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IDBF BOAT MANUFACTURERS’ REGISTRATION SCHEME

D1. Background. Traditional dragon boating originated in Southern China over 2000 years ago. However, it was not until the mid-1970s that the modern era of Dragon Boat Racing, as a competitive sport, began in Hong Kong with the Hong Kong International Races (HKIR). In the 1990’s the International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF) and the Continental Federations for Asia (ADBF) and Europe (EDBF) were formed and World Championships organised.

D2. These International Federations’ (IFs’) are committed to preserving the designs of the Chinese Traditional Dragon Boat (CTDB) and the Standard 22 person Wooden Dragon Boat (HKWDB) used in the HKIR. However as the sport has grown, so has the pressure to change the boat hull shape and other design features, with the object of improving performance. The inevitable result of such a process would be a boat unrecognisable as a traditional Dragon Boat. Therefore, for reasons of ‘tradition’ and to aid development in new areas of the world, the policy of the IFs’ is to keep design changes to the boats and their equipment to a minimum.

D3. Present Situation. In 1994 the IDBF Congress directed that a standard design of Dragon Boat, for development purposes and for use in IDBF World Championships, should be produced based on the design of the HKWDB raced at the HKIR. The IDBF Council in implementing this policy approved a Boat Specification for an IDBF ‘International Racing Dragon Boat’ (IRDB) based on measurements originally taken from the HKIR Dragon Boat. The IRDB consists of two models of boat, the Standard size and the Small size (model numbers 1222 and 912 respectively. The 912 model, which seats 10 paddlers (the Standard Boat seats 20) is proving popular with activity providers, festival race organisers and water sports centres.

D4. The IRDB models are now being used for both Sport and Festival Racing world wide. Within the specification for the IRDB, allowances have been made for adjustments to the internal structure of the boat, its fixtures and fittings but NOT to the Hull shape, seat heights or external dimensions, relative to the Standard and Small models. Additionally, the CDBA has an IDBF approved Boat Specification for the Chinese Traditional Dragon Boat (CTDB)

THE BOAT MANUFACTURERS’ REGISTRATION SCHEME

D5. The Scheme’s Purpose. The purpose of the IDBF Boat Manufacturers Registration Scheme, is to ensure that manufacturers who chose to build the IRDB or the CTDB, comply with the terms and conditions laid down by the IDBF concerning the boat(s); that all such boats are manufactured to quality and safety standards acceptable to the IDBF and its members; and that all boats are registered with and licensed by the IDBF.

D6. Operation of the Scheme. All boats are subject to IDBF registration and licensing and carry an IDBF Boat Manufacturer’s Identification Plate, as proof that the boat has been built to the relevant manufacturing specifications. These specifications lay down the design and safety criteria as well as the standards of boat construction and customer service expected by the IDBF and its Members Associations from the Registered Boat Manufacturer (RBM).

D7. IDBF Undertakings. The IDBF will only register manufacturer’s to build the IRDB or CTDB under the terms and conditions shown in the IDBF Boat Manufacturers’ Registration Scheme. The IDBF will permit manufacturers’ to make changes in the design of the internal structure, fixtures and fittings of the IRDB but not the hull shape, seat heights and outside dimensions, provided that all such changes are authorised through the IDBF Technical Equipment Secretariat (TES) and are recorded in the boat specification as ‘an Approved IRDB Variation’. Approved Variations will generally be effected on a world wide basis but may be restricted to specific continents, regions, countries or territories of the world.

D8. The IDBF will only approve, IRDBs or its derivatives and CTDBs, which have been correctly licensed; to race in IDBF organised or sanctioned events.
D9. The IDBF pledges that its Members will use their powers to prevent any unauthorised manufacturer of the IRDB and its derivatives or the CTDB and recommends that manufacturers include in their contracts of sale a clause requiring the purchasers of these boats not to allow their boat(s) to be used as a model, prototype, Boat Plug or Mould without the written permission of the manufacturer.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

D10. Manufacturers Registration Fee. The IDBF Boat Manufacturer’s Registration Fee is USD 1500 (or local equivalent, plus 5% to cover currency exchange). For IDBF Members who wish to produce dragon boats solely for their Member Crews and development purposes only and not for commercial or export purposes, this fee may be waived or deferred, at the discretion of the IDBF Executive Committee. The Registration Fee is payable to the IDBF, irrespective of the type and number of boats built and is due at the time that the Applicant confirms that production of the IRDB or the CTDB, will commence, that is on application to the IDBF for a set of Technical Drawings for the Dragon Boat concerned. A set of drawings will not be issued until the Registration Fee is received by the IDBF.

D11. Validity. Manufacturer’s Registration is valid for a minimum period of 5 years from the date of issue. It is renewable on application to the IDBF Technical Equipment Secretariat (TES). Registration renewal is subject to the Terms and Conditions published in the Registration Scheme and by the IDBF from time to time. A fee, not exceeding 10% of the Full Fee applicable at the time, is payable on renewal of the Boat Manufacturers Registration. The factors that will be considered at renewal will be past compliance with the Terms and Conditions of Registration; business solvency; the Manufacturer’s continued ability to produce boats of a standard acceptable to customers; customers views and or complaints, concerning the product quality and customer relationships.

D12. Application. A manufacturer wishing to Manufacturer the IRDB or the CTDB should apply to the IDBF Technical Equipment Secretariat (TES) with a Deposit Fee of USD 150 (or local equivalent, plus 5% to cover currency exchange). The Applicant will be sent a copy of the IDBF Technical Manual from which to assess the viability of building the boat concerned (The Manual remains the property of the IDBF and is not to be copied or passed to a third party without the consent of the IDBF). The Applicant may call upon the IDBF TES for advice in assessing the viability of building the boat in question.

D13. In the event that the Applicant decides to build the IRDB (or a derivative) or the CTDB, then the Technical Manual may be retained and the balance of the Manufacturers’ Registration Fee sent to the IDBF Treasurer.

D14. On receipt of the Registration Fee, by the IDBF Treasurer, the IDBF TES will forward a set of the relevant Technical Boat Drawings to the applicant so that the manufacture of the wooden boat or plug for a GRP boat can commence. In the event that the Applicant does not proceed, then the Registration Fee, less USD 500, will be refunded by the IDBF, on the return of the Technical Manual and relevant Boat Drawings and any copies made of either document, to the IDBF TES.

D15. Examination. For the IRDB during the construction of any plug and mould and the building of the first boat, the builder is required to allow one or more examinations of the manufacturing process by IDBF Examiners who must also inspect the first boat to ensure that it complies with the Technical Manual and boat drawings.

D16. The Applicant is to agree the number and the time scale for such examinations prior to the first inspection and is to cover the expenses and travel costs of the Examiners (normally two) who carry out the inspections. Such costs are to be forwarded to the IDBF Treasurer before the inspection occurs.
D17. Irrespective of the number of inspections carried out the Examiners will in all cases require to see any IRDB boat plugs and boat moulds involved in the building process and the Applicant will be required to prove the originality of each such plug and mould to the satisfaction of the Examiners. In the event that a plug or mould’s originality cannot be proved, then the Manufacturers License will not be issued and any licences previously issued to the Applicant will be revoked.

D18. Manufacturers Identification Plate. For the IRDB, after the first boat produced has been approved by the Examiners, a Manufacturer’s Registration Certificate will be issued to the Applicant by the IDBF TES, together with a Manufacturers Master Identification Plate (MIP). The Master Plate will record the name of the boat manufacturer; country of manufacturer; a unique Boat License Number and other information detailed in the IRDB Specifications. The Master Plate is to be reproduced at the Manufacturer’s expense and fixed into each boat made in accordance with the specification and any other specific instructions issued by the IDBF. For the CTDB these tasks may be carried out by the CDBA.

D19. Record of Boat Production. The Registered Manufacturer is required to notify the IDBF TES of the details of all IRDB Hulls and CTDBs produced. This shall be done quarterly or as required by the IDBF. The details that are required include the names and addresses of the purchasers, the boats’ Identification Plate Numbers and the Registration (Licence) Numbers of all boats sold.

D20. Record of Mould Production. The Registered Manufacturer is required to notify the IDBF TES of any IRDB plugs moulds or boats sold, loaned, hired or franchised to a third party for the purpose of building an IRDB (or derivative) at the time such a transaction occurs. The Manufacturer is further required not to permit the sale of any boat produced by a third party, until the third party has been registered with the IDBF as a Boat Manufacturer. The IDBF reserves the right to examine all third party plugs or moulds at the expense of the Registered Manufacturer.

D21. Boat License Fee. For each and every IRDB Hull (or IRDB derivative) or CTDB manufactured under this Registration Scheme, the Manufacturer is required to pay a Boat License Fee to the IDBF, which shall be re-charged to the purchaser. The fee is currently USD 150, per boat hull. This fee may be reduced for IDBF Members making boats for development purposes - see paragraph D10.

a. For IRDBs Hulls Approved Derivatives or CTDBs manufactured or supplied under any lease; franchise or long term hire agreement, the payment of Boat License Fee remains the responsibility of the IDBF Registered Boat Manufacturer, who shall be required to notify the IDBF of the name and details of any third party subject to such a lease, franchise etc.

**IDBF BOAT MANUFACTURER’S REGISTRATION, TERMS & CONDITIONS**

D22. The Registration of a Boat Manufacturer, by the IDBF, for the purpose of making and selling the IRDB or a CTDB, is subject to the following Terms and Conditions: (The words ‘Applicant’ ‘Registered Manufacturer or Manufacturer means the ‘IDBF Registered Boat Manufacturer’).

(1) The Applicant undertakes to build boats that comply in all respects with the Boat Specifications laid down by the IDBF. The Specifications are subject to copyright and remain the property of the IDBF. They are not to be copied or transferred to a third party.

(2) The Applicant agrees to one or more examinations of all Plugs, Moulds or Boats used in the manufacturing process of the IRDB (or CTDB). The examinations shall take place during the manufacturing process of the Boat.
(3) The Applicant also agrees not to use a IRDB or derivative or a CTDB as a ‘Plug or ‘Mould’ to construct a Dragon Boat of the same or similar design, unless the boat concerned was previously built by the Applicant or supplied by another Registered Manufacturer under a written agreement expressly allowing the said boat to be used in the building of such a plug or mould.

(4) The Registered Manufacturer agrees to pay to the IDBF a Boat License Fee, for each and every IRDB and/ or CTDB Boat Hulls manufactured. This Licence Fee shall be included in the purchase price of the boat.

(5) The Registered Manufacturer undertakes to notify the IDBF TES of the names and addresses of all boat plug and mould or boat hull or completed boat purchasers; the details of the plugs, moulds, hulls or boats so purchased and the Boat License details of the IRDB, its derivative or CTDB.

(6) Before selling the first IRDB or CTDB the Manufacturer will submit a boat of the same production standard for a type approval inspection by IDBF Examiners to demonstrate that it meets the relevant Specification.

(7) For an IRDB, other than one made in wood, the Manufacturer will be required to prove, for appropriate materials, the originality of the boat’s plug and the boat mould.

(8) The Examiners must be satisfied that the Registered Manufacturer has the manufacturing capability for the consistent production of boats.

(9) Any dragon boat manufactured by the Manufacturer which is not a IRDB or a CTDB must NOT be plated with an IDBF Boat Manufacturer’s Identification Plate. Boat Licenses are only to be issued in respect of a IRDB, its approved derivatives or a CTDB.

(10) The Manufacturer recognises the IDBF and its Continental Federations as the only International Federations (IFs) for Dragon Boating and signs this Contract exclusively with the IDBF. The Manufacturer agrees to co-operate with the IDBF and its Members and agrees to act at all times to protect the integrity of the Identity Plate; the IDBF Registered Manufacturers and Boat Licensing Schemes’ and the boat manufacturing process, especially with regard to the ‘originality’ of a IRDB ‘Plug’ or ‘Mould’ as referred to above. Failure to comply with these paragraphs will result in a fixed IDBF penalty of USD 50,000 being levied on the Manufacturer.

(11) The IDBF Boat Manufacturers Registration may be revoked immediately by the IDBF for a breach of any of the Terms and Conditions contained in this document or for non-compliance with the regulations of the IDBF and legal action may follow against the Manufacturer.

(12) On the termination of the Manufacturer’s Registration, for any reason, the Manufacturer will desist from making or selling the IRDB or its derivatives or the CTDB unless the written agreement of the IDBF has been obtained. Failure to do so will result in an IDBF fixed penalty of USD 50,000 being levied on the Manufacturer.

This same condition shall also apply to any IRDB boat plug, mould, boat hull or complete boat or its derivatives, that have been submitted for IDBF Examination and found not to comply with the relevant Boat Specification.

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BOAT MANUFACTURERS APPLICATION FOR IDBF REGISTRATION

The person whose name and signature appear below applies for Registration as an IDBF Boat Manufacturers in the name of ..........................................................................................................................................................

whose Registered Office Address is at .................................................................................................................................................

Telephone Number ........................................ Fax Number ..........................................................

Email address .............................................................................................................................

In applying for Registration I confirm that I understand the Terms and Conditions of registration and that on behalf of the Company named above, I confirm that all such Terms and Conditions will be fully complied with. I accept that the Boat Specification or Specifications for the designs of Dragon Boats issued by the IDBF to the Company may be used in order to manufacture such Dragon Boats as specified, for the Company’s use, or for hire, loan, lease, franchise or sale by the Company and that at all times the said specifications are subject to copyright; will not be used to write specifications for similar designs of boats and that the said Boat Specifications remain the property of the IDBF.

I enclose a Deposit Fee of USD 150 (or local equivalent + 5%) in respect of an IDBF Technical Manual, and Technical Building Drawings, which I undertake not to photocopy or otherwise reproduce or to give to a third party for their own use, without the written consent of the IDBF TES. I understand that a Deposit Fee will be returned to me in the event that I do not proceed with the manufacturer of the Dragon Boat in question, provided that I return the Technical Manual and Drawings issued to me and any copies made, to the IDBF TES and I undertake not to pass on the knowledge I have gained to a third party.

I confirm that when the decision to proceed with the production of a boat plug, mould, hull or boat is made, that the Company named will pay the balance of the Manufacturers Registration Fee as determined by the IDBF, less deposit, before the production of the first boat is completed. I agree that the all drawings and manuals will be returned to the IDBF TES, in the event that boat production is not completed. In this case the IDBF will return the Licence Fee, less USD 500.

I agree to IDBF Examiners inspecting any boat plugs and moulds used in the production of the boat specified and agree to furnish proof of the originality of any such plug or mould. I accept that only on payment of the Manufacturers’ Registration Fee and following formal certification by appointed Examiners that the first boat meets the requirements of the Boat Specification concerned, will the IDBF issue a Boat Manufacturers Registration Certificate together with a Master Identification Plate, in confirmation that the Company has been accepted by the IDBF TES as a Registered Boat Manufacturer.

Signed................................................................. Name.................................................................................

For and on behalf of the applicant named. Dated..........................................................

Witness for the applicant (Signed) ..............................................................................................

(Name) ........................................................................................................... Dated ....................................

When completed return this Application for Registration to:

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CDBA – CHINESE TRADITIONAL DRAGON BOAT.

HKIR – HONG KONG STANDARD WOODEN DRAGON BOAT
IDBF Competition Regulation - 5.2 Refers

INTERNATIONAL RACING DRAGON BOAT

Outline Drawings

The outline drawings below are for the IDBF International Racing Dragon Boat (IRDB), IDBF Competition Regulation 5.2 refers. The Hull shape is common to the Standard (22 person) Wooden Dragon Boat raced in Hong Kong. The IDBF Council has sanctioned the IRDB, together with the CDBA Chinese Traditional Dragon Boat and the Hong Kong Standard Wooden Dragon Boat, as the approved boats for use at Championship Regattas. The IDBF Council also recommends the IRDB as the design of dragon boat for those new to dragon boating to adopt when developing the sport. Anyone who wishes to manufacture the IRDB or other approved designs, must obtain the appropriate Specification, which consists of a Technical Manual and Building Drawings, from the IDBF. The issue of a Boat Specification for an IDBF Approved boat is subject to the applicant complying with the IDBF Boat Manufacturer’s Registration Scheme.

THE DRAWINGS BELOW ARE NOT BE USED AS THE BASIS FROM WHICH TO BUILD THE IRDB. This Annex and any Building Specifications or Licensing Schemes, for IDBF Approved Dragon Boats published by the IDBF, form part of IDBF Competition Regulation 5.2. (May 2002)

IDBF INTERNATIONAL RACING DRAGON BOAT – Standard Model 1222

IDB – INTERNATIONAL RACING DRAGON BOAT Small Model 012 (5 Paddling Seats)