

2025 Dragon Boat Rule Change Proposals

#	Editor: NF / BoD / DBR Commission	CR/PR/SR	ART.	EXISTING WORDING	PROPOSED WORDING. All modifications must be written in bold blue	Committee/NF Comment	Committee STAND	BOARD STAND April 2024	CONGRESS November 2024																																			
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3	DBR Commission	PR	3.4 - Appendix 3	Appendix 3. Drawing showed the shape of paddle difficult to get in market	See attached file: Appendix 3-Technical Specification Sheet for the The Paddle (2025)	Shape of paddle is in line with manufacturers' products available in market	In Favour	In Favour																																				
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5	DBR Commission	PR	4,2	New rule	For dragon boat events and all age groups events add 8-seater for OPEN, WOMEN and MIXED	add 8-seater events definition	In Favour	In Favour																																				
6	DBR Commission	SR	4.3.3	New item to be added. The numbering under Art. 4.3 have to be re-numbered.	4.3.3 - A Dragon Boat crew of boats with 8 paddlers is composed of: Paddler eight (8); A drummer; A steerer; Two (2) substitute paddlers in the respective classes	To facilitate the development of 8-seater boat events. The 8-seater boat shows during the Sport Presentation in Tokyo2022 was successful.	In Favour	Approved the rule																																				
7	DBR Commission	SR	4.3.5	4.3.5 - Mixed crews must include a minimum number of eight (8) women (boat with 20 paddlers) or four (4) women (boat with 10 paddlers) respectively. See exceptions in articles 4.3.7 and 4.3.8.	4.3.6 - Mixed crews must include a minimum of eight (8) and a maximum of ten (10) paddlers of either gender (boat with 20 paddlers), a minimum of four (4) and a maximum of five (5) paddlers of either gender (boat with 10 paddlers) or a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of four (4) paddlers of either gender (boat with 8 paddlers). See exceptions in articles 4.3.8 and 4.3.9.	To enhance the gender equality in the dragon boat sport.	In Favour	Approved the rule																																				