

Discovery Bay Dragon Boat Races 2017

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RULES & REGULATIONS

A. Entry Requirements & Team Composition

- 1) The number of participants of each team for all categories shall equal or less than 30, whilst the crew on each boat is limited to 22, including 20 paddlers, one steersman and one drummer is a must.
- 2) As an additional requirement for the Mixed Race, the number of lady paddlers shall equal or more than 8.
- 3) As for Youth Race, each team shall have equal or less than 4 adult paddlers, excluding the steersman and drummer.
- 4) All participants of each category MUST be 14 years old or above.
- 5) The Liability Waiver (Form A2/B - attached in the enrollment form) must be submitted and signed by all Team Captains/representative **3 working days before the first practice sessions and the race day.** Consent Letter (Form C – for aged 14-17 members) must be signed by individual members' parents / guardians. Please submit one time only!
- 6) In case of unfavorable weather and sea conditions, the Arbitration Panel has the right and may reduce the number of paddlers on each boat.
- 7) Race Format: Maximum of 7 lanes per heat
- 8) No more than 5 paddlers of any one team are allowed to participate in other team within the same category.
- 9) Drummer can participate in more than one team and one category
- 10) Team members must be physically fit, well-trained, and agree that entering this race are at their own risks. They must be able to swim not less than 100 m wearing light clothing.
- 11) Team members must abide by all rules and regulations set by the Arbitration Panel.
- 12) Team members agree that HKR International Limited, Hong Kong Resort Company Limited, Discovery Bay Services Management Limited and any of their subsidiaries, affiliates and associated companies and any of the officers, employees, agents of those companies shall not be held liable or responsible to me for any injuries, loss of property and death in connection with and/or arising out of the practice sessions and this races.

B. Entry Fee

For any teams who register for the first time, they can enjoy \$500 discount on the original entry fee (not applied to Community Race). Below all entry fees are WITHOUT practice sessions.

- 1) **Mixed Race:** (*minimum of 8 female paddlers on board during each race*)
\$5,700 → **\$4800**
- 2) **Open Race:** (*No gender limitation*)
\$4400 → **\$3,600**

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- 3) **Ladies' Race:** (*all ladies paddlers and drummer, excluding steersman*)
\$ 4400 → **\$3,600**
- 4) **Youth Race:** (*all paddlers aged between 14 –17, excluding steersman and drummer, but equal or less than 4 adult paddlers*)
\$ 3900 → **\$3,000**
- 5) **Community Race: Discovery Bay Local Teams Only**
(Over 75% of participants are DB residents and proof of residence may require upon request)

Teams are encouraged to dress up fancy and enjoy this fun race together.
\$ 1,000
- 6) Every team will be provided 1 marquee and 1 table on the event day.
- 7) Cheque made payable to **Discovery Bay Services Management Limited**
- 8) All entry fee is non-refundable.

C. Practice Sessions

- 1) The Organizer will, according to the enrollment order, try their best to accommodate the time preference of each team, but no guarantee of all the requests be met.
- 2) Once the practice timetable is confirmed, all cancellations, alterations or requests for additional practices, etc. should be notified in writing to City Management 3 working days in advance. Otherwise, no refund and reschedule will be entertained.
- 3) Due to tight schedule between each booking, no extra practice time will be allowed if teams are late for the scheduled practice time.
- 4) It is 55 minutes per each practice session with equipment and steersman (Teams are required to specific whether will need a steersman from the Organizer). **\$500 per each practice session.**
- 5) Steersman can be provided by the Organizer; and preference of any particular steersman will not be entertained.
- 6) The Organizer retains the rights to claim for any miscellaneous damages of the dragon boat and their associated equipment caused by any members of the team during practice sessions
- 7) Request for free additional practice sessions or refund of practice session due to absence, bad weather or any other factors which are beyond the responsibilities of the Organizer will not be entertained.
- 8) Only when the Liability Waiver / Consent Letter are received could the participants are allowed to get on board.
- 9) If unfavorable weather condition (especially thunder storm warnings) is announced during the practice day, captains will receive Whatsapps message for the practice session cancellation. Please also call Customer Service Centre at 3651-2345 to know the update information.

D. Conduct & General Administration on Race Day

- 1) All team members are required to dress in a team uniform and register 15 minutes in advance at the Assembly Point before the scheduled race time. Latecomers will be disqualified.

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- 2) Life vests will be provided upon request on a first-come first-served basis. **Youth team members who aged between 14-17 should put on life vest during the race.**
- 3) In case of dispute, the Arbitration Panel for the races whose decision will be final and binding to all participants.
- 4) The Team Captain of each team shall be responsible for the discipline, enrollment, conduct and safety of all his/her crew members. The Arbitration Panel will **ONLY** liaise with the **Team Captains** concerned in case of dispute that may arise during the Races. Any enquiries or complaints from individual member will not be accepted.
- 5) Any dispute on the race must be lodged by the Team Captains to the Arbitration Booth within 15 minutes after the announcement of the race result concerned.
- 6) For safety reason, all participants are strongly recommended to remain seated in the dragon boat throughout the race.
- 7) Each boat should remain within its allocated race course so that other boats will be given sufficient clear water ahead when overtaking, otherwise the intercepting boat(s) may be disqualified.
- 8) Before the start of the race, any whistle or horn used by any teams to create noise to distort the start signal may be disqualified.
- 9) Once boats are in the start position it is permissible for 1 or 2 team members to use their paddles to keep the boat from drifting, but once the "ready" command is given, all movement of paddles in the water must stop. In other words, paddles are allowed in the water. Please pay attention to the start signal: On your mark → Ready → Start horn will be blown.
- 10) To ensure a fair start, each steersman shall hold the rope set up by the hover ferry until the start. For safety reason, the rope should be released after the blown horn. Should any error be found during the race, 3 consecutive signals will be released to cancel the race and all teams should return to the start point for re-race.
- 11) The Arbitration Panel will then try their best to arrange the re-race within the race day at the most suitable time. However the teams concerned will NOT be compensated for any loss if occurred.
- 12) The Arbitration Panel has the absolute right to adjust the sequence of race due to but not limited to sea condition, damage of dragon boat and will NOT compensate for any loss caused to the affected teams.
- 13) Each crew must return immediately to Beach area and disembark after race.
- 14) This clause applies **only to the Mixed Race**:
Any teams deliberately slowing down during any race will be add-on 5 seconds penalties to the final race, i.e. if the finishing time of any teams in any of the 1st / 2nd / 3rd rounds AND the finals is 12 seconds more than that of any other previous round, the team will be received 5 seconds penalties for the final race.
- 15) The Arbitration Panel remains the rights to claim for any miscellaneous damages of the dragon boat and their associated equipment caused by any members of the team on the event day.
- 16) The use of official steersman in the race day is optional. Steersman's name must be provided in the enrollment form

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and without the prior approval from the the Arbitration Panel, it is not allowed to swap team or change of person during practice session and race day. For Teams who wish to use their own steersman, relevant certificate(s) must be submitted and/or subject to a satisfactory assessment conducted by our official during the practice session. Official steersman will be provided to teams if they have no steersman. Appointment of official steersman will be decided by draws and requests for replacement or swap will NOT be allowed. A dispute over the race results suspected to be caused by the official steersmen will not be entertained.

- 17) Every team is required to have a drummer in all races. Drummer can participate in more than one team and one category.
- 18) Teams are permitted to use their paddles only in all Finals.
- 19) The Arbitration Panel will NOT be held responsible for the broken equipment and will NOT entertain any dispute on the race result caused by the broken equipment during the races. Each crew is advised to carefully check the boat and paddles allocated to them before the racing.

E. Race Format

- 1) The entry of the Mixed, Open, Ladies' and Youth Races in the 1st and 2nd round of all races plus the 3rd round of Mixed Races shall be determined by the drawing of lots, which will be conducted in the Captains' Meeting, which will be held in April 2017 (date to be announced).
- 2) The finishing order of a race and the time taken by each boat will be recorded by the Time Keeping Judges. The time is determined by the moment when the dragon boat nose crosses the finishes line.
- 3) **Mixed Race**
There are 3 rounds of Qualifying Heats. Teams will then be ranked according to the results i.e. average time of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd rounds. According to the ranking, the top 21 teams will enter the Finals of Mixed Cup, Mixed Plate and Mixed Bowl accordingly.
- 4) **Open Race**
There are 2 rounds of Qualifying Heats. Teams will then be ranked according to the results i.e. average time of the 1st and 2nd rounds. According to the ranking, the top 7 teams will enter the Final of **Open Cup** – Open Race.
- 5) **Ladies' Race**
There are 2 rounds of Qualifying Heats. Teams will then be ranked according to the results i.e. average time of the 1st and 2nd rounds. According to the ranking, the top 7 teams will enter the Final of Ladies Cup –Ladies' Race (Number of teams in the Final can be reduced accordingly subject to the number of teams participated.)
- 6) **Youth Race**
There are 2 rounds of Qualifying Heats. Teams will then be ranked according to the results i.e. average time of the 1st and 2nd rounds. According to the ranking, the top 7 teams will enter the Final of the Youth Cup – Youth Race. (Number of teams in the Final can be reduced accordingly subject to the number of teams participated).
- 7) The lane for final races of all categories shall be determined by result of the 3 rounds of Qualifying Heats. The fastest team in each category (i.e. – Cup, Plate, Bowl) will be allocated in Lane 4 at the Final Races and the other teams follow on the left and right. Open, Ladies' and Youth Race apply the same.
- 8) **Any of the above categories (i.e 4 to 7) will be cancelled if there are less than 4 teams enrolled.**

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F. Duties & Authorities of Arbitration Panel

- 1) The Arbitration Panel (1 CM Staff + 2 Team Arbitration Panel Captains) will only be called when there is a dispute. All teams shall strictly follow the instructions given and decision made by the Arbitration Panel.
- 2) The Arbitration Panel has the right to impose time penalties from 5 seconds to 20 seconds OR disqualify the participation of any team OR review an objection raised by disqualified teams who:
 - a) Violates the rules and regulations as laid down by the Arbitration Panel.
 - b) Jump start 2 times before the signal.
 - c) Deliberately damaged the boat or its equipment.
- 3) The Arbitration Panel has the absolute right to call a re-race if:
 - a) The lane of any team is intercepted by unintentional mistake caused by other team(s).
 - b) Any team member is forced to fall into water by unintentional mistake caused by other team(s).
 - c) Any error is found in the arrangement of the competing team(s).
 - d) A collision is due to adverse condition of the sea.
 - e) Any other circumstances which the Arbitration Panel considers appropriate.

G. Protests

1) **Eligibility of Protest**

Protests against race equipment will not be accepted.

2) **Protest Evidence**

No photographic evidence of any form about an alleged breach of a rule given by competitors will be accepted.

3) **Lodging a Protest**

Any protests shall be lodged by the Team Captains at the Arbitration Booth within 15 minutes of the end of the relevant race. Only the Captain of the protesting teams may make the protest to the Arbitration Panel. NO person other the Team Captain is allowed to lodge a protest.

4) **Protest Hearing**

If the Arbitration Panel accepts a protest and decides that a hearing is required, it will immediately notify any other party involved and open the protest hearing to discuss the protest. The protest decision issued by the Arbitration Panel will be the final results.

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賽事規則

甲. 參賽資格及隊伍組合

- 1) 所有組別每隊參賽人數需等同或少於 30 人。龍舟最多可載 22 人，包括 20 名槳手、1 名舵手及 1 名鼓手是必要的。
- 2) 混合組賽事中女槳手需等同或多於 8 人。
- 3) 青年組賽事中需等同或少於 4 名成人槳手，當中不包括舵手及鼓手。
- 4) 所有參賽者必須年滿 14 歲。
- 5) 所有隊長、隊伍代表及參加者必須於比賽或首個練習時段的 3 個工作天前簽署免責聲明書(表格 A2/B，在報名表格附上)。14 至 17 歲或以下參加者的家長 / 監護人必須遞交同意書 (表格 C，在報名表格附上)。請只遞交一次！
- 6) 如遇上天氣或海面情況惡劣，大會可能臨時宣佈要求各隊減少登船人數。
- 7) 比賽模式：每場賽事最多有七條航道作賽。
- 8) 同一組別中，最多五位隊員可同時參與其他隊伍
- 9) 鼓手可代表多於一隊作賽及組別。
- 10) 參賽隊員必須身體狀況良好並受過訓練，並同意為參加比賽自行負責。參加者須能穿著輕便衣服游泳 100 米或以上。
- 11) 參賽隊員須遵從愉景競渡賀端陽籌委會(簡稱為 “大會”) 就賽事定下之一切規條和章則。

參賽隊員同意就有關及/或因是次練習及比賽所導致之任何財物損失及人命傷亡，香港興業國際集團有限公司、香港興業有限公司、愉景灣服務管理公司及其任何之附屬公司、相關聯公司及有聯繫公司及該等公司之任何職員、僱員及代理無需均負上任何責任。

乙. 參賽費用

首次參賽隊伍，即可由原定的費用扣除港幣 500 元 (不適用於社區組別)

- 1) 混合組：(女子槳手需等同或多於 8 名)
港幣 4,800 元
- 2) 公開組：(不設性別限制)
港幣 3,600 元

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- 3) 女子組：(除了舵手外，所有成員必須是女子)
港幣 3,600 元
- 4) 青年組：(年齡介於 14-17 歲的槳手，但留意成人槳手需等同或少於 4 名，當中不包括舵手及鼓手。)
港幣 3,000 元
- 5) 社區組：只限愉景灣隊伍參加
(隊內需有 75%以上愉景灣居民方可參賽，如有需要，將須提交住址證明)

大會鼓勵隊伍悉心打扮，一齊享受比賽樂趣！

港幣 1000 元 (不包括練習)
- 6) 在比賽當天，大會將提供一個帳篷及一張枱給予各隊伍。
- 7) 以劃線支票寄回本會，抬頭請填上「**愉景灣服務管理有限公司**」。
- 8) 所有報名付費後，費用概不發還。

丙. 練習時間

- 1) 大會將根據報名次序，盡量編排各隊伍屬意的練習時間，惟不能確保完全依照各隊的要求。
- 2) 練習時間表分發後，任何取消、更改或增加練習時間必須於三個工作天前以書面通知城市管理處，否則將不予退款或重新安排訓練時間。
- 3) 由於練習時間緊迫，遲到的隊伍將不獲補時練習。
- 4) 每節練習時間為 55 分鐘，大會將提供設備及舵手(隊伍需於填交練習時間表時一併說明是否需由大會安排舵手)，**而練習為每節港幣 500 元。**
- 5) 大會可提供舵手，但不會按照隊伍之特別要求作分配。
- 6) 大會有權向參賽隊伍索償練習期間該隊伍引致龍舟及其相關配件之損壞。
- 7) 隊伍如因缺席、天氣欠佳或其他與大會責任無關之因素而未能出席預定之練習時間，大會將不會提供免費之額外練習時間或退款。
- 8) 只有已遞交免責聲明書/同意書的隊員才可參與練習。
- 9) 若惡劣天氣的訊號(尤其雷暴警告)在練習當天發出，我們將會以 Whatsapps 電話訊息發放有關通知，隊員可致電客戶服務中心 (3651-2345) 查詢練習是否取消。

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丁. 參賽操守及安全

- 1) 所有隊員必須穿著整齊制服及於比賽時間 15 分鐘前到召集處登記。遲到者將被取消參賽資格。
- 2) 如有需要，大會可向個別槳手提供救生衣，但以先到先得的方式提供。此外，大會建議未成年參加者於比賽時穿救生衣。
- 3) 整項賽事以裁判委員會(下簡稱為“裁判”)的決定為最終賽果，各隊伍不能異議。
- 4) 隊長必須負責管理隊員的紀律、安全及參賽操守。大會不會接受個別隊員對比賽之任何爭拗或意見。如有需要，大會或裁判只會向有關的隊長交代賽果或其他資料，並視乎實際情況需要，向涉及隊伍之隊長作出諮詢。
- 5) 如隊伍對賽果有任何疑問或不滿，應由該隊隊長於比賽賽果公佈後 15 分鐘內到達仲裁處提出仲裁。
- 6) 為安全理由，建議所有參賽者坐在龍舟座位上完成比賽。
- 7) 比賽航道由起點至終點為一直線，各龍舟必須在其航道內前進。爬頭的龍舟亦不得阻礙其他龍舟前進。如有違規情況，大會有權取消該艇的參賽資格。
- 8) 比賽開始前，參賽隊伍使用哨子、鳴笛或製造噪音影響開始信號或將被取消參賽資格。
- 9) 當所有龍舟處於開始的位置時，只容許 1 至 2 名槳手用划槳控制龍舟漂流。一旦聽到"Ready"的命令，所有槳手必須停止將划槳移動直至開始的訊號響起，但划槳可置於水中。請留意開始訊號: On your mark → Ready → 訊號響起。
- 10) 比賽開始時，每隊船尾之舵手必須緊執繩索，並且在聽到訊號後方可開始。為安全理由，當聽到訊號後，舵手必須放開繩索。比賽中如有錯誤起步情況，大會將發出三下訊號以表示比賽必須重新開始。所有隊伍聽到訊號後，必須返回起點，重新開始賽事。
- 11) 大會盡其所能，於比賽當天最適當時間下安排隊伍重賽，但重賽隊伍將不會有任何補償。
- 12) 大會有權調動比賽次序，且不會對受影響的隊伍作出補償。
- 13) 參賽隊伍須比賽後立即返回沙灘召集區並離船登岸。
- 14) 此規例只適用於**混合組賽事**：
隊伍故意於任何賽事中拖慢參賽時間將被罰決賽成績加 5 秒，即若隊伍在首三輪賽事及決賽中之任何兩輪之時間差距大於 12 秒，該隊決賽的時間成績將被外加 5 秒。
- 15) 大會有權向參賽隊伍索償在練習或比賽期間該隊伍引致龍舟或其配件之損壞。
- 16) 各隊伍可選擇使用大會提供之舵手與否。舵手姓名應填寫於隊員名單上，如沒有得到大會批准，

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練習及比賽期間不得轉隊或換人。如隊伍欲使用屬隊舵手，舵手必須提供相關證書，及通過大會於練習時段之測試。大會將為沒有屬隊舵手之隊伍提供舵手。各舵手的位置會以抽籤形式決定。如對舵手之表現或由其引致對比賽結果有任何疑問或不滿，大會一概不負上責任及接受仲裁。

- 17) 各隊伍必須有一名鼓手，而該鼓手可代表多於一隊作賽及組別。
- 18) 參賽隊伍只可以於總決賽中使用自備划槳。
- 19) 如有任何設備於比賽途中出現損壞，大會一概不負上責任及不接受仲裁。隊員請在比賽前檢查船隻及划槳。

戊. 比賽形式及規例

- 1) 參賽隊伍於所有組別(包括公開組)之第一輪和第二輪的分組賽、及混合組的第三輪分組賽次序，將以抽籤形式決定，抽籤會於 2017 年 4 月之隊長會議中進行 (日子待定)。
- 2) 比賽的名次及各龍舟的完成時間將以終點裁判員之紀錄為準，不得異議。時間以龍鼻越過終點線為準。
- 3) **混合組賽事**
經過三輪合資格的分組賽後，大會將計算每隊平均時間，從而作出排名。頭 21 隊可分別進入混合組盃賽決賽，混合組碟賽決賽及混合組碗賽決賽。
- 4) **公開組賽事**
經過兩輪合資格的分組賽後，大會將計算每隊平均時間，從而作出排名。頭 7 隊可進入公開組盃賽決賽。
- 5) **女子組賽事**
經過兩輪合資格的分組賽後，大會將計算每隊平均時間，從而作出排名。頭 7 隊可進入女子組盃賽決賽。(可進入決賽的隊伍數目可根據參與的隊數相應減少。)
- 6) **青年組賽事**
經過兩輪合資格的分組賽後，大會將計算每隊平均時間，從而作出排名。頭 7 隊可進入青年組盃賽決賽。(可進入決賽的隊伍數目可根據參與的隊數相應減少。)
- 7) 所有組別決賽之航道，將由三輪合資格的預選賽結果來確定。每組別 (即 –盃賽、碟賽、碗賽) 之最快隊伍將被分配在四號航道作決賽，而其他隊伍側於其左邊及右邊航道作賽。公開組，女子組和青年組賽採用相同的制度。
- 8) **若以上任何一個組別少於 4 隊報名，該組別將會被取消。**

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己. 裁判之職責及權限

- 1) 如有隊長提出抗議，1 名城市管理處職員及 2 名仲裁處隊長將被召喚作仲裁。所有參賽隊伍需遵從裁判之決定。裁判有權作最後決定及約束所有抗議。
- 2) 裁判委員會有權對違規隊伍處以時間罰則由 5 秒至 20 秒不等，甚或可取消參賽資格，亦能重新處理反對判決之賽事。如參賽隊伍觸犯以下規例，裁判將取消其參賽資格：
 - i. 觸犯大會參賽條例
 - ii. 連續二次在開賽訊號前起步
 - iii. 參賽隊員惡意破壞參賽龍舟或其他配件
- 3) 裁判有權在下列情況下要求重賽：
 - i. 賽艇在非故意錯誤情況下，偏離正確航道而阻礙其他賽艇航道
 - ii. 任何隊員因其他隊伍的錯誤而被迫跳進水中
 - iii. 參賽隊伍編排出現任何錯誤
 - iv. 海面因素導致賽艇碰撞
 - v. 其他裁判認為合理之因素

庚. 仲裁

1) 仲裁資格

如有任何設備於比賽途中出現損壞，大會一概不負上責任及不接受仲裁。

2) 仲裁證據

任何證據如照片對於賽事結果或其他隊伍不滿將不接納

3) 仲裁呈請

該隊隊長應於比賽賽果公佈後 15 分鐘內到達仲裁處提出仲裁。大會或裁判只會向有關的隊長交代賽果或其他資料，並不會接受個隊員對比賽之任何爭拗或意見。

4) 仲裁諮詢

一旦裁判接納仲裁，大會會盡快聯絡有關涉及隊伍之隊長作出諮詢。整項賽事以仲裁處的決定為最終賽果，各隊伍不能異議。