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MAJOR LEAGUE DRAGON BOAT TO HOST CONSECUTIVE USDBF CLUB CREW NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

TORONTO, ON, April 6, 2016 – The United States Dragon Boat Federation (USDBF) and GWN Dragon Boat are pleased to announce that the 2017 and 2019 USDBF Club Crew Championships (CCNCs) will be held at Mercer County Park in West Windsor, NJ and Memorial Park in Colorado Springs, CO, respectively. Both venues will welcome the country's best paddlers for 3 days of racing and celebration.

Paula Humphries, USDBF president, announced on May 12th that GWN Dragon Boat would host back-to-back championships.

"After having successfully hosted both the 2013 and 2015 USDBF CCNCs, it was an easy choice to make. GWN is an award-winning industry leader with a proven track record of hosting world-class level events," explains Humphries. "Both venues are very capable of hosting international sporting events which excites the USDBF as we hope to break record Championships attendance."

GWN's reputation as a dynamic event host and service provider of community and sport dragon boat competitions sealed the bid. GWN produces the ever popular, 9-event Major League Dragon Boat Series (MLDB) and provides race production services to over 30 festivals across North America annually.

"We are thrilled to once again have the honor of hosting the USDBF CCNCs," said GWN Dragon Boat Chief Operating Office Aaron Soroka. "To be granted the Championship races in 2017 and 2019 is a testament to the hard work of our team, partners, the Mercer County Park Commission and the Colorado Springs Convention and Visitors Bureau. We look forward to providing athletes, coaches, and supporters a first-class experience in West Windsor and in Colorado Springs."

The 2017 USDBF Club Crew National Championships will be held from September 15 to 17th, 2017 at Mercer Lake, in conjunction with the Mercer County Dragon Boat Festival. The 2019 USDBF Club Crew National Championships will be held from August 23 to 25th, 2019 in conjunction with the Colorado Springs Dragon Boat Festival. Club Crews from all across the US will participate in the USDBF CCNCs to race for the title of National Champion in their division. All crews will be competing for a berth for their division in the International Dragon Boat Federation Club Crew World Championships in 2018 and 2020.

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About GWN Dragon Boat

GWN Dragon Boat produces more than 40 events and festivals, which raise millions of dollars for community and charitable partners. GWN offers start-to-finish event management services for festivals, corporate team-building experiences, social marketing initiatives, premier training camps, and equipment sales including IDBF Certified BuK Dragon Boats, Apex and Grey Owl paddles. Put simply, GWN is the one-stop shop for all things dragon boat.

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About United States Dragon Boat Federation

The USDBF is a volunteer organization dedicated to the sport of dragon boat racing. The USDBF was officially founded in 1997. The mission of the USDBF is to promote the growth and development of dragon boating in the U.S. for fitness, recreation, and team building at all levels of competition. The USDBF is a member of the International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF) and recognized by the IDBF as the specific Governing Body for Dragon Boating in the United States.

In addition to hosting National Championships for all its regional member clubs every other year and sending its top paddlers to represent the USA in IDBF World Championship events, the USDBF provides resources, support and certification opportunities for the hundreds of dragon boat crews and festivals throughout the US which make up its regional membership. Member paddlers range from once a year recreational paddlers who come out for a specific event in their area to hard-core paddlers who practice daily on and off the water. USDBF members represent youth through Great Grand Dragon paddlers (over the age of 60!) as well as special interest groups, such as Breast Cancer Survivors crews which have been growing in leaps and bounds in the last ten years. Our member clubs, festival organizers and vendors, such as GWN, host training camps and single session trainings on wide variety of dragon boat paddling related topics.

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