

Bulletin #1

6th Pan American Club Crew Dragon Boat Championships Montreal, Canada - July 4-6, 2025

The Championships

The Pan American Dragon Boat Federation (PADBF) cordially invites all clubs to participate in the 6th Pan American Club Crew Dragon Boat Championships, to be held in Montreal, Canada from July 4 to 6, 2025 with an overflow date of July 3rd in case of higher-than-expected registration.

The event will be hosted by an experienced organizing committee composed of the leadership from 22Dragons and H2oplayground, two of the world's most prolific clubs. Together they have been organizing various events in Montreal for over 20 years, including the Montreal International Dragon Boat & Cultural Festival

Venue

The 6th Pan American Club Crew Championships will be held at the Olympic Basin in Montreal, a world-renowned venue that hosted the canoeing and rowing events at the 1976 Summer Olympics. The Olympic Basin offers a 2,000-meter race course with 6 lanes.

Located just 15 minutes from downtown Montreal, the Olympic Basin is nestled within the magnificent Parc Jean-Drapeau, a sprawling island park that is also home to the Canadian Formula 1 Grand Prix and many other world-class events, such as the Osheaga music festival. The Basin is easily accessible by public transportation and is close to many popular tourist attractions. Participants and spectators will be able to enjoy all that Montreal has to offer, including its vibrant culture, delicious food, and beautiful scenery.

This event is held in proud partnership with Tourisme Montréal dedicated to promoting the city's unique cultural experiences and attractions (<https://www.mtl.org/en>),

Racing

Racing will be conducted in both IDBF Spec Small and Standard Boats. Champion dragon boats will be used.

Races will be organized in the following racing classes in both Standard (22 person) and Small (12 person) boats:

- Age Classes: Premier, Senior A, Senior B, Senior C, Senior D, U-24, U-18, U-16, BCS, ACS, Paradrageon
- Racing Classes: Open, Women, Mixed
- Distances: 200m, 500m, 2000m

Summary of competition classes:

Racing class	Premier	Senior A-B-C-D	U-24, U-18, U-16	BCS	ACS	PARA
Open	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m
Women	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m			
Mixed	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m			

Races will be conducted in accordance with IDBF rules. Copies of the rules can be downloaded from: <http://www.dragonboat.sport/documents/rules-regulations/>

Entries

Clubs may enter more than one crew in a given competition class, and may enter both standard and small boat, however a participant may only appear on one crew roster, either standard or small, in a given competition class. In other words, a club wishing to enter multiple standard and/or small boats in the same competition class must do so with completely different athletes, including helms and drummers.

Double Rostering

Consideration will be provided in the schedule to athletes who compete in adjacent age classes (Example Premier & U24, or Senior A & Senior B), but accommodation will not be made for athletes who compete in age classes that are further apart (Example, premier and senior B).

Entry requirements

The event is open to all clubs in good standing with their respective PADBF national member federation (Ex USDBF, DBC etc.). Clubs from countries or territories not members who are not members of the PADBF may also compete subject to review by the PADBF executive committee.

Clubs do not need to qualify for the event.

Provisional registration will open on January 6th and close March 1, 2025. During this period a club only registers their crews, but does not have to name their paddlers. Provisional registration is important to allow the organizers to effectively plan the event.

Registration will be available on the event website at www.paccc2025.com

Registration Key Dates

- Provisional Entries Open: January 6, 2025
- Provisional Entries Close: March 1, 2025
- Confirmed Entries Close: April 30, 2025 (50% deposit required)
- Final team names submission: May 30, 2025 (final payment required)

Registration Fees

Fees are paid per person and depend on the number of crews entered. Participants will either pay a single crew participation fee if they are only racing with one crew for the entire event, or a multiple crew participation fee which allows a participant to race with multiple crews.

Single crew participation: 75\$ CAD per person +tx

1. Participation in one racing class. (Example Senior A women Small boat)
2. This includes both the organizing committee registration fee (\$55) and the Pan American Dragon Boat Federation (\$20) fee.

Multiple crew participation: 150\$ CAD per person +tx

1. Athletes may participate in any number of racing classes.
2. This includes both the organizing committee registration fee (\$110) and the Pan American Dragon Boat Federation (\$40) fee.

Fees are subject to a combined Federal and Provincial sales tax of 14.975%. Sales taxes are collected by the organizing committee and remitted to the government.

Provisional Schedule

Date	Schedule
July 1- 2, 2025	Team registration / Team training
July 3, 2025	Team registration / Team training, Team Managers Meeting, Opening Ceremony. Overflow date of racing in case of higher-than-expected registration (will be announced March 1 if necessary)
July 4, 2025	Racing Day 1 - 200m
July 5, 2025	Racing Day 2 - 500m and 2000m
July 6, 2025	Racing Day 3 - 500m and 2000m, Closing Ceremony, Closing Part

Accommodation

A list of recommended hotels will be provided in bulletin 2.

Food

Food, drinks, and even catering available at the venue. More information in later bulletins.

Tents

Clubs will be provided dedicated space within a shared, unfurnished tent area. Club locations within the shared tent will be assigned once the race schedule and entries have been finalized. Clubs may bring their own tents. Tents may be reserved by clubs through the organizing committee. Enquire for prices and availability with info@pacc2025.com

Transportation:

Metro:

The racing site (Montreal's Olympic Basin) is accessible by Metro (Jean Drapeau station).

Link to Metro map: <https://www.stm.info/en/info/networks/metro>

Parking:

Parking is also available at the venue for a fee. Parking rates and collection are managed by Parc Jean Drapeau. Details of parking fees will be available in bulletin #2.

Airport:

Montréal–Trudeau International Airport (YUL) is about 20 km (12 miles) from downtown Montréal. You can find more information about the airport on their website:

<https://www.admtl.com/en>

Visitor visas:

It is important to start the visa process immediately as applying for a visitor visa to Canada can take many months.

Participants requiring visas should contact the organizing committee at info@paccc2025.com as soon as possible. The organizing committee will provide all the steps required to complete the process.

Contact

- Championship Website: www.paccc2025.com
- Inquiries to the Organizing Committee: info@paccc2025.com
- Instagram PACCC 2025: www.instagram.com/paccc_2025
- Facebook PACCC 2025: www.facebook.com/paccc2025
- PADBF Website: <https://www.panamdragonboat.org/>

The PADBF encourages your club to register for the 6th Pan American Club Crew Dragon Boat Championships, Montreal 2025 Canada and looks forward to welcoming you to the championship.