



2018 ICF Dragon Boat World Championships
Training Dates: September 9-12, 2018
Competition Dates: September 13-16, 2018
Gainesville, Georgia – United States of America
Bulletin #1

Dear Sport Friends,

Gainesville Hall '96 and Lake Lanier Olympic Park are pleased to invite your National Federation to the 2018 ICF Dragon Boat World Championships. The event will be held September 9-16, 2018 in Gainesville, Georgia, USA.

1. Venue

The Lake Lanier Olympic Park is located at 3105 Clarks Bridge Rd, Gainesville, Ga 30506. The city is well connected to the rest of the United States and the world with the Atlanta Hartsfield/Jackson International Airport about one hour south of the racecourse. The Lake Lanier Olympic Park's technical infrastructure from the 1996 Olympic Games and Lanier Canoe 2003 World Championships have been well maintained and are in excellent condition for competition use. Fiber optic data infrastructure connecting the venue with video, sound and data, remote weather station, Finish Lynx system provide an array of communications/technology capabilities well suited for hosting international sporting events.

The 25,000 square foot boathouse serves as interior boat storage for Lanier Canoe Kayak Club and Lake Lanier Rowing Club, along with providing facilities for doping control and sports medicine. On the course side of the venue, there is a four story Olympic Finish Tower and stone amphitheater with seating for over 2000.

A newly installed pedestrian tunnel increases the safety of the athletes connects the Lake Lanier Olympic Park Campuses Boathouse and Plaza.



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2. Course

The 2018 ICF Dragon Boat World Championships will take place on the 1996 Olympic Race Course situated on Lake Sydney Lanier. The Olympic Racing Course is straight and narrow with deep water for nearly 4000 meters. Protected from the wind on both sides by the natural topography of the foothills of the North Georgia Mountains and preserved woodlands, the Olympic course provides the best racing in the world.

3. Event Program

The general outline of the program will be:

September 9-12, 2018	Training Days (Teams to reserve times in advance)
September 12, 2018	Team Leaders Meeting, Officials Meeting Opening Ceremony
September 13, 2018	500m Heats & Semi Finals 2000m Time Race and Finals
September 14, 2018	500m Finals and Medal Ceremony 2000m Time Race and Finals
September 15, 2018	200m Heats and Semi Finals 2000m Time Race and Finals
September 16, 2018	200m Finals and Medal Ceremony 2000m Medal Ceremony Team Medal Ceremony Closing Ceremony



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4. Entries

A preliminary entry form is attached. Please complete and return by March 1, 2018.

<http://www.lanierdragonboat2018.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/dragon-boat-registration-2018.pdf>

Numerical and Nominal Entries can only be submitted by the National Federation through the online entry system SDP by the specific closing date. Anyone having issues accessing the system or submitting entries should email sdp@canoeicf.com

To access to the ICF SDP system, please follow the link: please follow the link: <https://icf.msl.es/icf/main.jsp>

Deadline for entries:

Preliminary: March 1st 2018

Numerical: June 30th 2018

Nominal: August 30th 2018

Please insure the personnel responsible for submitting athletes profiles and entries on SDP first check whether an athlete is already in the database for another discipline before adding the athlete. Any athlete can have additional discipline added to their record as required by checking the box for their new discipline in the profile.

5. Accreditation Fee

An Accreditation Fee of \$140USD (\$35USD per competition day) Per Athlete, Coach and Staff Person will be assessed. An additional \$20USD will be assessed per training day.

This fee includes:

Official Race Credential

Use of New Champion Dragon Boat

Security at the Olympic Park

Medical/First Aid at the Olympic Park

Lunch on training days

Water/Snacks daily

Ticket to the Opening Ceremony

Use of the Athlete Lounge at the venue



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6. Housing

Each National Federation will arrange accommodations for athletes and team officials. Below is a list of Preferred Hotels that will be on the Transportation Route. Detailed hotel information and a full list of accommodations in the Gainesville-Hall County area are listed on our website

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<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Ramada Inn	+1-770-531-0907	\$95
Super 8	+1-770-533-9009	\$135
Hampton Inn	+1-678-971-4670	\$165
Fairfield Inn	+1-678-971-4670	\$165
Hilton Garden Inn	+1-770-532-3396	\$139
Guest Lodge	+1-770-361-4773	\$95
Don Carter State Park	+1-678-450-7726	varies on cabin size
Best Western	+1-770-882-9591	
Jameson Inn	+1-770-533-9400	\$99
Holiday Inn Express	opens in April 2018 (info will be on website when available)	

We recommend that you contact hotels directly and not use a booking service for the best rate.

7. Ground Transportation / Car

A Transportation Route will be available from the Preferred Hotels listed above for a rate of \$20 per person per day. Information on securing private team transportation is available at

<http://www.lanierdragonboat2018.com/general-information/>

8. Boats

Gainesville Hall '96 has commissioned a new fleet of 10-Man and 20-Man Champion Dragon Boats for use in the World Championships. The fee to use the boats is included in your participation fee. Boats are available for purchase at after the competition. A limited supply of boats is available. If you have additional questions or would like to reserve your Championship Champion Dragon Boat, please contact Jim O'Dell at jim.odell@lckc.org



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9. Visa

Please check with your consulate regarding Visa requirements for entering the United States. Upon request, participants from other countries who require a Visa will receive a confirmation letter from the host committee, once their participation is confirmed.

10. Insurance

All participants are strongly advised to have appropriate medical insurance from their respective countries.

11. Medical Services

A First Aid and emergency medical service will be available at the Lake Lanier Olympic Park, from September 9-16, 2018. Additionally, the Northeast Georgia Medical Center and other outpatient facilities are located 4 miles from the Venue.

12. Water

The water in Gainesville, Ga is filtered through the City's water system and is safe to drink. Bottled water will also be available at the park.

We look forward to hosting you at the Lake Lanier Olympic Park in 2018! Please feel free to call or email me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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