SRDA rules and point system are available at the following link. These rules contain important information regarding eligibility of paddlers as well. All teams should familiarize themselves with these rules.

<https://www.srdba.org/srdba-regional-rules-and-points-system/>

In general, the SRDBA Regional Championships will be conducted under the IDBF Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing. Teams will be awarded points based on performance in each competition class (distance). Berths to the CCWC will be decided based on 200, 500 and 2,000-meter races.

Multiple Rostering and Cross Event Participation Club Divisions

Participants may race with only one club at the 2019 Regional Championship. 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.

Gender Composition Basis - Refer to IDBF Rules & Regulations link, www.dragonboat.sport

In general, mixed, Junior, U24, Adult, and seniors.

Standard boat crew (20 paddlers)

- Minimum 10 women, IDBF has modified this rule so a team can have more women paddling.
- Maximum 10 men

Women's – paddlers and drummer are all women, NOTE: as of 2017, the steersperson must also be a woman if qualifying for Club Crew or Nationals.

Open

- No restrictions

Identification

Club Crew participants must be prepared to show government-issued ID at the event. Junior participants may provide a copy of the birth certificate or other official document showing birth date and name in lieu of government-issued ID.

Registration

Please register for racing at this event on the Great White North (GWN) website, www.gwndragonboat.com, under events, Sarasota International Dragon Boat Festival.