



Hong Kong International Dragon Boat Races 2017

Co-organised by Hong Kong Tourism Board & Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association

Sanctioned by International Dragon Boat Federation & Asian Dragon Boat Federation

Central Harbourfront, Central, Hong Kong

2-4 June 2017 (Friday to Sunday)

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Dear Dragon Boat teams

You are cordially invited to participate in the Hong Kong International Dragon Boat Races 2017 (IDBR) held on **2-4 June 2017**. Jointly organized by Hong Kong Tourism Board and the Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association, the International Dragon Boat Races will take place at the Central Harbourfront in Hong Kong with a series of events.

As IDBR is one of the celebration events of the 20th Anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the event is sure to be more colourful and exciting.

Schedule

Date & Time (Hong Kong Time)	Activity
On or before 28 February 2017 (Tue)	Submit Preliminary entry form (Annex 1)
6 April 2017 (Thu) Enrollment Deadline	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New or renewal of athlete registration (fee is waived for overseas teams); 2. Online race enrollment and dinner reservation; (TBC) 3. Submit Visa application and fee. (If applicable)
21 April 2017 (Fri)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pay all the fees by cheque or transfer; 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 9 of this Bulletin for details.</p>
5 May 2017 (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>

12 May 2017 (Fri)	<i>Deadline for request for change of enrollment information.</i>
1 June 2017 (Thu)	Overseas team will arrive Hong Kong
1 June 2017 (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><i>NOTE: All teams must comply with the race rules and regulations and arrangements announced at the Team Managers' meeting.</i></p>
From 1 June 2017 (Thu) to 90 min prior to the commencement of races.	<p>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.</p> <p><i>You may be disqualified for late submission of crew list.</i></p>
2 June 2017 (Fri)	<p>(Morning) Opening Ceremony & Overseas Teams' Practice Session. (Afternoon) Small Boat 200m Races & Prize Presentation Ceremony.</p>
3 June 2017 (Sat)	Standard Boat *500m Races & Prize Presentation Ceremony.
4 June 2017 (Sun)	Standard Boat *500m Races & Prize Presentation Ceremony.
4 June 2017 (Sun) 6:30pm	<p>Celebration Dinner. Venue to be confirmed.</p>

Overseas teams are advised to arrive Hong Kong on 1 June 2017.

Fall Back Race Days

1-2 July 2017 (Sat – Sun)	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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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#	2Jun (Fri)	200	16	3 Jun (Sat)	*500	16	Standard Boat HK\$3,200 Small Boat HK\$1,700 (Free for all overseas team)
International Mixed#			16			16	
International Women#			8			8	
International Cancer Survivors			8	X			
International Paradrakon	X			4 Jun (Sun)	*500	8	
Local Championships – Local teams only							
Open	2 Jun (Fri)	200	16	3 Jun (Sat)	*500	24	Standard Boat HK\$3,200 Small Boat HK\$1,700
Mixed			16			32	
Women			8			8	
Inter-Company	X					16	
Banking			8				
Professional Bodies			8				
Universities			8				
Local Invitational Races – Invited teams only							
Disciplinary Forces	X			3 Jun (Sat)	*500	8	Free
Uniformed Youth Groups				4 Jun (Sun)		16	
CCB (Asia) Dragon Boat Invitational Cup				8			
President Shields – Winners of specific local races only							
President Shield	X			4 Jun (Sun)	*500	8	Free
Grand Championships – Overseas & local winners of specific races only							
Grand Open	X			4 Jun (Sun)	*500	48	Free
Grand Mixed						24	
Grand Women						16	
20th Anniversary Trophy (TBC) - Invited teams only							
20 th Anniversary Trophy	X			4Jun (Sun)	*500	16	Free
All teams which have joined the above listed category are welcome							
Fancy Dress	X			4 Jun (Sun)	*500	8	Free

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

***Due to venue limitation, the tentative maximum racing distance is 500m. The exact racing distance to be announced.**

Entry Requirements

Categories	Entry Requirement
All participants must be	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to swim at least 50m with light clothing only; • Holders of valid Oversea / Local Athlete Registration Cards (Except Uniformed Youth Groups); • Aged 12 or above as of 1 Jan 2017.
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.
International Cancer Survivors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All overseas and local cancer survivors' teams are welcome; • Except for helm and drummer, the number of non-cancer survivor paddlers should not exceed half of the paddlers in the team; • Non-cancer survivor and cancer survivor paddlers should be marked clearly on the online enrollment system; • No gender limitation.
International Paradrakon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All overseas and local Paradrakon 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.
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 overseas (max 8) / local staff of the bank; • Paddlers shall provide a copy of their staff ID or certification letter; • 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.
Universities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One team per university; • All participants must be FULL TIME students of the universities in year 2016/2017; • Participants should provide a copy of their Full Time Student ID; • 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;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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.
CCB (Asia) Dragon Boat Invitational Cup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Invited teams only ● No gender limitation.
President Shield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Winners of specific local races only, race arrangement will be announced later.
Grand Championships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Overseas & local winners of specific races only, race arrangement will be announced later.
20 th Anniversary Trophy (TBC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Invited Hong Kong Districts teams only; ● 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.

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 and 28 for Standard Boat) each.

Equipment

- 1) All equipment would be provided by HKTB & HKCDBA.
- 2) Athletes 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) Athletes may use their own Personal Floatation Device (PFD) *except inflatable PFD*.

Race Rules and Regulations

The IDBF Rules and Regulations and Amendments for HKCDBA Competitions - Rules and Regulations shall apply. Please download the updated race rules and regulations from HKCDBA website 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 on 1 June 2017.

Race by-law

- 1) All athletes 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 Uniformed Youth Groups) 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) 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, the first seat of the boat is suggested to be emptied)***
- 3) 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.
- 4) There is no limitation on the number of race entries participated by each organization.
- 5) Category (except CCB (Asia) Dragon Boat Invitational Cup) with less than **6 participating teams** will be cancelled.
- 6) All athletes 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).
- 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) The coach can also be the drummer or helm with clear indication on the crew list. (The coach must hold valid HKCDBA athlete card)
- 9) 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.
- 10) Reserves for paddlers, drummer and helm are also subject to the entry requirement of the corresponding categories.
- 11) The Organiser shall have the right to refuse any entry into the races at its sole discretion.
- 12) Any team (including Team Manager, Coach, Athletes and accompanying persons) 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 races held by HKCDBA will be suspended, length of suspension will be determined by HKCDBA.
- 13) HKTB and HKCDBA reserve the right to restrict the number of racing paddlers according to weather condition for safety reason.
- 14) 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.
- 15) If there is any inconsistency between the English version and Chinese version, the Chinese version shall prevail.
- 16) In case of any dispute, the decision of HKTB and HKCDBA should be final and they reserve the right to revise the race regulations at their sole discretion.

Visa

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

www.immd.gov.hk/eng/forms/forms/id-c-1004.html

If assistance in Visa application is needed, please contact HKCDBA by email (hkdba@hkolympic.org) on or before **16 March 2017**.

All Visa fee and postage should be paid by the Teams on or before **21 March 2017**.

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

Accommodation for Oversea Teams

Please refer to Annex II for the information on hotel offers.

Teams can contact the hotels direct for hotel booking on own expenses. Please quote '2017 Hong Kong International Dragon Boat Races – Hotel Booking'

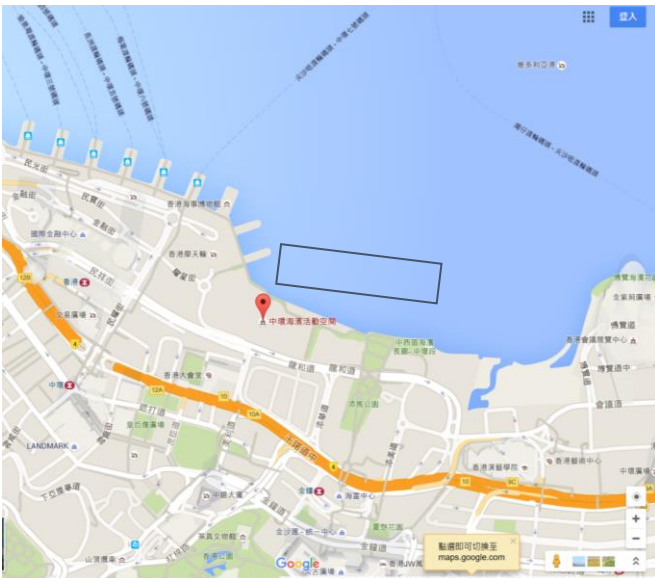
Local Transportation for Overseas Teams

Information of the transport service provider will be provided in Bulletin (2). Teams can contact the supplier for booking arrival/departure transfers, transfers between the hotels and the race site for practice, races or sightseeing on own expenses.

Location of Race Site

Central Harbourfront, Central, Hong Kong

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



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

Public Transport

Railway

www.mtr.com.hk/eng/homepage/cust_index.html

Bus

www.kmb.hk/en/

www.nwstbus.com.hk/home/default.aspx?intLangID=1

Ferry

www.starferry.com.hk/en/service

Hong Kong Restaurant Guide

www.openrice.com/en/hongkong

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

www.discoverhongkong.com/eng/

Crew Marquee Arrangement

Rental charge of the use of marquee is HK\$700 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.

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

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.

Enrollment

Please submit the preliminary entry form (Annex I) on or before 28 Feb 2017.

Online enrollment is needed. 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 / athlete / category	7-20 April 2017
HK\$200 / athlete / category	21-27 April 2017
HK\$400 / athlete / category	28 April to 12 May 2017

Change of information will NOT be allowed on or after 13 May 2017

Payment

A. For (1) Entry fee & (2) Crew Marquee rental fee	
Payment should be made by Crossed cheque and mark your team name, participating race and the number categories and the number of Crew Marquee required	
Name of Beneficiary	Hong Kong Tourism Board
Address	9-11/F, Citicorp Centre, 18 Whitfield Road, North Point, Hong Kong Attention: Event Management
B. For (1) Athlete Registration Fee, (2) Administration charge for change of information & (3) Visa fee and postage	
Payment should be made in the following format: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crossed cheque; or• Transfer (Bank-in slip provided as proof) Please mark your team name and participating race categories at the back of cheque or on the bank-in slip.	
Name of Beneficiary	Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association
Beneficiary Account	600-650-568-002
Name of the Bank	The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited

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

Enquiry

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