

THE INAUGURAL CANAM CLUB CREW CHAMPIONSHIPS



**WELLAND ONTARIO
JULY 25-28, 2024**

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The Inaugural DBC/USDBF Club Crew Championships

Welland, Ontario July 25th – 28th, 2024

The Championships

Dragon Boat Canada (DBC) and the United States Dragon Boat Federation (USDBF) are excited to welcome all federation members to race at the most competitive event in North America in 2024. The event will be held at the [Welland Flatwater Centre](#) in Welland Ontario from July 25th to July 28th 2024.

The Racing

Racing will be conducted in Standard BuK boats:

Division 1:

- Premier, 39 and over, 49 and over, 59 and over, 69 and over, 18 and Under, 24U-PS, Breast Cancer Paddlers, All Cancer Paddlers, and Para
- Classes: Open, Women and Mixed
- Distances: 200m, 500m, 2000m
- Crew sizes: Standard (20 Paddlers, Drummer and Steersperson) and Small (10 Paddlers, Drummer and Steersperson). A Standard Crew Roster may include a maximum of 30 Racers (including all Paddlers, Drummer and Steersperson). A Small Crew Roster may include a maximum of 15 Racers (including all Paddlers, Drummer and Steersperson)
- CCWC Qualification (CCQ): Canadian Crews - event completes CCWC CCQ requirements for the 2025 CCWC Race Off
- Division 1 paddlers may not race in Division 2 (See DBC Rules)

Division 2:

DBC is thrilled to bring back Division 2 for the 2024 CACCC – you can see full information about whether D2 is for you in the Q and A portion toward the end of the bulletin.

- Classes: Open, Women and Mixed
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- CCWC Qualification (CCQ): Canadian Crews – Division 2 does NOT meet CCQ requirements for the 2025 CCWC Race Off
- Division 2 paddlers may not race in Division 1 (See DBC Rules)

Racing will be conducted in accordance with the 2024 DBC rules which will be available in January 2024.

The Venue

The Welland International Flatwater Centre is located in [Welland Ontario](#). The racecourse is equal depth in all lanes and all straight race starts will be conducted using a [Polaritus](#) automatic starting system and [FinishLynx](#) automatic timing.

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.

Local tent rental is available:

[Guelph Tent and Event Rental](#)

[The Party Centre](#)

Parking is available at a small cost which is used to support social and recreational programs within the community of Welland.

Entries

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

All US Athletes, Coaches and Team Managers competing at the 2024 CACC Championships must be current members of the USDBF and be members in good standing of their respective regions.

All DBC Athletes, Coaches and Team Managers competing at the 2-24 CACC Championships must be current members of DBC.

Registration will open January 15th, 2024. The deadline to register Crews is **May 15th, 2024**.

All registration will be done online, and payment is in CAD. In order to register a Club Crew a minimum of 6 Racers must be attached to a Standard Crew and 4 Racers attached to a Small Crew.

The entry fees are on a per Racer basis. *The first entry for all categories is \$70.

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 \$70. If they are registered for Premier Open and Premier Mixed the fee will be $\$70 + \$35 = \$105$. If they are registered for Premier Open, Premier Mixed, and Senior A Mixed the fee would be $\$70 + \$35 + \$35 = \140 .

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 \$70. If that individual is registered for 24U-PS Mixed and Premier Open the total fee would be \$70.

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 to maximums (30 Standard/15 Small) may be added until **July 5th, 2024**.

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

*All fees are subject to applicable taxes (13% HST ON).

Race Entries, Classes and Distances

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

Para Crews are PD1 and PD2 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.

Racers from the same Club may not cross over between Crew Sizes for the same Class and Category (e.g. can only race one of Premier Mixed Standard Crew OR Premier Mixed Small Crew). 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.

US Athletes may be eligible for a club cross over: Racers may race with only one club at the 2023 CNCC, with an exception made for paddlers whose primary club is only women/open. Those paddlers may compete in mixed races only, with one other club. There is an exemption process in place. Please contact [Barb Michaels \(bjmichaels@frontiernet.net\)](mailto:bjmichaels@frontiernet.net) following the opening of registration to request an exemption. A participant may race with more than one crew within a club, but in no case will racing be held up to allow the transfer of a participant from one crew to another. Shared helms and drummers between crews in the same club will be allowed based on the race program.

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 July 25 th	Category	200m	500m	2000m	Crew Size
18 and Under	Mixed		■	■	Standard and Small
Premier	Mixed		■	■	Standard and Small
Senior B (49+)	Mixed		■	■	Standard and Small
Senior D (69+)	Mixed		■	■	Standard and Small
BCP	Open		■	■	Standard and Small
ACP	Open		■	■	Standard and Small
24U-PS	Mixed		■	■	Standard and Small
Senior A (39+)	Mixed		■	■	Standard and Small
Senior C (59+)	Mixed		■	■	Standard and Small
Para	Open		■	■	Standard and Small
D2	Mixed		■	■	Standard and Small

Day 2 July 26th	Category	200m	500m	2000m	Crew Size
18 and Under	Mixed	■			Standard and Small
Premier	Mixed	■			Standard and Small
Senior B (49+)	Mixed	■			Standard and Small
Senior D (69+)	Mixed	■			Standard and Small
BCP	Open	■			Standard and Small
ACP	Open	■			Standard and Small
24U-PS	Mixed	■			Standard and Small
Senior A (39+)	Mixed	■			Standard and Small
Senior C (59+)	Mixed	■			Standard and Small
Para	Open	■			Standard and Small
D2	Mixed	■			

*Awards for all Mixed, BCP, ACP will be presented following the end of racing on Day 2. There are 30 medals available for each Standard Club Crew 16 available for each Small Club Crew.

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

Day 3 July 27th	Category	200m	500m	2000m	Crew Size
18 and Under	Open & Women		■	■	Standard and Small
Premier	Open & Women		■	■	Standard and Small
Senior B (49+)	Open & Women		■	■	Standard and Small
Senior D (69+)	Open & Women		■	■	Standard and Small
24U-PS	Open & Women		■	■	Standard and Small
Senior A (39+)	Open & Women		■	■	Standard and Small
Senior C (59+)	Open & Women		■	■	Standard and Small
D2	Open & Women		■	■	Standard and Small

Day 4 July 28th	Category	200m	500m	2000m	Crew Size
18 and Under	Open & Women	■			Standard and Small
Premier	Open & Women	■			Standard and Small
Senior B (49+)	Open & Women	■			Standard and Small
Senior D (69+)	Open & Women	■			Standard and Small
24U-PS	Open & Women	■			Standard and Small
Senior A (39+)	Open & Women	■			Standard and Small
Senior C (59+)	Open & Women	■			Standard and Small
D2	Open & Women	■			Standard and Small

*Awards for all Open and Women's Racing, Division and Club Burgees shall be presented following the end of racing on Day 4. There are 30 medals available for each Standard Club Crew 16 available for each Small Club Crew.

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

Training

Each Crew will have the opportunity to have 1 50 minute training session on **Wednesday July 24th**. There will be limited practices available in the afternoon of **Saturday July 27th**, upon completion of racing. The start apparatus will be available at limited times during each training session. Sessions will be awarded on a first come first serve basis starting with Crews from outside the province of Ontario.

Registration for training sessions shall open **March 20th, 2023**.

Awards

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

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.

CCQ Status – Club Crew Qualifying (Canadian Crews Only)

The 2024 CACCC is the start of the 2026 CCWC qualification cycle. All individuals racing in **Division 1** will be awarded their 2 required CCQ points with their club.

Travelling to Welland

The city of Welland is conveniently situated only one hour and thirty minutes from the Pearson International Airport (Toronto) and 45 minutes from the Buffalo Niagara International Airport (NY).

There are a number of local ground transport options:

[Switzer-Carty Transportation](#)

[Sharp Bus Lines](#)

[Attridge Transportation](#)

Hotels

DBC is working with Andromeda to assist clubs in securing rooms in and around the Welland area. [The dedicated link is available here](#). DBC (and the USDBF) do not have a room surcharge, and do not make any revenue from room bookings.

There are limited rooms available at Niagara College ([Welland](#) and [Niagara on the Lake](#)) and Brock University. Information about the accommodations at Brock are available at the end of this Bulletin.

Officials

An IDBF Grade 1 course will be offered on **Wednesday July 24th, 2024**. Bernadette Byrne is the course facilitator. Contact Bernadette for complete information and registration information. Please note that in order to be eligible for the Grade 1 course, your National Federation must recommend you. If you are interested in taking the Grade 1 course

please first reach out to your National Federation to determine eligibility. Canadians email Chloe at director@dragonboat.ca American Officials should reach out to [Barb Michaels](#).

We will have both US and Canadian Officials at this event.

If you are interested in being an Official at this event and are Canadian, 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.

All USDBF Officials are asked to reach out to the [Competition Committee](#) and the Committee will confirm your eligibility and put your name on the list of potential Officials.

All individuals interested in being part of the Officials Team must notify their federation no later than **January 15, 2024**.

There will be a limited number of spaces for Officials, all successful applicants shall be notified by **February 15th, 2024**. All approved Officials shall receive travel support, hotel and per diem for meals not provided on site.

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 2024 07 18 at 12h00 Eastern. [Meeting Link](#)

Captain and Steers Meeting #2 2024 07 18 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.

Why are we following DBC rules, eh?

This event is a joint event between the USDBF and DBC. All rules from both countries have been completely reviewed to identify any differences and have been addressed and agreed on by both federations. The applicable rules will be circulated in February. No need to worry, any differences will be minor, and you will be notified!

Why is this event happening?

DBC has always held a Canadian Championship annually (not just for CCWC selection). It is a great opportunity for teams from all over to get together and race at the best race courses with great officiating. This event is typically a break even event; this is not a fundraiser. In the case of the CACCC, should there be any profit made at this event, profits will be shared between DBC and the USDBF! So, matter what side of the border you live on, you are helping to support your National Federation!

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. Are you going to the 2024 CCWC? If so, you need to register in D1, Division 2 is **not** for you.

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 race course? Is your Crew considering taking a stab at qualifying for CCWC 2026, and want to be part of the action? Then Division 2 is for you!

Can Crews from outside the USA and Canada attend?

Absolutely! All crews need to be a member of the National Federation. This is not an “Open” event, though all are welcome. Should a crew from a country other than Canada or the USA be awarded a medal, a dual medal shall be awarded.

Small Crew in Standard Boats...say what now?

DBC used Standard Boats with Small Crews in 2023 with some events trialling the same format in 2022. Small boats are not common in Canada, and DBC wants to increase access without increasing costs for clubs. This gives clubs the option of entering what crew size is appropriate for them, without having to purchase new boats until they are ready.

DBC has done the research, and you might be surprised with the difference it makes to times. Certainly, the differential increases with the length of the race, but across all distances the average differential is about 4%!

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. It really increases the competitiveness of racing and the importance of each racing.

What will the race progression plan be?

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

2024 Brock Accommodations for the Can American Championships

Village Residence offers air-conditioned townhouse style units with 4 guest rooms with 5 single beds in each townhouse. Configured in three single bedrooms, and one double bedroom in a loft style configuration. Each townhouse has two (2) washrooms, a kitchen with a stove and refrigerator, a common eating area with table and chairs and a living room. Pots and pans, dishes and cutlery are not provided. The living room is furnished with a couch, chair and table. Wi-Fi is available in all Village units.

Group Rate: \$288.50 per unit per night plus HST



- Minimum booking of 3 units to confirm a booking.
- Arrival and departure dates may differ for each unit booked, but there will be no moving people from unit to unit during your stay.
- \$500.00 non-refundable deposit required when booking.
- Point of contact must check-in and handle all keys for the rest of the group.

Steps away from your rooms, Brock's Dining Services team is pleased to offer all-you-can-eat buffet-style meals in the shared dining hall. Our dining services team provides athletes with nutritional, tasty meals and can accommodate special dietary needs with advance notice.

Breakfast: \$13.75 per person plus HST

Lunch: \$20.75 per person plus HST **Dinner:** \$26.00 per person plus HST



To book your accommodations and meal requirements, please email Heather McFarlane at hmcfarlane@brocku.ca with the following information.

- Contact Name
- Mailing/Billing Address
- Arrival Date (after 3pm)
- Departure Date (before 11am)
- Number of people in your group