

## **World Sprint Championships - Overview**

Starting in 2016 the IVF World Sprints will follow a new competition format. The following is an overview, a full document will be available on the IVF website once complete; <http://www.ivfiv.org>

The competition will be a 2 part event with days 1-2 for the 'World Elite Sprint Championships' and days 3-6 for the 'World Club Sprint Championships'.

This format of racing is to cater for the growth of the sport and provide a pathway for Elite/ top paddlers whilst at the same time catering for the development of the sport and the large club base.

## **World Elite Championships**

- Teams will be representing their IVF Member country/region
- Countries may enter 1 team per category in V6 events  
The following categories will be recognized:
  - Junior 19 team male & female
  - Open team male and female
  - Master (40) team male and female
- 1 V12 team per gender (Open category only)
- V1 events; will continue as previous events and be run during the Club Worlds (tbc based on entries and host).

Countries may enter 3 x V1 paddlers per category (all categories J16 to M70) into the World Championships.

Countries can earn up to a maximum of 6 x V1 Entries total based on the number of medalists in the previous World Sprints. One medal allows four entries, two medals allow five entries and three medals allow six entries.

## **Uniforms**

Will be a national uniform of the Country/region.

## **World Club Championships**

Club teams are defined by each association as they wish, and they are responsible for policing themselves.

The number of entries allowed by each member in the World Club Championship event are as follows:

- V6 events: 5 entries per age category
- V12 events: 2 entries per age category

### **General Rules**

- Elite paddlers may participate in both Elite and Club racing.
- Any Club V6 team must contain no more than 2 paddlers who participated on the same team in the World Elite V6 events.
- Any Club V12 team must contain no more than 4 paddlers who participated on the same team in the World Elite V12 event.
- Uniform should be representative of the IVF member region or Club.

Paddlers may paddle in more than 1 age category – However the race program will not be altered for paddlers should they be racing back to back. Scratch fees will apply should a paddler decide to scratch if race times are too close together to race in both events.

There shall be unique medals that identify the World Elite and World Club Championship events.

### **Scheduling of events**

The overall event will be held over 6 Days - A draft schedule of events will be made available prior to entries opening. *Depending on entries received the race schedule may change.*