



NUSTAR RESORT CEBU DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL 2026
September 19 to 20, 2026
NUSTAR Boardwalk, Kawit Island, Cebu City, Philippines

INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 1

This is to formally invite all dragon boat teams to participate in the **NUSTAR Resort Cebu Dragon Boat Festival 2026** on September 19 to 20, 2026 at the NUSTAR Boardwalk, Kawit Island, Cebu City, Philippines. Local and international teams are welcome to participate, regardless of federation affiliation or non-affiliation.

RACE INFORMATION

Race Distance: 200 meters straight course

Race Categories: Premier OPEN Standard Boat (DB22)
 Premier MIXED Standard Boat Elite (DB22)
 Premier WOMEN Small Boat (DB12)
 Premier OPEN Small Boat – Corporate (DB12)
 Senior-A OPEN Small Boat (DB12)
 24U OPEN Small Boat (DB12)
 Para-Dragon 1 OPEN Small Boat (DB12)

CREW COMPOSITION

Premier Open & Mixed Standard Boat

Ten (10) pairs maximum, nine (9) pairs minimum, two (2) pairs reserve, one (1) drummer, one (1) helm. No age restriction, except that all crew members must be 12 years old and up. Those who are 13 to 17 years of age need to have a signed parent’s consent with waiver to join the race.

Strict compliance with the IDBF Rule on the requirement of minimum of 8 and maximum of 10 of each gender, with a total crew number of 18 to 20 paddlers, to load the boat will be observed in the Mixed Standard Category. Thus, to satisfy the minimum crew composition requirement, the following must compose a mixed crew:

Male	Female
10	10
10	9
10	8
9	9
9	10
8	10

No gender restriction with respect to drummer and helm.

Premier Women Small Boat

Five (5) pairs of paddlers, one (1) pair reserve, one (1) drummer, and one (1) helm – all must be biologically female. No age restriction, except that all crew members must be 12 years old and up. Those under 18 years of age need to have a signed parent’s consent with waiver to join the race.

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Maximum of five (5) pairs and minimum of four (4) pairs to load, except when water conditions require exactly five (5) pairs to load.

Premier Open Small Boat (Corporate)

Senior-A Open Small Boat,

24U Open Small Boat,

Para-Dragon 1 Open Small Boat

Maximum of five (5) pairs and minimum of four (4) pairs to load, except when water conditions require exactly five (5) pairs to load. No gender restriction on any crew member for the Open racing classes. For the Premier Open Small Boat (Corporate) category, all crew members, except the helm must belong in the same company or must have the same corporate or institutional employer as evidenced by credible employee's ID or certification from the Human Resource Department, as may be applicable. No gender restriction on any crew member.

For the Senior-A Open, except for the drummer, all crew members must be at least 40 years old on the competition year. To clarify, paddlers and helm must have been born in the year 1986 or earlier to qualify in the Senior-A Open Small Boat event.

For the 24U Open, except for the helm, all crew members must be not be older than 24 years on the competition year. To clarify, paddlers and drummers must have been born in the year 2002 or later to qualify in the 24 & Under Open Small Boat event.

For the Para-Dragon 1 Open, no age restriction on all crew members. Paddlers must belong to para-dragon defined in the IDBF Rules for Paradrasons Racing, Edition 1.4, effective on January 1, 2025, as "paddlers who have some form of physical, psychological, neurological, sensory, developmental or intellectual impairment." If impairment is not apparent, the athlete is required to present a medical certificate to prove the fact of belonging in the Paradrason division. Said certification must be duly signed by a qualified medical doctor who has specialization in the field of medicine concerning the impairment. It must be submitted along with the race forms on the deadline set herein.

The organizing committee will use a combination of diagnosis certificates and assessments of selected athletes at the competition to ensure, as far as reasonably practicable, the points awarded to each athlete for that competition are fair and reflect the ethos of Paradrason competition. Prior to the competition, teams entering the Paradrason race will be required to obtain a diagnosis certificate for each of their Paradrason paddlers. Use the ANNEX "D" in the IDBF's Rules of Paradrason Racing. For the teams' convenience, we have provided in this Bulletin a copy of the said form (ANNEX "D"). The relevant race officials will then review each diagnosis certificate and allocate a provisional points score for the individual. These scores will be advised to the team so that it can make appropriate decisions on the composition of crews to conform to the requirements of the rules.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

The top three (3) teams in each competition class will be awarded trophies, medals and cash prize, while the 3rd runner up will receive a trophy and cash prize. All cash prizes are subject to applicable tax. All participating teams will receive a certificate of participation. Singlets and race ID will be provided to each registered racer.

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Event	Champion			1 st RU			2 nd RU			3 rd RU	
	Trophy	Medal	Cash	Trophy	Medal	Cash	Trophy	Medal	Cash	Trophy	Cash
Premier Open-DB22	1	28	TBD	1	28	TBD	1	28	TBD	1	TBD
Premier Mixed-DB22	1	28	TBD	1	28	TBD	1	28	TBD	1	TBD
Premier Women-DB12	1	18	TBD	1	18	TBD	1	18	TBD	1	TBD
Premier Open (Corporate) DB12	1	18	TBD	1	18	TBD	1	18	TBD	1	TBD
Senior Open-DB12	1	18	TBD	1	18	TBD	1	18	TBD	1	TBD
24U Open-DB12	1	18	TBD	1	18	TBD	1	18	TBD	1	TBD
Para-Dragon1 Open-DB12	1	18	TBD	1	18	TBD	1	18	TBD	1	TBD
	7	146		7	146		7	146		7	

REGULATIONS AND RULES

The race will apply PDBF Rules of Racing (to be released later in the Technical Bulletin), which are based on the IDBF Competition Rules, the IDBF Rules of Racing, and the IDBF Rules on Paradrageon Racing. In case any matter is not covered by these Rules of Racing, the IDBF Rules of Racing and Competition Regulations will apply suppletorily. Per Provision A10 of the IDBF Competition Regulations, “In situations not covered by these Competition Regulations xxx, the Race Organiser xxx is empowered to make such decisions and to give such instructions as are necessary to carry out the Race Organiser’s responsibilities and effect the Purposes of A8¹ above. xxx For situations not covered by the Rules of Racing xxx, the Chief Official xxx shall be empowered as above, in respect of the said Rules.”

REQUIRED FORMS (as attached)

- A. Fill out an online registration form (LINK: <https://forms.gle/fTq6pwSWfx7tKghA7>) on or before June 15, 2026.
- B. Download race forms and information bulletin at <https://pdbfsport.com/downloadable-forms>.
- C. Please email accomplished race forms on or before August 15, 2026 to
 - 2026nustarcebudragonboat@gmail.com
 - cc to hello@pads.org.ph and phidbfed@gmail.com.
- D. CREW LIST will be used for marshalling and loading. Electronic copy of the crew list need not be signed. However, hard copies must be duly signed by the competitors, crew manager, and the team captain. Signed hard copy of the race forms must be submitted during the team managers’ meeting. The crew manager shall represent the crew in all matters pertaining to the racing competition. The crew manager is not allowed to compete / race with the crew on boat. Crew list may be used at the marshalling in conjunction with the crew gallery and race ID.
- E. CREW GALLERY may also be used to identify and check members who will be racing. Gallery should contain clear photographs of crew members: without headdress, without sunglasses.
- F. SUMMARY OF CREW- required for administrative reference.

¹ IDBF Competition Regulations, Edition 9.0 (Effective January 1, 2025)

A8. Purposes The purposes of these Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing are to:

A8.1 provide a consistent framework for the organisation, regulation and control of Dragon Boat Regattas and other Dragon Boat Competitions;

A8.2 provide a basis on which fair and equal racing can take place in safety;

A8.3 ensure that the IDBF Safety on the Water guidelines for competition are always complied with and given precedence to.

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SCHEDULES AND DEADLINES

✍ **June 15, 2026** – Team Confirmation (online registration)

✍ **June 30, 2026** – Confirmation from organizers for waitlisted teams

✍ **July 15, 2026** – Payment of race fees; final confirmation of entries

✍ **August 15, 2026** – Email soft copy of race forms; Fill out test water schedule request

✍ **September 17 to 18, 2026 (Thursday and Friday)** –

- **Arrival of teams.** Submit hard copy of race forms to the race secretariat. Race IDs may also be claimed from the secretariat office. Venue to be announced.
- Test water all day from 0600H to 1700H. Teams who intend to do a test water must inform the organizers of their preferred schedule by filling out the slot on the **online** test water schedule form <https://forms.gle/CaaJk5xjw7kcsFRg8>. Slots will be on a first come, first served basis.

✍ **September 18, 2026 (Friday)** – Team managers' meeting will be at NUSTAR Resort and Casino Cebu City. Time and venue will be confirmed in the succeeding information bulletin.

✍ **DAY 1 - September 19, 2026 (Saturday)** –

o Events:

- ⚡ Premier Open Standard DB22
- ⚡ Premier Women Small Boat DB12
- ⚡ 24 & Under Open Small Boat DB12
- ⚡ Senior-A Open Small Boat DB12

- o 0600H - Call time for racers: 6:00 AM
- o 0630H - Last minute briefing for team managers, helms and drummers
- o 0645H - First call for Race No. 1
- o 0700H - Race No. 1
- o 0400H - Estimated end of last race of the day

✍ **DAY 2 - September 20, 2026 (Sunday)** –

o Events:

- ⚡ (Unfinished races of Day 1, if any)
- ⚡ Premier Mixed Standard DB22
- ⚡ Premier Mixed Small Boat DB12
- ⚡ Para-Dragon 1 Open Small Boat DB12

- o 0600H - Call time for racers
- o 0630H - Last minute briefing for team managers, helms and drummers
- o 0645H - First call for Race No. 1
- o 0700H - Race No. 1
- o 1600H - Estimated end of last race of the day
- o 1800H - Awarding & Closing Party

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ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Team Confirmation

All teams interested to join the race are required to submit their online registration form through this link: <https://forms.gle/fTq6pwSWfx7tKghA7>. Once completed, the team will receive a confirmation page. Registration will be open until June 15, 2026. Thereafter, the organizers may still accept waitlisted teams whose participation needs to be confirmed by the organizers on or before June 30, 2026. In case teams will withdraw their entry, waitlisted teams will be accommodated as slots open.

2. Race Fee

Race fee is **Two thousand pesos (P2,000) per person for local teams from the Philippines and fifty US dollars (50 USD) per person for teams from outside the Philippines**, regardless of the number of entries where the said racer is lined up. Information on where to deposit and pay the race fee will be given in the succeeding information bulletin.

Registration Type	Race Fee/Head
International team	USD 50
Local Team	Php2,000
Local Team (Early Bird Rate until June 30, 2026)	Php1,750
Senior Citizens/PWD Rate	Php1,600



3. Uniform

Crews may use their respective team's uniform. One team uniform with the same color and design is recommended for easier identification, except the drummer who may use a different colored uniform or jersey.

4. Crew Waiver Form

Please be reminded that when signing a crew list and crew waiver form, the person signing is confirming that all competitors on the list are "fit to race." This means that race participants are not only physically able to take part in the race, but also do not possess any medical conditions that could jeopardize their health and the general conduct of the race. These conditions include but are not limited to COVID-19 infection, consumption of alcohol and illegal substances, or a known medical condition that makes the participant unfit to participate in the competition. Also, by signing the crew waiver form, the participants give their express consent to the sharing, use and storing of their personal information for the purpose of this race.

5. Use of Personal Floatation Device

To ensure safety of participating players, everyone is required to wear a personal floatation device (PFD) / life vest during all water activities. Vests must be wearable over the shoulders with straps across the body. Belt-type and bracelet type vests are not allowed. No PFD will be provided by the organizers. Teams must bring their own PFDs. No paddler shall be allowed to load the boat and race without a PFD securely worn. Teams are advised to read carefully and brief their members on the PDBF water safety guidelines which is available at the PDBF website (<https://pdbfsport.com>).

6. Cleanliness

Cleanliness and environmentally-sound practices will strictly be enforced to maintain proper sanitation and waste disposal in the race venue. Teams are **STRONGLY ADVISED** and encouraged to keep their respective tents clean and orderly at all times. Use trash bags. Single-use plastic materials are prohibited. Bring personal canisters or cups and mesh kits.

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7. Fellowship Night

Awarding and fellowship night will follow after the last race of Day 2. Venue of the awarding will be announced in the next bulletin. Bring race IDs during the fellowship night to gain access to the awarding and fellowship night. The fellowship and awarding program is an activity in partnership with Universal Cultural Foundation Inc. Dinner will be served to all participating athletes.

8. Race Day Lunch

Lunch will be provided for free to all registered participants, with due consideration of the food restrictions specified in the online confirmation for submitted by the team. Water and ice will likewise be available onsite. Food and drink merchants are also set up around the race venue, which the participants may also want to explore.

9. Hotel and Other Accommodations

Discounted group booking packages are available to registered participants who will be staying at NUSTAR Cebu and Summit Galleria Hotel Cebu. Please message bm.eventsandentertainment@nustar.com.ph cc to hello@pads.org.ph for more information on how your team may avail of the discounted group booking rates.

The organizers are working with the local government for a limited slot for free billeting in local schools, gymnasiums and other facilities. Please wait for further announcement on this, for those who intend to avail themselves of this free billeting.

10. Transportation

Free shuttle services from the airport to NUSTAR Hotel and Summit Galleria upon arrival will be provided every hour on the race days to registered participants. Hourly shuttle service from Summit Galleria to the race site, and NUSTAR Resort & Casino Cebu to Summit Galleria, and vice versa will likewise be offered for free to registered participants.

For more information and queries not included in this information bulletin, you may send a message to any of the following:

Facebook pages:

Event Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/NUSTARDragonBoatRegatta>

PADS Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/PhilippineAccessibleDisabilityServices>

PDBF Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ePDBF>

Event e-mail: 2026nustarcebudragonboat@gmail.com

Discounted hotel bookings and inquiry: bm.eventsandentertainment@nustar.com.ph

PADS e-mail: hello@pads.org.ph

PDBF e-mail: phidbfed@gmail.com

PDBF website: <https://pdbfsport.com>

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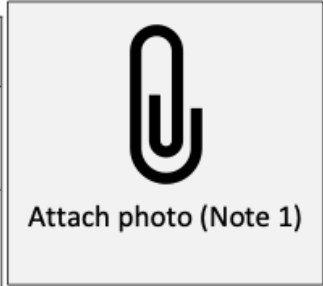
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ANNEX D

Part 1 (to be completed by the paddler)

PADDLER INFORMATION				
* Family name / surname:				
* Given / first name:				
* Gender:	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
	* Date of birth:			
	Day	Month	Year	
* Nation or club				
When moving towards a boat before loading, do you use:	Wheelchair <input type="checkbox"/>	* Will you need assistance from race officials when loading or unloading the boat?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Crutches <input type="checkbox"/>			
	Walking stick <input type="checkbox"/>			
* Can you swim 50m in paddling clothing without buoyancy aid? (Notes 2 and 3)			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
If you live with more than one impairment, which one do you consider affects your ability to paddle the most? Note 4				
Other information that may assist IDBF. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help you need at boat loading / unloading Information about your condition that may assist officials Information about your gender 				
Notes: 1. A recent 'passport style' photograph is required 2. This is to assist officials in planning racing; if you cannot swim 50m <u>you will still be allowed to race</u> 3. The use of buoyancy aids may be mandated by race officials or your team but, if not, can always be worn regardless 4. This is the 'principal' impairment per Section 4.4 5. You are certifying all of the information in Part 1 is correct		* Paddler's signature: (Note 5)		
		* Date of signature:	Day	Month



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ANNEX D

Part 2 (to be completed by a suitably qualified medical practitioner)

*Paddler name						
* MEDICAL CONDITION (attach additional sheets if more space is required):						
'Principal' impairment (please provide your diagnosis of the impairment that the athlete has identified as the one that has the great impact on their ability to paddle).						
Nature of 'principal' impairment:	Physical <input type="checkbox"/>	Psychological <input type="checkbox"/>	Neurological <input type="checkbox"/>	Intellectual <input type="checkbox"/>	Sensory <input type="checkbox"/>	Developmental <input type="checkbox"/>
Diagnosis						
Other impairments (Only complete if relevant).						
Diagnosis / diagnoses						
* Approximately how long has the individual been experiencing the impairment(s)?						years
* Are there any reasons why the individual should <u>not</u> compete in the sport of dragon boating?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, please describe:			
Gender (Only complete if relevant). Note that IDBF defines a 'female' as person assigned that gender at birth and who still identifies as a female)						
Please provide information on any gender-related matters likely to be relevant to IDBF						

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ANNEX D

Part 2 (continued)

DECLARATION					
* Name:					
* Relevant qualifications:					
* Address of medical practice:					
* Telephone number					
Email:					
* I hereby certify that I have known the person named in this certificate for _____ years and that the individual has the impairment(s) I have described.					
* Signature of medical practitioner		* Date of signature			
			Day	Month	Year