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Ada Ciganlija, 11000 Belgrade, Serbia

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Dear Dragon Boat Friends,

Serbian Dragon Boat Federation (SDBS) and China Cultural Center in Serbia (CCC) cordially invite all dragon boat teams and respectful corporations to participate in the 3rd “Nihao China” China-Serbia International Dragon Boat Festival Belgrade 2026 in Belgrade, Serbia, from Saturday 6th to Sunday 7th of June 2026.

Location and venue

The event will be held at Ada Ciganlija Lake located within the urban city area. It is 3.2 km long and around 200 meters wide, with a maximum depth of 16 meters (racing course depth is more than 4 meters). It is used for sports, recreation and active leisure time of visitors of Ada Ciganlija, and it is completely adapted for the competition. In 2025 Ada Ciganlija lake hosted European Club Crew Championship.



The lake is encircled by a 7.9 km long walkway, a bicycle path and a pebble beach. Ada Ciganlija offers more than 60 restaurants and cafe shops, arranged around the lake.

The Ada Ciganlija Lake is located 30 min away from the Belgrade's International Airport Nikola Tesla. There are several 2-4 star hotels in the surroundings, at 40 min walking and 10 min driving distance.

More info: <https://www.adaciganlija.rs/en/>

Racing regulations – club crews

Racing will be conducted in both Small and Standard Boats in accordance to EDBF Competition Regulations

- Divisions: Premier, Senior A (40+), Senior B (50+), 24U, Junior (-18)
- Classes: Open, Women and Mixed
- Distances: 200m, 500m

Competitors from the open and women classes may combine to form the mixed crews.

A minimum of three registered teams per category required for medal competition. There will be at least two races (incl. repechage or rounds) for each crew. Racing course will have 6 racing lanes. Start will be with boat holders. IDBF licensed boats will be provided by organizer.

Mixed crew requirements

- Standard boat – the crew must consist of a minimum of 8 and maximum of 10 paddlers of either gender. Drummers and Helms can be either gender.
- Small boat – the crew must consist of a minimum of 4 and maximum of 5 paddlers of either gender. Drummers and Helms can be either gender.

Racing regulations – corporate races

Dragon Boat is world's most popular water corporate activity. Register your corporate teams for this event and represent your company, sharing the spirit and culture of ancient Chinese tradition. Connect in pleasant outdoor activity, and have fun.

Corporate races are organized in Premier open category (male and female, no age limit) with 12-16 paddlers in a standard boat. Distances are 200m and 500m. Helms, paddles and all other equipment are provided by the organizer. There will be a minimum of two races (repechage or rounds) for each corporate crew in both distances. A corporation may register two or more crews, but not with same paddlers. Cup awards will be provided for most successful corporation crews.

Cultural program

Besides sports activities, there is a rich cultural program reflecting colorful Chinese heritage. Chinese music played on traditional instruments, exhibition of traditional crafts, artistic pictures, photos, and hand-made figures, as well as dance, tai chi and kung fu presentations.



Timetable

Date:		Time:
Thursday, June 4 th Friday, June 5 th	Club training sessions	Timeslots open for reservation
Saturday, June 6 th	Opening ceremony	09:00 – 10:00
	Races 500m	10:00 – 17:00
	After Party	17:30 – 23:00
Sunday June 7 th	Races 200m	09:00 – 16:00
	Closing ceremony	16:00 – 16:30

Entry fees

Club crews: 30 € per competitor (coaches and supporters - free of charge)

1000 € Corporate crew registration package

- Registration fee for all crew members (12-16 competitors)
- Tent (3x3m) with company-branded full color banner (1x0.4m)
- Company-branded full color beach flag (1.8m) on the boat during races
- Full color company logo (150cm²) on all photowalls and festival banners
- 8 dragon boat training slots (1h) with licenced coach and all the equipment
- Experienced helm steering the company boat on all races

Registration

- Provisional entry registration forms are open. Deadline: Tuesday, March 03 2026.
 - **Club crew** registration form <https://forms.gle/ontsLCfSZTAMns6C9>
 - **Corporate crew** registration form <https://forms.gle/YU2ock9RYcdyCo4m9>
- Named entry: link will be provided for registered teams on Monday, May 04 2026.

Bank instructions:

SDBS SRPSKI DRAGON BOAT SAVEZ

Address: ADA CIGANLIJA 66 A, BEOGRAD-CUKARICA, REPUBLIKA SRBIJA

IBAN: RS35265100000020814893

SWIFT: RZBSRSBG

Bank name: RAIFFEISEN BANKA AD
BEOGRAD, RS

Bank charges: When paying the registration fee, by wire transfer, please make sure you mark the "Ordering customer" (OUR) check box when you fill in the "International charges".

Ref: With Club Name and Country

Additional info

- Lifeguards and doctor will be there for the safety of the participants.
- Briefing (progression system, rules etc) at team manager's meeting before the ceremony.
- All members of each team must wear uniform T-shirts.
- Sandwiches, refreshments, coffee and water will be sold at reasonable prices at the venue.

Personal safety

All crew members must be water confident and ideally be able to swim at least 50m. It is the Crew Manager's responsibility to ensure that this limitation is complied with, and to ensure that known weak swimmers wear personal flotation aids. Crews compete entirely at their own risk and must be 'Fit to Race', as defined in the IDBF Competition Regulations.

Weather

Average temperatures in June in Belgrade: 22-25° C. Rain or wind is generally not expected.

Contact

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Looking forward to welcome you to 3rd "Nihao China" China-Serbia International Dragon Boat Festival Belgrade 2026!