

2026 IBCPC PARTICIPATORY DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

EXCEPTIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT



Dear IBCPC community,

The interest in the festival in France 2026 has been above and beyond our wildest expectations. We must now advise that the registration numbers of BCS paddlers and supporters has reached the maximum capacity of the site. IBCPC France 2026 festival is now fully booked. We are of course delighted with the success and want to thank you for your enthusiasm for the 2026 event. We appreciate that many of you who have not registered will be disappointed that you are unable to do so now. The site we are using is very tightly contained with restricted entry to the athletes village and it is limited to a capacity maximum number. Having reached that number we cannot go beyond that as per the health and safety regulations of the local council.

With the success of the registrations we are making this announcement to inform you of the immediate and definitive closure of all registrations. As of today it is no longer possible to register new teams or add extra paddlers to a team already registered. You can of course decrease that number but not add more paddlers. However any requests that have been made prior to this announcement will be taken into account and processed.

We will make one exception to this ruling and that is that an exceptional registration link will be set up for coaches and managers who have not had time to previously register as supporters. We will allow one coach and one manager or a combination of two coaches or two managers provided the maximum is two only that can be added to your team. We will inform you of this link at a later date.

We do understand that some teams may struggle with the concept that they are no longer able to register more paddlers or supporters. We advise that any unregistered supporters can join the opening street parade and watch the races from the «beach» at the lake front but they will not be able to access the transport to and from the venues or enter the athletes village.

We look forward to welcoming you in Aix-les-Bains.

The 2026 IBCPC Festival organising committee