

# Discovery Bay Dragon Boat Races 2021

## **RULES & REGULATIONS**

### **A. Entry Requirements & Team Composition**

- 1) The number of participants of each team for all categories shall be a maximum of 30, whilst the crew on each boat is limited to 22 including **20 paddlers, 1 drummer and 1 steersman**.
- 2) As an additional requirement for Mixed Race, the number of lady paddlers shall be no less than 8 and not more than 12.
- 3) As for U23 Race, the steersman and drummer must be aged 18+.
- 4) All participants of each category **MUST** be 12 years old or above.
- 5) The Liability Waiver (Form A/B - attached) must be submitted and signed by all Team Captains/representatives **3 working days before the first practice sessions and/or the race day**. Consent Letter (Form C – for aged 12-17 team members) must be signed by individual members' parents / guardians.
- 6) In case of inclement weather or adverse sea conditions, the Arbitration Panel has the right and may reduce the number of paddlers on each boat.
- 7) Maximum of **8** lanes per heat.
- 8) There are no more than 5 paddlers of any one team to be allowed to participate in other team within the same category.
- 9) Team members must be physically fit, well-trained, and must be able to swim not less than 100m wearing light clothing. They also agree that entering this race is at their own risks. (Please refer to the details in “liability waiver”)
- 10) Team members must abide by all rules and regulations announced by the arbitration panel.
- 11) 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 any team members for any injuries, loss of property and death in connection with and/or arising out of the practice sessions and races.

### **B. Entry Fee**

<b>Entry Group</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>No. of paddlers</b>	<b>Entry fee</b>
<b>Mixed</b>	12 or above	No Limitation	20 (Must include 8-12 female)	\$4,500
<b>Open</b>	12 or above	No Limitation	20	\$3,500
<b>Ladies'</b>	12 or above	Female only (Except steersman and drummer)	20	\$3,500
<b>U23</b>	12-23	No Limitation	20	\$2,500
<b>Community*</b>	12 or above	No Limitation	20	\$1,500
* Only for Discovery Bay Local Teams * A minimum of 75% participants of the team are DB residents * Proof of residence is required				

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- 1) Every team will be provided 1 marquee on the race day.
- 2) Cheque made payable to “**Discovery Bay Services Management Limited**”
- 3) All entry fee is non-refundable.

## **C. Practice Sessions**

- 1) Practice sessions can be arranged by request only. Please contact Lantau Boat Club (LBC) at [paddling-chair@lantauboaclub.com](mailto:paddling-chair@lantauboaclub.com) for reservation.
- 2) \$600 per each practice session.
- 3) The practice sessions will be held on 5, 11 and 12 September 2021. For teams who would like to arrange other timeslots, please contact LBC.
- 4) Once the practice timetable is confirmed, any cancellations, alterations or requests for additional practices, etc. should be notified in writing to LBC by email 3 working days in advance; otherwise, no refund and reschedule will be entertained.
- 5) LBC will provide steersman in practice sessions. Preference of any particular steersman will not be entertained.
- 6) Only all the required Liability Waiver / Consent Letters received could the participants are allowed to get on board.
- 7) The Organizer retains the rights to claim against the team for any miscellaneous damages of the dragon boat and their associated equipment caused by any of their members during practice sessions

## **D. Conduct & General Administration on Race Day**

- 1) All team members are required to register 15 minutes in advance at the Assembly Point before the scheduled race time. Latecomers will be disqualified.
- 2) Life vests will be provided upon request on a first-come first-served basis. **Participants who are aged between 12-17 should put on life vest during the race.**
- 3) The Team Captain of each team shall be responsible for all the safety precautions for epidemic, discipline, enrollment and conduct of all his/her team members. The Arbitration Panel will **ONLY** liaise with the **Team Captains** for any appeal regarding the races. Complaints logged by any individual team member will not be entertained.
- 4) Any dispute on the race must be lodged by the Team Captains to the Arbitration Booth within 15 minutes after the result announcement of the concerned race.
- 5) In case of dispute of the race result, the Arbitration Panel’s decision is final and binding to all teams.
- 6) Each boat should paddle within its allocated race course in order to allow sufficient clear water ahead when overtaking; otherwise, the intercepting boat(s) may be disqualified.
- 7) 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.
- 8) Please pay attention to the start signal horn: “**On your mark → Ready → Start (horn)**”

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- 9) A crew is not permitted to choose which boat to use and must use the boat allocated by the Organizer.
- 10) To ensure a fair start, steersman shall hold the rope set up by our officials until the race-start. The rope should be released right after the signal horn. Should any error be spotted by the official during the race, 3 consecutive signal horns will be activated to indicate re-start of the relevant race.
- 11) The Arbitration Panel will try their best to arrange the restart / 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. The teams concerned will NOT be compensated for any loss if occurred.
- 13) Official steersman will be provided to teams upon request and will be decided by draws. A dispute over the race results claiming it was caused by the official steersmen will also not be entertained. For Teams who wish to use their own steersman, a satisfactory assessment conducted by our official during the practice session, steersman's name must be provided in the enrollment form and, it is not allowed to swap team or change of person during practice session and race day without the prior approval from the Arbitration Panel.
- 14) Teams are allowed to use their own paddles or paddles provided by organizer in ALL heats.
- 15) Teams who bring their own paddles should follow "**The IDBF Sport Racing Paddle Specification 202a**". (Its minimum length shall be 105cm and its maximum length 130cm. The Blade width shall be 18cm. The Shaft shall have a maximum width and shall generally be circular. The Handle may be of any shape which will fit within an imaginary box of the dimensions 100mm x 50mm x 40mm)
- 16) The Arbitration Panel 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 race.
- 17) The entry of the Mixed, Open, Ladies' and U23 Races in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> round of all races plus the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of Mixed Races shall be determined by the drawing lots, which will be conducted in the Captains' Meeting in Sep 2021 (exact date to be announced).
- 18) 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.

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## **E. New Race Format 2021 – Race Positioning plus Race Time**

### 1) **Mixed Race**

There are 3 rounds of Qualifying Heats. Teams will be awarded points in accordance to the race result (i.e., finishing position) of each race. Teams will then be ranked according to the accumulative points over the three races. In case of equal points achieved by more than one team after 3 rounds, their **total average race time** of 3 races will be used to determine their positions.

The top 24 teams (or lesser pending on number of participating teams) will be evenly entered the Finals of Mixed Cup, Mixed Plate and Mixed Bowl accordingly.

### 2) **Open Race**

There are 2 rounds of Qualifying Heats. Teams will be awarded points in accordance to the race result (i.e., finishing position) of each race. Teams will then be ranked according to the accumulative points over the two races. In case of equal points obtained by more than one team after 2 rounds, their **total average race time** of 2 races will be used to determine their positions.

The top 8 teams (or lesser pending on number of participating teams) will enter the Final of Open's Cup.

### 3) **Ladies' Race**

There are 2 rounds of Qualifying Heats. Teams will be awarded points in accordance to the race result (i.e., finishing position) of each race. Teams will then be ranked according to the accumulative points over the two races. In case of equal points obtained by more than one team after 2 rounds, their **total average race time** of 2 races will be used to determine their positions.

The top 8 teams (or lesser pending on number of participating teams) will enter the Final of Ladies' Cup.

### 4) **U23 Race**

There are 2 rounds of Qualifying Heats. Teams will be awarded points in accordance to the race result (i.e., finishing position) of each race. Teams will then be ranked according to the accumulative points over the two races. In case of equal points obtained by more than one team after 2 rounds, their **total average race time** of 2 races will be used to determine their positions.

The top 8 teams (or lesser pending on number of participating teams) will enter the Final of U23 Cup.

### 5) Finishing Position by Accumulative Point System (t= number of team of that particular race):

Finishing	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	...	DNF/DQ
Scores	t+1	t-1	t-2	t-3	...	0

6) Allocation of all preliminary rounds (first, second and third round) for all race will be done by random draws.

7) The lane for final races of all categories shall be determined by result of the 3 or 2 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 then right lanes respectively. Same arrangement will be the same to Finals of Open, Ladies' and U23 Race.

8) **If there is no more than 4 team enrolled, it has the possibility to cancel that race.**  
**If there are 5-7 teams enrolled, all the race format will be as stated in point 1 to 4 but the participating teams in final round will be the less than 8.**

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## **F. Duties & Authorities of Arbitration Panel**

- 1) The Arbitration Panel is composed of 1 CM Staff & any 2 Team Arbitration Panel Captains. All teams shall strictly follow the instructions given and decision made by the Arbitration Panel.
- 2) The Arbitration Panel has the right to impose reduction of points (maximum of 5 points reductions in any single incident) against any team under the following but not limited to these circumstances:
  - a) Violates the rules and regulations as laid down by the Arbitration Panel.
  - b) Jump start 2 times in the same race 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.

**Rules and Regulations may revise without further notice, the final version in English language presented in the Captains' Meeting shall prevail.**

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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最多 30 人。每艘龍舟限制船員 22 人，包括 20 名槳手、1 名舵手及 1 名鼓手
- 2) 混合組賽事中應有不少於 8 名女槳手及不多於 12 名女槳手。
- 3) U23 組（23 歲或以下） 賽事中舵手及鼓手必須為成人（18 歲或以上）
- 4) 所有參賽者必須年滿 12 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 A/B, 在報名表格附上)。12 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, 12-17 歲的隊員)。
- 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：每場賽事最多有八條航道作賽。
- 8) 同一組別中最多五位槳手可同時參與其他隊伍。
- 9) 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。
- 10) 參賽隊員須遵從裁判委員會(簡稱為“大會”)就賽事定下之一切規條和章則。
- 11) 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

參賽組別	年齡	性別	槳手數量	報名費
混合組	12 歲或以上	沒有限制	20 (必須包括 8-12 名女槳手)	\$4,500
公開組	12 歲或以上	沒有限制	20	\$3,500
女子組	12 歲或以上	只限女性 (舵手及鼓手除外)	20	\$3,500
U23 組	12 歲至 23 歲	沒有限制	20	\$2,500
社區組*	12 歲或以上	沒有限制	20	\$1,500
*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 *須提交住址證明				

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- 1) 在比賽當天，大會將提供一個帳篷給予各隊伍。
- 2) 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」。
- 3) 所有報名付費後，費用概不發還。

## 丙. 練習時段

- 1) 練習時段可按隊伍個別要求提供。隊伍可電郵至 [paddling-chair@lantauboaclub.com](mailto:paddling-chair@lantauboaclub.com) 向 Lantau Boat Club (LBC) 預約時間。
- 2) 練習時段費用為港幣 600 元一節。
- 3) 練習時段將於 2021 年 9 月 5、11 及 12 日舉行，如隊伍欲安排其他時段練習，請向 LBC 查詢。
- 4) 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傳真/電郵通知舉辦機構，否則將不予退款或重新安排訓練時間。
- 5) LBC 將會提供舵手，但不會按照隊伍之特別要求作分配。
- 6) 只有已遞交免責聲明書/同意書的隊員才可參與練習。
- 7) 舉辦機構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。

## 丁. 參賽操守及安全

- 1) 所有隊員必須於比賽時間 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，**年齡介乎於 12-17 歲的參加者於比賽時應穿上救生衣。**
- 3) 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。
- 4) 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。
- 5) 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。
- 6) 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，大會有權取消該隊伍的參賽資格。
- 7) 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。
- 8) 請留意開始訊號: “On your mark → Ready → 訊號響起”。

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- 9) 所有隊伍不能自行選擇船隻，以及必須使用大會安排之龍舟。
- 10) 為確保公平性，每隊船尾之舵手必須緊執繩索，直至聽到訊號後方可開始。當聽到訊號後，舵手必須立刻放開繩索。比賽中如有錯誤起步情況，大會將發出連續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) 大會將盡其所能，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，例如天氣狀況及龍舟損壞等，且不會對受影響的隊伍作出補償。
- 13) 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。如隊伍欲使用屬隊舵手，必須通過大會於練習時段之測試，舵手姓名應填寫於隊員名單上。如沒有得到大會批准，練習及比賽期間不得轉隊或換人。
- 14) 參賽隊伍可於所有賽事中使用自備划槳 / 由大會提供之划槳。
- 15) 參賽隊伍自備的划槳必須符合 IDBF 規定。(即長度於 105 至 130 釐米之間；槳葉闊度少於 18 釐米；手柄 (T 位) 闊度為 10 釐米)。
- 16) 如有任何設備於比賽途中出現損壞而影響結果，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。
- 17) 參賽隊伍於所有組別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 2021 年 9 月之隊長會議中進行 (日子待定及有待公報)。
- 18) 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。

## 戊. 新比賽形式 - 計分制及計時

### 1) 混合組賽事

經過三輪合資格的分組賽後，大會將以隊伍於初賽中所獲得的分數總和計算累積得分，從而作出決賽排名。如有隊伍於初賽出現同分，則計算其初賽平均比賽時間而作出排名。

首 24 隊可分別平均地進入混合組盃賽決賽，混合組碟賽決賽及混合組碗賽決賽。(可進入決賽的隊伍數目可根據參與的隊數相應減少。)

### 2) 公開組賽事

經過兩輪合資格的分組賽後，大會將以隊伍於初賽中所獲得的分數總和計算累積得分，從而作出決賽排名。如有隊伍於初賽出現同分，則計算其初賽平均比賽時間而作出排名。

頭 8 隊可進入公開組盃賽決賽。(可進入決賽的隊伍數目可根據參與的隊數相應減少。)



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## 3) 女子組賽事

經過兩輪合資格的分組賽後，大會將以隊伍於初賽中所獲得的分數總和計算累積得分，從而作出決賽排名。如有隊伍於初賽出現同分，則計算其初賽平均比賽時間而作出排名。

頭 8 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。)

## 4) U23 組賽事

經過兩輪合資格的分組賽後，大會將以隊伍於初賽中所獲得的分數總和計算累積得分，從而作出決賽排名。如有隊伍於初賽出現同分，則計算其初賽平均比賽時間而作出排名。

頭 8 隊可進入 U23 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。)

## 5) 跟據名次之所得累積得分制 (t = 該場賽事之總隊數)：

名次	第一名	第二名	第三名	第四名	...	DNF/DQ
得分	t +1	t-1	t-2	t-3	...	0

6) 所有初賽排位將由抽籤決定。

7) 所有組別決賽之航道，將由三輪（或兩輪）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 U23 組賽採用相同的制度。

8) 若以上任何組別只有或少於 4 隊報名，大會將保留權利取消該比賽組別。  
若只有 5-7 隊報名，該組別將根據第 1 至 4 項作賽，而進入決賽的隊伍數目會少於 8 隊。

## 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減分（因應單一事件可減最多 5 分），甚或取消參賽資格。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

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