## DRAGON BOAT CANADA

## POLICY ON ATHLETE CENTEREDNESS

- 1. Dragon Boat Canada is a sport and athlete focused association.
- 2. Dragon Boat Canada is committed to ensuring that there is direct involvement of athletes in the decision making process of the organization.
- 3. The Board of Directors of Dragon Boat Canada are elected directly by dragon boat Sport Racing Crew members ("Crew Members"). Crew Members are permitted, and encouraged, to nominate directors for election.
- 4. Selection of National Teams and the sanction of Club Crews for IDBF International Championships shall be set out in Protocols adopted and amended from time to time by the Board of Directors.
- 5. Any proposed amendments to the Protocols will be put to the Crew Members for approval at the next Annual General Meeting. Notice of any proposed amendments shall be included in the notice to Members for the next Annual General Meeting. Amendments shall not be acted upon unless approved by a majority of the Members present in person or by proxy.
- 6. If an amendment to a Protocol is not approved by the Crew Members, the Board of Directors will consider the input of Crew Members, re-consider the amendments, and re-submit amendments at a subsequent Meeting of Members.
- 7. Rather than put proposed amendments to the Members, the Board may put options for amendment before the Members for a vote, and agree to adopt the option or options selected by a majority of the Members.
- 8. Athletes are invited and encouraged to be a part of committees formed by Dragon Boat Canada. Opportunities will be published on Dragon Boat Canada's web-site.
- 9. Dragon Boat Canada will keep athletes informed of policies and programs for their development through the mechanism of a regular newsletter, website, or other means of communication.