



IDBF MENA+ CLUB CREW CHAMPIONSHIP

At Sharjah International Marine Sports Club
11-13 April 2025

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COMPETITION RULES OVERVIEW

CORPORATE/COMMUNITY/UAE DIVISION RULES

Paddlers:

20 paddlers and one helm may participate in Corporate and UAE Division races.

12 paddlers and one helm for the Community Cup races.

- Helms may be provided if prearranged with the organizer for Corporate and Community race categories, not the UAE Division race category.
- Drummers will not be used for these categories.
- When the starter is satisfied that all crews are ready, the starting signal of the word "Attention" followed by the word "GO" (or a horn) will indicate the race has begun.
- A maximum of 16 men per team are permitted for the Corporate category.
- A maximum of 10 men per team are permitted for the UAE Division category.
- For the Community race category there are only 12 paddlers permitted.
- Race protests will NOT be accepted for these race categories.



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COMPETITIVE RULES (IDBF MENA+ Race categories)

Paddlers:

10 Paddlers, one Helm, one Drummer and up to 2 spares can be registered on every team.

Mixed:

A maximum of 10 paddlers are permitted in a crew plus one helm and one drummer, with a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 5 paddlers of either gender per team. The Helm and Drummer can be of either gender.

Open:

A maximum of 10 paddlers plus one drummer and one helm. There are no restrictions regarding the composition of the crew except that individuals under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Women:

A maximum of 10 female paddlers and a drummer or helm of either gender.



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- Each competitive (IDBF MENA+) crew is responsible to provide their own drummer and helm.
- All boats must be in position in the center of their lane prior to the start. (Positioning of the boat is the responsibility of the crew. There may be wind or current. Please assess the conditions before you enter the start line area and be prepared).
- When the starter is satisfied that all crews are ready, the starting signal of the word "Attention" followed by the word "GO" (or a horn) will indicate the race has begun.
- Failure to acknowledge the starter's instructions may result in a penalty.
- Any crew who chooses to protest the result of a race must submit a written protest along with AED 500 within 30 minutes of the race completion to the official's table. If it is determined that the protest is valid, then the AED 500 will be returned.
- Failure to complete the race within your designated lane may result in a penalty.
- Obstruction of another boat during the race may result in a crew being penalized.

ALL TEAM RULES:

- All Teams must submit crew lists before the final entry deadline.
- All Teams must wear a PFD. (These are available for international teams who require them. Local teams must provide their own).
- Pre-race briefing and race results will be posted on the team captain's What's App group.
- All teams must empty and clean their boat after racing.
- Teams are responsible to be at the start line 2 minutes before the race start time and may be penalized for late arrival.
- Teams are expected to report to the marshalling area 25 minutes prior to the race. Do not expect to be called to the marshalling area. Follow the schedule.
- Failure to respond to the officials may result in a penalty.
- A crew may be penalized if a member of the team stands up at any point after disembarking.
- Anyone found to be arguing with race officials may be sanctioned.

This is an overview of significant rules. Not every rule.