



Hong Kong International Dragon Boat Races 2016

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Dear Dragon Boat teams

You are cordially invited to participate in the Hong Kong International Dragon Boat Races 2016 (IDBR) held **10-12 June 2016**. Jointly organized by the Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association and Hong Kong Tourism Board, the International Dragon Boat Races will take place at the Central Harbourfront in Hong Kong for the very first time alongside with a series of celebrating events.

Schedule

Date & Time (Hong Kong Time)	Activity
21 April 2016 (Thu) <i>Enrollment Deadline</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New or renewal of athlete registration; 2. Online race enrollment and dinner reservation; (TBC) 3. Submit Visa application and fee. (If applicable)
6 May 2016 (Fri)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pay all the fees by cheque, or transfer or remittance; 2. Submission of copies of Business Registration Certificates / Student ID / Staff ID or certification letter; (if applicable) <p>There will be an administration charge for late submission. Please refer to page 10 of this Bulletin for details.</p>
13 May 2016 (Fri)	Confirmation of performance details and submission of music in mp3 format. (if applicable)
13 May 2016 (Fri) 7:00pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draw of Race Lanes; (The draw results will be announced on website from 10:00pm onwards) 2. Allocation of marquees; <p>Venue: 1/F Meeting Room, Olympic House, 1 Stadium Path, So Kon Po, Causeway Bay, HK.</p>
20 May 2016 (Fri)	Deadline for request for change of enrollment information.
9 Jun 2016 (Thu)	Overseas team will arrive Hong Kong
9 Jun 2016 (Thu) 7:30pm	<p>Team Managers Meeting. (Briefing of race regulations, race format, arrangement and distribution of materials)</p> <p>Venue: 2/F Lecture Theatre, Olympic House, 1 Stadium Path, So Kon Po, Causeway Bay, HK.</p> <p>NOTE: All teams must comply with the race rules and regulations</p>



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	<i>and arrangements announced at the Team Managers' meeting.</i>
From 9 Jun 2016 (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 at the crew resting area 90 min prior to the commencement of races. You may be disqualified for late submission of crew list.
10 Jun 2016 (Fri)	(Morning) Opening Ceremony & Overseas Teams Practice Session. (Afternoon) Small Boat 200m Races & Prize Presentation Ceremony.
11 Jun 2016 (Sat)	Standard Boat *400m Races & Prize Presentation Ceremony.
12 Jun 2016 (Sun)	Standard Boat *400m Races & Prize Presentation Ceremony.
12 Jun 2016 (Sun) 6:30pm	Celebration Dinner. Venue to be confirmed.

Crews are advised to arrive Hong Kong on 9 June 2016. Crews arrived earlier than 9 June are advised to make their own arrangement for catering, accommodation and transportation, etc.

Fall Back Race Days

2-3 July 2016 (Sat – Sun)	If the IDBR is not allowed to take place at the Central Harbourfront due to any causes beyond the reasonable control of HKCDBA, the IDBR will take place at Shing Mun River in Shatin, New Territories. 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.
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Race Rules and Regulations

The IDBF Rules and Regulations and Amendments for HKCDBA Competitions - Rules and Regulations shall apply. Please download the race rules and regulations from HKCDBA website <http://www.hkcdba.org>

**** 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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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	10 Jun (Fri)	200	16	11 Jun (Sat)	*400	16	Free
International Mixed			16			16	
International Women			8			8	
Breast Cancer Survivors			8			X	
International Paradrakon	X			12 Jun (Sun)	*400	8	
Local Championships – Local Teams Only							
Open	10 Jun (Fri)	200	16	11 Jun (Sat)	*400	24	Standard Boat HK\$3,200 Small Boat HK\$1,700
Mixed			16			32	
Women			8			8	
Inter-Company			X			16	
Banking	X			8			
Junior U23	X			16		Free	
Local Invitational Races – Invited Teams Only							
Hong Kong Districts	X			11 Jun (Sat)	*400	8	Standard Boat HK\$3,200
Professional Bodies						8	
Disciplinary Forces						8	
Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association 25 th Silver Jubilee Large Boat	X			12 Jun (Sun)	*400	6	Free
Uniformed Youth Groups				11 Jun (Sat)		16	
Post-secondary Schools						8	
President and Chairman Shields – Winners of specific races Only							
President Shield	X			12 Jun (Sun)	*400	8	Free
Chairman Shield						8	
Grand Championships – Winners of specific races Only							
Grand Open	X			12 Jun (Sun)	*400	48	Free
Grand Mixed						24	



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Grand Women				16	
Hong Kong Trophy - Invited Teams Only					
Hong Kong Trophy	X	12 Jun (Sun)	*400	16	Free
All teams which have joined the above listed category are welcome					
Fancy Dress	X	12 Jun (Sun)	*400	8	Free

***Due to venue limitation, the tentative maximum racing distance is 400m. The exact racing distance to be announced.**

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.

Entry Requirements

Categories	Entry Requirement
All participants must be	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to swim with light clothing only at least 50m; • Holders of valid Oversea / Local Athlete Registration Cards (Except Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association 25th Silver Jubilee Large Boat); • Aged 12 or above as of 1 Jan 2016.
International / Local Open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No gender limitation.
International / Local Mixed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8-12 female paddlers for Standard Boat; • 4-6 female paddlers for Small Boat; • No gender limitation on helm and drummer.
International / Local Women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All paddlers, helm and drummer must be female.
Breast Cancer Survivors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All overseas and local BCS Teams are welcome; • Except for helm and drummer, the number of non-BCS paddlers should not exceed half of the paddlers in the team; • Non-BCS and BCS paddlers should be marked clearly on the online enrollment system; • No gender limitation.
International Paradrragon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All overseas and local Paradrragon Teams are welcome; • Except for helm and drummer, the number of able-bodied paddlers should not exceed half of the paddlers in the team; • Able-bodied and disabled paddlers with classification of disability should be marked clearly on the online enrollment system; • No gender limitation.
Inter-Company	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For companies with valid Business Registration Certificates only. Teams shall provide a copy of valid Business Registration Certificates; • All paddlers must be full-time oversea (max 8) / local staff of the company; • Paddlers shall provide a copy of their staff ID or certification letter; • No gender limitation.



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Banking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For licensed banks under the supervision of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority only; All paddlers must be full-time oversea (max 8) / local staff of the bank; Paddlers shall provide a copy of their staff ID or certification letter; No gender limitation.
Junior U23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aged below 23 as of 1 Jan 2016 (except for helm and drummer); No gender limitation.
Hong Kong Districts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to the dragon boat teams nominated by dragon boat race organisers in respective districts; No gender limitation.
Professional Bodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For designated professional bodies which represent the following registered practicing professionals (including accountants, architects, surveyors, planners, landscape architects, engineers, barristers, solicitors, doctors, dentists & chartered secretaries) & are responsible for setting the standards for professional services & performance (including establishing / administering codes of conduct & / or determining / granting professional qualifications); organisations representing other professional fields & other organisations representing the above professional fields are welcome to join various Local Championships; All participants must be members of the professional bodies; Participants shall provide valid proof of membership; No gender limitation.
Disciplinary Forces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open 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 Service; All participants must be full-time staff / members of the Department; Participants shall provide a copy of their staff ID or certification letter; No gender limitation.
Uniformed Youth Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open 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; Hong Kong Army Cadets; the Hong Kong Girl Guides Association; and the Scout Association of Hong Kong; Participants shall be current members of the Uniformed Groups; Participants shall provide a copy of certification letter; No gender limitation.
Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association 25th Silver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large dragon boat teams invited by the organizer; All participants must be holders of HKID card.



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Jubilee Large Boat	
Post-secondary Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One team per university / institute; • All participants must be students or staff of the post-secondary Schools in year 2015/2016; • Except for the helm and drummer, each team must comprise of at least 50% students in each race; • Participants should provide a copy of their Student ID or staff ID; • No gender limitation.
President / Chairman Shield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Teams only, race arrangement will be announced later.
Grand Championships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Race arrangement will be announced later.
Hong Kong Trophy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best regional dragon boat teams are invited to participate this race; • No gender limitation.
Fancy Dress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams should be dressed in interesting and creative costume during the race. • No gender limitation.

Equipment

- 1) All equipment would be provided by HKCDBA.
- 2) Participants may use their own paddles, which should meet the requirements set out in accordance with the Clause 5.2 of the "Amendments of HKCDBA Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing".
- 3) Participants may use their own buoyancy aid or life jackets.

Awards

Winners of different finals will receive the following awards:

The Champion, 1st and 2nd runner-ups will be awarded a trophy and medals (18 medals for Small Boat, 28 for Standard Boat and 58 for Large Boat) each. Other teams will be awarded a trophy.

Race by-law

- 1) All participants should be holders of valid HKCDBA athlete cards and be able to present the original copies of the cards to our staff at every race on the race day. (Except the Category in Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association 25th Silver Jubilee Large Boat.) For those who are unable to present the HKCDBA athlete cards for any reason, a card replacement charge of HK\$100 will be imposed on the spot. (For local teams only.)
- 2) Large Boat Races: Maximum number of participants in each team is 70, including 1 team manager, 1 coach, 1 drummer, 1 helm, 38 to 46 paddlers and 20 reserves.
- 3) Standard Boat Races: Maximum number of participants in each team is 34 including 1 team manager, 1 coach, 1 drummer, 1 helm, 16 to 18 paddlers and 12 reserves. (For safety reason, suggest the first seat of the boat be emptied)



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- 4) Small Boat Races: Maximum number of participants in each team is be 20 including 1 team manager, 1 coach, 1 drummer, 1 helm, 8 to 10 paddlers and 6 reserves.
- 5) There is no limitation on the number of race entries participated by each organization.
- 6) Category with less than **3 participating teams** will be cancelled.
- 7) All participants are **not allowed** to represent for more than 1 team in each category. That is, sub-teams under the same team name (e.g. ABC Team A and ABC Team B are regarded as 2 teams in the same category).
- 8) 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.
- 9) The coach can also be the drummer or helm with clear indication on the crew list.
- 10) Reserve for helm or drummer: In case the registered helm or drummer cannot participate in the race, the position can be replaced by any member in the crew list.
- 11) Reserves for paddlers, drummer and helm are also subject to the entry requirement of the corresponding categories.
- 12) HKCDBA Organizing Committee shall have the right to refuse any entry into the races at its sole discretion.
- 13) Any team who severely contravenes any race rules and regulations or disciplinary code will be disqualified, and are not entitled for any awards. Entry for all dragon boat race held by the HKCDBA will be suspended, length of suspension will be determined by the Organizing Committee.
- 14) HKCDBA reserves the right to restrict the number of racing paddlers according to weather condition for safety reason.
- 15) 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.
- 16) If there is any inconsistency between the English version and Chinese version, the Chinese version shall prevail.
- 17) In case of any dispute, the decision of HKCDBA should be final and reserves the right to revise the race regulations at its sole discretion.

Visa

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

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

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

If assistance in Visa application is needed, please contact HKCDBA by email (hkdba@hkolympic.org) on or before **31 Mar 2016**.

All Visa fee and postage should be paid by the Teams on or before **5 April 2016**.

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



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Accommodation & Transport Arrangement for Oversea Teams

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.

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.

Celebration Dinner

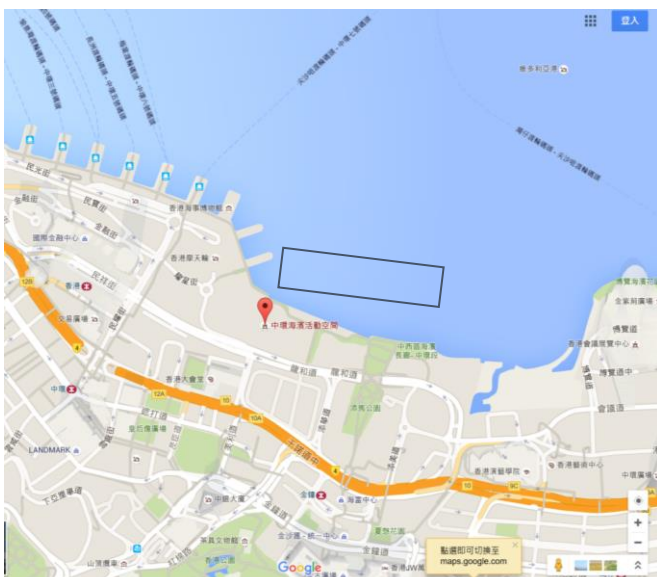
The fee of a table for 12 persons is HK\$3,500. Detailed information of the celebration dinner will be announced in Bulletin (2). Reservation is on first come first serve basis.

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 **13 May 2016**. If music is needed during the performance, please send the music in mp3 format to hkdba@hkolympic.org.

Location of Race Site

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Search from Google Map (Keyword: "Central Harbourfront")



*Remarks: Race Venue is subject to the final decision of Organizer.



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Public Transport

Railway

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/>

Crew Marquee Arrangement

Rental charge of the use of marquee is HK\$600 per marquee for 3 consecutive days. Each team is eligible to apply for only one marquee *. Please reserve marquees online. For overseas team, one FREE marquee will be offered.

Due to space availability, marquees will be assigned on a first come first served basis. The location of marquees will be assigned by drawing lot. Interested teams shall complete the online enrollment and make payments for both the race and marquee. Floor plan showing the exact 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 **20 May 2016** via email to hkdba@hkolympic.org. For cancellation received on or **after 21 May 2016**, only 50% of the marquee fees will be refunded. An additional HK\$600 will be charged for any team for reapplication of marquee after cancellation.

Kindly be reminded that unlawful occupation of unleased land and construction in public areas are illegal under the Laws of Hong Kong. Teams violating the Laws of Hong Kong will be automatically disqualified from participating in the race without further notice.

Provision of PFDs

All the participants must be able to swim with light clothing only at least 50m.

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 site.



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Enrollment

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

Teams should register all the required information online on or before the due date.

Please contact HKCDBA by email at hkdba@hkolympic.org if you have any online registration problem.

Dates and Penalties for Request to Change Information

Charge	Period
HK\$100 / participant / category	22 April to 5 May 2016
HK\$200 / participant / category	6-12 May 2016
HK\$400 / participant / category	13-20 May 2016

Change of information will NOT be allowed on or after 21 May 2016

Payment

Payment should be made payable to "Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association" in the following format:

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

Please mark your team name and participating 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	

Kindly be reminded to keep a copy of the crossed cheque / Bank-in slip / Telegraphic transfer advice for your own record. In case your cheque or telegraphic transfer cannot be honoured, it will be regarded as default payment.



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Enquiry

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