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## Bulletin (1)

Updated on 3 February 2015

### Dear all local and overseas Dragon Boat teams

You are cordially invited to participate in the Hong Kong International Dragon Boat Races 2015 (IDBR), tentatively scheduled for **3-5 July 2015**. Jointly organized by the Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association and Hong Kong Tourism Board, the Dragon Boat Races will again be held at the renowned Victoria Harbour in Hong Kong along with a series of celebrating events.

### Tentative Outline of the Programme

Date & Time (Hong Kong Time)	Programme
From now to 4 May 2015 (Mon)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. New or renewal of athlete registration</li> <li>2. Online race enrollment and dinner reservation</li> <li>3. Submit Visa application and fee (if applicable)</li> </ol>
From now to 15 May 2015 (Fri)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pay all the fees by cheque, transfer or remittance</li> <li>2. Submission of copies of Business Registration Certificates / Student ID / Staff ID or certification letter (if applicable)</li> </ol> <p><b>There would be an administration charge for late submission. Please refer to page 9 of this Bulletin for details.</b></p>
29 May 2015 (Fri) 7pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Drawing of Race Lanes (Draw result will be announced on website)</li> <li>2. Allocation of marquees</li> </ol> <p>Address: 1/F Meeting Room, Olympic House, 1 Stadium Path, So Kon Po, Causeway Bay, HK</p>
19 Jun 2015 (Fri)	Confirmation of performance details and submission of music in mp3 format (if applicable)
Starting from 27 Jun 2015 (Sat)	<b>Change of information will NOT be allowed</b>
2 Jul 2015 (Thu) 7:30pm	<p>Team Managers Meeting (Briefing of race regulations, race format, arrangement and distribution of materials)</p> <p>Address: 2/F Lecture Theatre, Olympic House, 1 Stadium Path, So Kon Po, Causeway Bay, HK</p>



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From 2 Jul 2015 (Thu) to 90 min prior to the commencement of races	Confirmation of crew list Crew list will be distributed at the Team Managers Meeting. Teams should submit crew list to Race Information Centre inside the crew resting area 90 min prior to the commencement of races. <b>You may be disqualified for late submission of crew list.</b>
3 Jul 2015 (Fri)	(Morning) Opening Ceremony & Overseas Teams Practice Session (Afternoon) Race for Breast Cancer Survivors and other categories of 250m & Prize Presentation Ceremony
4 Jul 2015 (Sat)	500m Race & Prize Presentation Ceremony
5 Jul 2015 (Sun)	500m Race & Prize Presentation Ceremony
5 Jul 2015 (Sun) 6:30pm	Celebration Dinner Venue to be confirmed
25-26 Jul 2015 (Sat – Sun)	Fall Back Race Days If the IDBR is not allowed to take place at the Victoria Harbour due to any causes beyond the reasonable control of HKCDBA, the IDBR will take place at Shing Mun River in Shatin, New Territories. <b>Cancellation or delay of races is subject to the final decision of the Organizing Committee. There will be NO refund of entry fee and athlete registration fee.</b>

Crews are advised to arrive Hong Kong on 2 July 2015. Crews arriving earlier will need to make their own arrangement for catering, accommodation and transportation, etc.

## Race rules and regulation

The IDBF Rules and Regulations and latest HKCDBA Rules and Regulations shall apply. Please download the race rules and regulation from HKCDBA website <http://www.hkdba.com.hk>.

**\*\* All team managers and participants should be familiar with the race rules and regulations.**

## Race Format

To be announced at the Team Managers' Meeting.



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## Awards

Standard Boat Categories – 1 Trophy and 28 medals for each winning team and 1 Trophy for other participating teams.

Small Boat Categories – 1 Trophy and 16 medals for each winning team and 1 Trophy for other participating teams.

## Race by-law

- 1) Subject to by-law 2 below, there is no limitation on the number of race entries participated by each organisation.
- 2) One paddler cannot represent more than 1 team (sub-teams under the same team name (e.g. Team A, Team B) are regarded as different teams) in the same category. All participants must be holders of the 2015 HKCDBA Athlete registration card.
- 3) Standard Boat Races: Maximum number of participants in each team is 40 including 1 team manager, 1 drummer, 1 steersman, 18 paddlers and 19 reserves.
- 4) Small Boat Races: Maximum number of participants in each team is be 30 including 1 team manager, 1 drummer, 1 steersman, 10 paddlers and 17 reserves.
- 5) The coach can also be the drummer or steersman with clear indication on the crew list.
- 6) Reserves for paddlers, drummer and steersman are also subject to the entry requirement of the corresponding categories.
- 7) Each team **must have a Team Manager**, who must be present in the Crew Assembly Area during the time when the team is racing and is under the monitoring of Race Officials.
- 8) Category with less than **3 participating teams** will be cancelled.
- 9) Participants may use their own paddles in accordance with the [Clause] 5.2 Amendments [Is this name correct?] of HKCDBA Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing.
- 10) HKCDBA Organizing Committee shall have the right to refuse any entry into the races at its sole discretion without providing any reason.
- 11) Any team who severely contravenes rules and regulations or disciplinary code will be disqualified, and are not entitled for any awards.
- 12) HKCDBA reserves the right to restrict the number of racing paddlers according to weather condition for safety reason.
- 13) In case of illegal construction or illegal occupation of public area or destruction of facilities / planting, teams may be prosecuted and disqualified with no refund.



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## Race Categories and Fee

Categories	Small Boat			Standard Boat			Entry Fee (Per team per category)
	Race Day	Distance (m)	Quota	Race Day	Distance (m)	Quota	
International Championships – Overseas teams only							
International Open	3 Jul Fri	250	16	4 Jul Sat	500	16	Free
International Mixed			16			16	
International Women			8			8	
International Paradrakon	X			5 Jul Sun	500	8	
Local Championships – Local Teams Only							
Open	3 Jul Fri	250	16	4 Jul Sat	500	24	Standard Boat HK\$3,200 Small Boat HK\$1,700
Mixed			16			32	
Women			8			8	
Inter-Company			X			16	
Junior U23	X					16	Free
Local Invitational Races – Invited Teams Only							
Hong Kong Districts	X			4 Jul Sat	500	8	Standard Boat HK\$3,200
Professional Bodies						8	
Disciplinary Forces						8	
Uniformed Youth Groups	5 Jul Sun	500	16	X			Free
Post-secondary Schools	4 Jul Sat	500	8				
President and Chairman Shields – Winners of specific races Only							
President Shield	X			5 Jul Sun	500	8	Free
Chairman Shield						8	
Grand Championships – Winners of specific races Only							
Grand Open	X			5 Jul Sun	500	48	Free
Grand Mixed						24	
Grand Women						16	
All teams which have joined the above listed category are welcome							
Fancy Costume	X			5 Jul Sun	500	No limits	Free

**Due to time constraint, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to adjust the quotas in each category and accept entries on first come, first served basis.**



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## Entry Requirement

**The arrangement of President and Chairman Shields plus Grand Championships will be announced later.**

Categories	Entry Requirement
All participants must be	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Able to swim at least 100m without wearing life jacket;</li> <li>• Holders of 2015 Athlete Registration Cards; and</li> <li>• Aged 12 or above as of 1 Jan 2015</li> </ul>
International Open Open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No gender limitation</li> </ul>
International Mixed Mixed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8-12 female paddlers for Standard Boat</li> <li>• 4-6 female paddlers for Small Boat</li> </ul>
International Women Women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Latest HKCDBA Rules and Regulations shall apply</li> </ul>
International Paradrragon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All overseas and local Paradrragon Teams are welcome</li> <li>• No gender limitation</li> <li>• Except for the steersman and drummer, the number of able-bodied paddlers should not exceed half of the paddlers in the team.</li> <li>• Able-bodied and disabled paddlers with classification of disability should be marked clearly on the online enrollment system.</li> </ul>
Inter-Company	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For companies with valid Business Registration Certificates only. Teams shall provide a copy of valid Business Registration Certificates.</li> <li>• No gender limitation</li> <li>• All participants must be full-time staff of the organization</li> <li>• Participants shall provide a copy of their staff ID or certification letter</li> </ul>
Junior U23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aged below 23 as of 1 Jan 2015</li> </ul>
Hong Kong Districts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited to the dragon boat teams nominated by the dragon boat race organisers in various districts</li> <li>• No gender limitation</li> </ul>
Professional Bodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For designated professional bodies which represent the following registered practicing professionals (including accountants, architects, surveyors, planners, landscape architects, engineers, barristers, solicitors, doctors, dentists &amp; chartered secretaries) &amp; are responsible for setting the standards for professional services &amp; performance (including establishing / administering codes of conduct &amp; / or determining / granting professional qualifications); organisations representing other professional fields &amp; other organisations representing the above professional fields are welcome to join various Local Championships.</li> <li>• No gender limitation</li> <li>• All participants must be members of the professional bodies</li> <li>• Participants shall provide valid proof of membership</li> </ul>



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Categories	Entry Requirement
Disciplinary Forces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited to the Hong Kong Police Force, Immigration Department, Fire Services Department, Customs and Excise Department, Government Flying Service, Hong Kong Correctional Services, Civil Aid Service and Auxiliary Medical Services</li> <li>No gender limitation</li> <li>All participants must be full-time staff / member of the Department</li> <li>Participants shall provide a copy of their staff ID or certification letter</li> </ul>
Uniformed Youth Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited to the Civil Aid Service Cadet Corps; the Hong Kong Road Safety Patrol; the Hong Kong Sea Cadet Corps; the Hong Kong Red Cross; the Boys' Brigade, Hong Kong; the Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps; the Auxiliary Medical Service Cadet Corps; the Hong Kong St. John Ambulance Brigade; the Association of Hong Kong Flag-guards; the Girls' Brigade Hong Kong; the Hong Kong Adventure Corps; the Hong Kong Girl Guides Association; and the Scout Association of Hong Kong.</li> <li>No gender limitation</li> <li>Participants shall be current members of the Uniformed Groups</li> <li>Participants shall provide a copy of certification letter</li> </ul>
Post-secondary Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One team per school</li> <li>No gender limitation</li> <li>All participants must be students or staff of the post-secondary Schools in year 2013/2014</li> <li>Except for the steersman and drummer, each team must comprise of at least 50% students in each race</li> <li>Participants should provide a copy of their Student ID or staff ID</li> </ul>
President Shield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Teams Only, race arrangement will be announced later</li> </ul>
Grand Championships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Race arrangement will be announced later</li> </ul>
Fancy Costume	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No gender limitation</li> <li>Teams should be dressed in interesting and creative clothing during the race.</li> </ul>





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## Visa

Please visit the Hong Kong Immigration Department website for the details of Visa application:

<http://www.immd.gov.hk/cht/ml/id1004.htm>

<http://www.immd.gov.hk/cht/ml/fvisit.htm>

If assistance in Visa application is needed, please contact HKCDBA by email ([hkdba@hkolympic.org](mailto:hkdba@hkolympic.org)) on or before **4 May 2015**.

All Visa fee and postage would be paid by the Teams on or before **4 May 2015**.

Teams are responsible for all the consequence caused and fees incurred due to late application.

## Accommodation & Transport arrangement for overseas teams

The Organizing Committee of the 2015 HKIDBR is in the course of making arrangements for the accommodation packages, with price ranging from **HK\$1,400 to HK\$2,500** per twin room per day, which will include:

- Accommodation at a three to five-star hotels; and
- Arrival/departure transport service (one trip on arrival and one trip on departure, per team)

Information of the transport service provider will be provided in Bulletin (2). Teams can contact the supplier for booking additional trips between the hotels and the race site for practices, race or sightseeing at an extra fee if required.

Further information of the accommodation packages will be available in Bulletin (2).

Participants can make their own arrangements, but races will not be delayed for any teams under any circumstances.

## Celebration Dinner

The fee of a table for 12 persons is HK\$3,500. Detailed information of the celebration dinner will be announced in Bulletin (2).

Teams are welcomed to perform different kinds of cultural performances such as magic show, jugglery, and dance during the celebration dinner. Please send the details of the performance to the Organizing Committee by email on or before **19 June 2015**. If music is needed during the performance, please send the music in mp3 format to [hkdba@hkolympic.org](mailto:hkdba@hkolympic.org).



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## Location of Race Site

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Search from Google Map (Keyword: "Tsim Sha Tsui East Promenade")



## Public Transport

Railway

[http://www.mtr.com.hk/eng/homepage/cust\\_index.html](http://www.mtr.com.hk/eng/homepage/cust_index.html)

Bus

<http://www.kmb.hk/en/>

<http://www.nwstbus.com.hk/home/default.aspx?intLangID=1>

Ferry

<http://www.starferry.com.hk/services.html>

## Hong Kong Restaurant Guide

<http://www.openrice.com/english/restaurant/index.htm>

## Discover Hong Kong – Travel Guide from the Hong Kong Tourism Board

<http://www.discoverhongkong.com/eng/>





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## Crew Marquee Arrangement

Rental charge of the use of marquee is HK\$600 per marquee for 3 consecutive days. One team is eligible to apply for only one marquee \*. Please reserve marquees online. Free for overseas teams.

Due to limited space, only 50 marquees are available for rent. Marquee will be assigned on a first come first served basis. The location of marquees will be assigned by drawing. The teams shall complete the online enrollment and make payments for both the races and marquee. Floor plan showing the location of the marquees will be announced later. Quantity and location of marquees is subject to the actual setup arrangement.

Full refund will be made in the event of cancellation on or before **4 May 2015** via email to [hkdba@hkolympic.org](mailto:hkdba@hkolympic.org). For cancellation received on or **after 5 May 2015**, only 50% of the marquee fees will be refunded. To re-apply after cancellation, another HK\$600 will be imposed if there is still marquee available.

Kindly be reminded that unlawful occupation of unleased land and construction in public areas are illegal and punishable under the Laws of Hong Kong. Teams violated the Laws of Hong Kong will automatically be disqualified without notice and refund.

\*For teams which may wish to rent more than one marquee, please keep an eye on the announcement regarding the allocation of marquees which will be available on or after 2 June 2015.

## Provision of PFDs

**All the participants must be able to swim 100m in light clothing WITHOUT buoyancy aid.**

200 PFDs will be provided free of charge. **NO** advance reservation is required. PFDs with limited size and quantity will be allocated on a first come, first served basis on the spot.

## Enrollment

Only online enrollment is accepted

Details of online enrollment will be announced in Bulletin (2).

Teams should register all the required information online by the due date.

Please contact HKCDBA by email ([hkdba@hkolympic.org](mailto:hkdba@hkolympic.org)) for late entry and make the relevant payment. Data input will be handled by HKCDBA.

## Admin. charge for change of information

Charge	Period
HK\$100 / participant / category	5 – 29 May 2015
HK\$200 / participant / category	30 May – 15 June 2015
HK\$400 / participant / category	16 – 26 June 2015

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## Payment

Payable to "Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association"

- Crossed cheque; or
- Bank-in slip; or
- Telegraphic transfer

Please mark team name and race categories at the back of cheque or on the bank-in slip / transfer advice.

Name of Beneficiary	Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association	
Beneficiary Account	600-650-568-002	1. Athlete Registration 2. Administration charge for change of information 3. Visa fee and postage
	600-650-568-004	1. Race Entry fee 2. Marquee Rental fee 3. Celebration dinner fee
Name of the Bank	The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	
Address of the Bank	No.1, Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong	
Bank Code	HSBCHKHHHKH	

Please keep copy of crossed cheque / Bank-in slip / Telegraphic transfer advice for record.

If Cheque or Telegraphic transfer cannot be honoured, it will be regarded as default payment.

## Enquiry

### Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association

Tel (852) 2504 8332

Fax (852) 2577 1873

Website <http://www.hkdba.com.hk>

Email [hkdba@hkolympic.org](mailto:hkdba@hkolympic.org)

Address Room 1032, Olympic House, 1 Stadium Path, So Kon Po, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong

\*\* In case of conflict between Chinese and English information in this Bulletin, the English version shall prevail.

**HKCDBA reserves the right to revise the race regulations at its sole discretion.**