2026 IBCPC PARTICIPATORY DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

BULLETIN #2



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Opening of registrations for complete teams	24 January 2024, 10.00am CET
50% registration fee deposit payment	On registation
Opening of registrations for composite teams, supporters and individuals	13 May 2024, 10.00am CET
Registration fees - Balance payment due	25 June 2025, 10.00am CET
Name entries	September 2025
Upload medical certificate (dated after 1 September 2025) including proof of breast cancer + certificate of helm abilities	From September 2025 to 1 June 2026
2026 IBCPC Participatory Festival	24-30 August 2026

REGISTRATION

Registration link: <u>www.ibcpcfrance2026/registrations</u>

Registration opens: 24 January 2024 at 10am CET for complete teams only. At this stage, only the name of the team and the number of paddlers will be required, as well as details of your accommodation and transportation needs.

The first 21 teams to register will benefit from the reduced rate of \in 350 per person. The standard rate of \in 395 per person will apply to subsequent teams. Registration is only open to IBCPC member teams.

Registration procedure

Go to <u>www.ibcpcfrance2026/registrations</u>. Click on the button «Register»

1- Register the name of the team + the number of paddlers (22 minimum - 26 maximum). Information about your accommodation and transportation requirements will also be requested. NOTE: Please include your team supporters in your accommodation/transportation requirements if travelling all together.

2- Verification that your team is IBCPC member. The status of your registration is then: «in progress». Once verification has been completed, the status of your registration changes to : «waiting for information».
3- You will receive a confirmation email indicating :

o That your registration request has been processed

o The registration fee for your team (early birds for the first 21 teams / or standard rate for other teams)

o Bank details to send SWIFT transfer to within 7 days (50% deposit of the registration fee). PLEASE NOTE: All bank charges are payable by the sender of the transfer (exchange charges, postage and packing).

o Your team reference number. You will need to mention the number in any communications with the organising committee.

4- Once you have completed the transfer, return to your registration page on the registration platform to attach the proof of transfer. On receipt of your transfer: the status of your registration changes to «accepted».

5- You will receive a receipt/invoice only after the bank transfer has been received.

CAUTION: be aware of the risk of fraud. Do not reply to dubious emails, fake websites or fake Facebook pages. As a reminder:

- Official facebook page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/ibcpcfrance2026</u>
- Official website: <u>www.ibcpcfrance2026.com</u>
- General enquiries: hello@ibcpcfrance2026.com
- Organising your stay (accommodation, transportation): stay@ibcpcfrance2026.com

Please not that the deposit is non-refundable but is transferable.

SUPPORTERS

Supporters are welcome to attend the 2026 IBCPC Participatory Festival, subject to availability and site capacity. Registration for supporters will open on 13 May 2024 at 10am CET. You will be informed of the procedure at a later date.

Priority will naturally be given to family members/friends/staff accompanying a complete IBCPC team. For all other special cases, please contact us in advance at hello@ibcpcfrance2026.com.

Supporter registration fee :

- €395 per adult supporter

- Children: €100 for children under 5 / €200 for children under 15 / €395 for children over 15.

The supporter registration fee includes

- Non-transferable accreditation;
- A welcome pack;
- Access to the race site and athletes' village;

- Access to transportation provided by the organisers on race days and during dedicated training ses-

sions (for teams staying in partner hotels and within the transport zone provided by the organisers);

- 2 meals on site on race days;
- Participation in the Dragon Boat races specially set up for supporters;
- Participation in the Parade of Nations:
- Participation in the Meet & Greet evening with meal:
- Participation in the opening ceremony:
- Provision of tents in the athletes' village;
- Participation in the flower ceremony (on land);
- Participation in the closing ceremony with meal.

These registration fees are identical to the participants' fees as they give access to the same services.

ENTRY OF PARTICIPANTS' NAMES & CERTIFICATES

You will be able to enter the names and certificates as of September 2025.

Registered teams are invited to go back to their registration area to enter the surnames, first names and personal details for each of the paddlers on their team. They will be asked to attach the following certificates:

- Medical certificate certifying no medical contraindications to taking part in the 2026 IBCPC Dragon Boat Festival races (dated after 1 September 2025) for each paddler

- Proof of diagnosis of breast cancer for each paddler

- Certificate of capacity to helm for the helms only (standard certificate will be provided, to be completed by a national federation representant or a club president).

HELM CERTIFICATE

Who is required to present one?

The helm certificate must be completed only by the helmswomen of each team entered.

What is it for?

The certificate attests to an operational level in the maneuvering and safety of a dragon boat in international races. This is a mandatory prerequisite in France, and is required by federal safety authorities to authorize the organization of the 2026 IBCPC Festival.

How to obtain it?

A standard certificate will be provided by the organizers.

It must be completed and signed by a national federation or a dragon boat/canoe club president. The signature attests to the helm's proven ability to maneuver and ensure the safety of a dragon boat.

RESERVE DAY

Sunday August 30, 2026 is a reserve day. What is it for?

- In the event of race cancellations due to bad weather or other reasons, we will reschedule the missing races.

- If all goes according to schedule: optional extra entertainment will be proposed for the teams to appreciate their last moments together, enjoying the beach and the beauty of Lake Bourget (the program for Sunday August 30, 2026 will be communicated later).

Teams are advised to reserve their accommodation by Monday August 31, 2026. The organisers will provide transportation to/from the race site on Sunday August 30 at an additional cost.

ACCOMMODATION -

The organization of the 2026 IBCPC Festival has already blocked partner hotels to enable teams to enjoy a selection of accommodations in line with our event and its values.

Where are our partner hotels?

- In and around Aix-les-Bains;
- In and around Chambéry (15kms from Aix-les-Bains);
- Annecy and surrounding area (35kms from Aix-les-Bains);

How to get in touch with our partner hotels?

From 24 January 2024, when registration opens for complete teams, hotel and transportation requests made by complete teams can be sent directly to the festival's registration platform: (www.ibcpcfrance2026/registrations). To minimize logistical problems, the festival organizers will provide a list of partner hotels that you can choose from. Nevertheless, the team remains in charge of their own hotel reservations, cancellations or additions, changes and payments.

For any questions: stay@ibcpcfrance2026.com

NOTE: please remember to include the supporters travelling with your team in your accommodation request.

ATTENTION: if your team does not use our hotel liaison service, we will have no way of knowing where you are staying, and will have difficulties arranging your transportation to the venue.

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ANY QUESTIONS?

The 2026 IBCPC Festival website has a comprehensive FAQ section.

if you have a question, please have a look at <u>www.ibcpcfrance2026.com/faq</u> before contacting us at hello@ibcpcfrance2026.com