



**CANADIAN
DRAGON BOAT
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

MONTREAL 2025

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DE BATEAU-DRAGON**

The 2025 CDBC

Parc Jean-Drapeau, Montreal QC

August 20-25

The Championships

Dragon Boat Canada (DBC) is excited to welcome all federation members to race at the most competitive event in North America in 2025. The event will be held at the [Olympic Basin at Parc Jean-Drapeau](#), Montreal Quebec from August 20-24, 2025.

The Racing

Racing will be conducted in Champion boats. We are pleased to be working with Mission Dragon Boat, and for 2025 only we will have racing take place in Standard and Small boats (rather than Standard Crew and Small Crew in a Standard boat).

Division 1:

- Premier, 39 and over, 49 and over, 59 and over, 69 and over, 18 and Under, 24U-PS, Breast Cancer Paddlers (Open only), All Cancer Paddlers (Open only), and Para – PD2 (Open only)
- Classes: Open, Women and Mixed
- Distances: 200m, 500m, 2000m
- Crew sizes: Standard (20 Paddlers, Drummer and Steersperson) and Small (10 Paddlers, Drummer and Steersperson).
- Division 1 paddlers may not race in Division 2 (See DBC Rules)

Division 2:

DBC is thrilled to bring back Division 2 for the 2025 CDBC – you can see full information about whether D2 is for you in the Q and A portion toward the end of the bulletin.

- Class: Mixed
- Distances: 200m, 500m, 2000m
- Crew Size: Standard (20 Paddlers, Drummer and Steersperson)
- Division 2 paddlers may not race in Division 1 (See DBC Rules)

Racing will be conducted in accordance with the 2025 DBC rules which will be available February 2025.

The Venue

The [Olympic Basin is located in Montreal Quebec](#). The racecourse is equal depth in all lanes and all straight race starts will be conducted using held starts.

There is a sufficient space at the site for Clubs to set up tents for the duration of the event. Unfortunately, DBC is not able to provide Crew tents for rent. Clubs are asked to please set up their team areas on the tower side of the racecourse. The opposite side of the course is off limits.

Limited parking is available at a cost. There is a [metro station](#) (line 4) conveniently located at the park which is a great option.

Entries

Entries are open to all DBC and other federation Member Club Crews.

All Canadian Athletes, Coaches and Team Managers competing at the 2025 CDBC must be current members of DBC.

Registration will open February 24, 2025. The deadline to register Crews is **June 15th, 2025**.

All registration will be done online, and payment may only be made by credit card. In order to register a Club Crew a minimum of 6 Racers must be attached to a Crew. Payment is due at time of registration. All registrations are non-refundable and non-transferable.

The entry fees are on a per Racer basis. *The fee for first entry for all categories is \$75.

All subsequent entries for Premier, Para, BCP, ACP, D2, Senior A, Senior B, Senior C, and Senior D are \$35. As an example, if a Racer is registered for Premier Open the fee will be \$75. If they are registered for Premier Open and Premier Mixed the fee will be $\$75 + \$35 = \$110$. If they are registered for Premier Open, Premier Mixed, and Senior A Mixed the fee would be $\$75 + \$35 + \$35 = \145 .

All subsequent entries for 18U (Junior) and 24U-PS are free. For example, if an individual is registered for 24U-PS Open the fee is \$75. If that individual is registered for 24U-PS Mixed and Premier Open the total fee would be \$75.

IMPORTANT: In order for 18U and 24U-PS Racers to be able to benefit from the zero cost for subsequent entries they **MUST** be first registered for an 18U or 24U-PS Crew. If they register for Premier first, the discount will not be applied, and **fees will not be refunded**.

Following the registration of a Club Crew, individual Racers may be added until **August 15, 2025**.

Please note that all registrations are non-transferable and non-refundable.

*All fees are subject to applicable taxes (14.975% HST QC).

Race Entries, Classes and Distances

All Divisions, Classes, and Categories Race 200m, 500m and 2000m.

Items of note:

- Para Category is PD2 only in accordance with IDBF rules (50/50 Para and Non Para Paddlers).
- BCP is an Open Category with all Racers required to be Breast Cancer Survivors.
- ACP is an Open Category with all Racers required to be Cancer Survivors.
- Steerspeople for Senior D may be aged 59 or older (Senior C)
- The 24U-PS Steering age allowance has now expired. ALL racers participating in the 24U-PS category are required to meet the eligibility requirements for that category (see DBC rules).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

As a trial for 2025 only, Racers from the same Club may cross over between Boat Sizes for the same Class and Category (e.g. can race one of Premier Mixed Standard Boat AND Premier Mixed Small Boat).

Please note that this is AGAINST the IDBF rules. The Canadian Championships are our Championship first and a CCWC Race Off second so in the spirit of that DBC wants to afford every racing opportunity possible to all.

Some important items to note regarding this opportunity as it applies to crews seeking a CCWC entry:

- If a crew has a Standard and Small boat entry in the same class and category with crossover (the same athletes racing in both), only one of the two crews will be eligible for a CCWC entry should one be earned. The crew seeking a CCWC entry must be declared at the time of entry (there is a check box). This is not transferable.
- Should a club have athlete crossover between Small and Standard in the same class and category and the declared entry not be awarded, and the undeclared entry finish in top 2 for small or top 5 for standard the undeclared entry is **not** eligible for a CCWC entry.
- Clubs with entries in Small and Standard in the same class and category with NO athlete crossover have always been allowed, and are eligible for the CCWC process.

Racers from the same Club may cross roster (between boat sizes, age classes, and gender classes for which they are eligible) in all other instances (e.g. Premier Mixed Standard and Premier Open Small).

BCP, ACP, and Para Athletes may cross over between clubs. No other categories or classes are eligible for club cross-over.

Racers may race with unlimited crews within a club, but in no case will racing be held up to allow the transfer of a participant from one crew to another.

Provisional Schedule

DBC endeavours to provide maximum opportunities for all racers to participate and tailor the schedule to accommodate optimal racing. This schedule is subject to change. DBC will circulate any changes to the community in a timely fashion.

Day 1 August 21	Distance	Time
Premier Mixed Standard and Small	200m Heats, semi* final	8:00am to 10:20am
BCP Standard and Small		8:00am to 10:20am
Senior B (49+) Mixed Standard and Small		8:00am to 10:20am
Para 1 Standard		8:00am to 10:20am
Senior D (69+) Mixed Standard and Small		8:00am to 10:20am
18U Mixed Standard and Small		8:00am to 10:20am
24U-PS Mixed Standard*	200m Heats, semi*, final	10:20am to 11:40am
Senior A (39+) Mixed Standard and Small		10:20am to 11:40am
Senior C (59+) Mixed Standard		10:20am to 11:40am
Break to set up 2000m course		11:45am to 12:45pm
Premier Mixed Standard and Small	2000m	12:45pm to 3:10pm
BCP Standard and Small		12:45pm to 3:10pm
Senior B Mixed Standard and Small		12:45pm to 3:10pm
Para 1 Standard		12:45pm to 3:10pm
Senior D Mixed Standard and Small		12:45pm to 3:10pm
18U Mixed Standard		12:45pm to 3:10pm
24U-PS Mixed Standard		3:10pm to 6:00pm
Senior A Mixed Standard and Small		3:10pm to 6:00pm
Senior C Mixed Standard		3:10pm to 6:00pm
Day 2 August 22	500m and 2000m	Crew Size
Premier Mixed Standard and Small	500m heats, semi*, final	8:00am to 11:00am
Senior B Mixed Standard and Small		8:00am to 11:00am
Para 1 Standard		8:00am to 11:00am
18U Mixed Standard		8:00am to 11:00am
24U-PS Mixed Standard*	500m heats, semi*, final	11:00am to 12:25pm
Senior A Mixed Standard and Small		11:00am to 12:25pm
Senior C Mixed Standard		11:00am to 12:25pm
Break to set up 2000m course		12:25pm to 1:10pm
Premier Open Standard and Small	2000m	1:10pm to 6:30pm
Senior D Open Standard and Small		1:10pm to 6:30pm
Senior B Open Standard and Small		1:10pm to 6:30pm

Senior D Women Standard and Small		1:10pm to 6:30pm
Senior B Women Standard and Small		1:10pm to 6:30pm
Senior C (59+)		1:10pm to 6:30pm
Day 3 August 23		
	200m and 2000m	
Premier Open Standard and Small	200m heats and finals	8:00am to 11:30am
Senior D Open Standard and Small		8:00am to 11:30am
Senior B Open Standard and Small		8:00am to 11:30am
Premier Women Standard and Small		8:00am to 11:30am
Senior D Women Standard and Small		8:00am to 11:30am
Senior B Women Standard and Small		8:00am to 11:30am
Division 2 Mixed Standard		8:00am to 11:30am
24U-PS Open Standard		
	200m heats and finals	10:30am to 12:30pm
Senior A Open Standard and Small		10:30am to 12:30pm
Senior C Open Standard and Small		10:30am to 12:30pm
24U-PS Women Standard and Small		10:30am to 12:30pm
Senior A Women Standard and Small		10:30am to 12:30pm
Senior C Women Standard and Small		10:30am to 12:30pm
Break to set up 2000m course		
		12:30pm to 1:20pm
24U-PS Open Standard		
	2000m	1:20pm to 4:45pm
Senior A Open Standard and Small		1:20pm to 4:45pm
Senior C Open Standard and Small		1:20pm to 4:45pm
24U-PS Women Standard and Small		1:20pm to 4:45pm
Senior A Women Standard and Small		1:20pm to 4:45pm
Senior C Women Standard and Small		1:20pm to 4:45pm
Division 2 Mixed Standard		1:20pm to 4:45pm
Day 4 August 24		
	500m	
Premier Open Standard and Small		8:00am to 11:30am
Senior D Open Standard and Small		8:00am to 11:30am
Senior B Open Standard and Small		8:00am to 11:30am
Premier Women Standard and Small		8:00am to 11:30am
Senior D Women Standard and Small		8:00am to 11:30am
Senior B Women Standard and Small		8:00am to 11:30am
24U-PS Open Standard		
		11:30am to 2:30pm
Senior A Open Standard and Small		11:30am to 2:30pm
Senior C Open Standard and Small		11:30am to 2:30pm
24U-PS Women Standard and Small		11:30am to 2:30pm
Senior A Women Standard and Small		11:30am to 2:30pm
Senior C Women Standard and Small		11:30am to 2:30pm

There are **30** medals available for each Standard Club Crew **16** available for each Small Club Crew. Award will be presented at the conclusion of each day when all three race distances are complete for a class and category.

*All aspects of this schedule may be subject to change.

Training

Each Crew will have the opportunity to have one 50 minute training session on **Wednesday August 20th**. Sessions will be awarded on a first come first serve basis starting with Crews from outside the province of Quebec.

Registration for training sessions shall open **April 21st, 2025**.

Awards

Medals gold through bronze will be presented to the crews that accrue the greatest number of points in each boat size, class and category. The points table is available in the DBC Rules of Racing. 30 medals are awarded of each colour for Standard Boat, and 16 are awarded of each colour for Small Boat.

Burgees are awarded to the club that accrues the most (Division 1) points over all racing in each Class (e.g. Premier, ACP) with the Club Championship Burgee being awarded to the club that accumulates the most points over all racing. Small Crew points are allocated at 50% of Standard Crew points.

CCWC Race Off

All eligible Crews (see [CCWC Protocol](#)) are automatically entered in their respective Race Off to secure an entry to the [2026 Club Crew World Championships](#). The Race Off is part of general CDBC Racing. Separate races are not held to award entries. Two sets of results will be produced one identifying the results of the CDBC, the second identifying the results of the CCWC Race Off.

*To be eligible to be included in the Race Off results all Crew Members must have participated in the required number of CCQs (Club Crew Qualifiers) with their Club, or attended the 2024 CACCC with their Club.

As per the IDBF entries will be awarded as follows:

Small Boat – 2 entries available in each class and category. Those eligible crews placing first and second are awarded the entries.

Standard Boat – 5 entries available in each class and category. Those eligible crews placing first through fifth are awarded the entries

*Please review the CCWC Protocol for full details.

Hotels

Working with Tourism Montreal there are lots of [options for hotels](#) with something for everyone.

Officials

If you are interested in being an Official at this event, you must be an accredited National Official and have completed your Safe Sport training. Have questions about your status? Reach out to [Chloe Greenhalgh](#) at the DBC Office and she can confirm, and if you are eligible put your name on the potential list of Officials.

DBC will be welcoming a small number of Festival Officials looking to move to the next level. If you are a DBC Festival Official and are interested in attending the event (no financial support will be available), then please let Official's Chair [Chris Goeldner](#) know.

All individuals interested in being part of the Officials Team must notify DBC no later than **February 28th, 2025**.

There will be a limited number of spaces for Officials, all successful applicants shall be notified by **March 15th, 2025**. Approved National Level Officials may receive travel support, hotel and per diem.

Captains and Steerers Meetings

Meetings will be held virtually. We will hold two separate meetings (same content) at different times of the day to make this accessible for everyone.

Captain and Steerers Meeting #1 2025 08 13 at **12hoo Eastern**. [Meeting Link](#)

Captain and Steers Meeting #2 2025 08 13 **15h00 Eastern**. [Meeting Link](#)

Please note that each meeting has its own specific link; they are not interchangeable.

Frequently Asked Questions

What the heck is a burgee?

Burgees are much coveted! They are awarded to the club that accrues the most points across all categories and classes at the event and the top ranked club overall in each Division (e.g Division 1 24U-PS, Division 1 Senior A or Division 2). Remember those pennants they hung up in your high school gym? Those are burgees.

Should my Crew be racing in Division 1 or Division 2?

If your Crew is an aged-based crew, ACP, BCP or Para then you are for sure Division 1.

Division 2 is intended for developing crews. Is your Crew solid, but not quite ready to take on the best? Have a mix of "premier" aged paddlers with a sprinkle of Seniors? In a building year, and want to come out and race at an amazing racecourse? Is your Crew considering taking a stab at qualifying for CCWC 2028, and want to be part of the action? Are you a relatively new 24U-PS crew and are concerned about racing in the 24U-PS category? Then Division 2 is for you!

Are you hoping to go to the 2026 CCWC? Do you regularly race in Club Crew Racing?
If so, you need to register in D1, Division 2 is **not** for you.

Small Boats at the Canadian Dragon Boat Championships...say what now?

Working with Mission Dragon Boat means that DBC will have Small Boats available for this Championship only.

Hold it, only one medal for the accumulated outcomes of all 3 distances?

Yes, but don't freak out! The medals are THE BOMB and are worth getting 1 instead of 3. Accruing points increases the competitiveness of racing and the importance of each race.

What will the race progression plan be?

Great question! A detailed explanation of the progressions will be provided in Bulletin 2.

Have questions that haven't been answers? Well, reach out to DBC at director@dragonboat.ca!