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## Coronavirus (COVID-19) Press Release

The Irish Dragon Boat Association (IDBA) Executive Committee have been regularly monitoring the COVID-19 situation very closely and the impact it will have on our dragon boat community. As we all know the situation is changing daily with various measures implemented to contain the spread of the coronavirus.

The health and safety of everyone involved in our sport is of paramount importance and we are committed to making responsible decisions to ensure the welfare of everyone involved.

We are also very aware the normal training routines of our athletes has been disrupted through the closure of sporting facilities and the individual financial impact that the coronavirus may have.

We have therefore made the decision that the following events in 2020 will be **cancelled**:

- The Dragon Run 10Km – Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 (previously advised)
- Irish Senior Women's Dragon Boat Team Selection Trials – Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020
- Athy Dragon Boat Regatta – Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020
- Kerala Boat Race – Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020
- Barrow Dragon Boat Regatta – Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020

At this moment we are unable to say whether these events can be re-scheduled to dates later in the year. We do however remain optimistic and the following events will remain in our calendar.

- IDBA AGM – Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – This will now be held as a video conference. Details will be provided nearer the time.
- Dragons At The Docks – Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020
- Dublin Dragon Boat Regatta – Saturday & Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

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## **IDBF and EDBF Update**

As at today's date it is hopeful that both the European Nations Championships in Ukraine and the Club Crew World Championships in France will run. However these are changing times and I can personally ensure you it is being monitored regularly by both the EDBF and IDBF. The latest update can be found here. <https://www.dragonboat.sport/single-post/2020/03/16/CCWC-and-ENC-2020-COVID-19-Update>

## **Club Training**

We are following Irish Government advice which states that people should avoid all unnecessary social contact and all unnecessary travel. Based on this **the IDBA advises clubs to stop all group training activities until the foreseeable future.**

In line with Government advice on staying active the IDBA advises paddlers to continue, where possible, with individual training activities. Please keep in mind government advice on preventing the spread of the virus including "social distancing" and good hygiene when taking part in individual activities such as 01 training or using paddle machines. Further advice can be obtained from [www2.hse.ie/coronavirus/](http://www2.hse.ie/coronavirus/).

Please all stay safe.

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