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The 14th Inter-school Dragon Boat Championships

Race Bulletin

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To: Principals of Secondary Schools

You are cordially invited to participate the 14th Inter-school Dragon Boat Championships, which will be held on 18 April 2026 at HKCDBA Shek Mun Training Centre, On King Street, Shatin, New Territories.

We will incorporate “Official Helm” service in which teams can apply for the official helm.

Date : 18 April 2026 (Saturday)

Time : 1000 – 1600 hours

Venue : HKCDBA Shek Mun Training Centre, On King Street, Shek Mun, Shatin,
New Territories

200M Racing		
Category	Small Boat	Standard Boat
	Entry Fee (HK\$)	Entry Fee (HK\$)
Men Championship	\$400	\$600
Women Championship		
Mixed Championship		

Categories	Entry requirement
All team members must	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be students of respective secondary school for at least one month, no limitation for helm and drummer; • hold valid (1) Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation Athlete card, (2) Student ID card or (3) Student handbook • be able to swim with light clothing for at least 50 meters; • be aged 12 or above on or before 1 January 2026
Men Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restricted to male paddlers, no gender limitation for helm and drummer
Women Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restricted to female paddlers, no gender limitation for helm and drummer.
Mixed Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Boat — Must consist of at least 4 and not more than 5 paddlers of either gender; No gender limitation for helm and drummer. • Standard Boat — Must consist of at least 8 and no more than 10 paddlers of either gender; No gender limitation for helm and drummer.

First phase of online registration

From 27 February (Fri) to 26 March (Thu)

Online Registration Page: <https://forms.gle/kMFCLK1av2htSYt19>

Team managers:

- 1) Register the race category(ies) for his/ her own team;
- 2) Pay all fees by separate cheque(s);

All quota(s) will be assigned on first-come-first-served basis. Late Submission will not be accepted.

(Note: Successful entries will rest with the total number of participating teams.)

Team should submit the cheque to complete the first phase registration.

Second phase of online registration

From 27 March (Fri) to 8 April (Wed)

- 1) A blanked crew list in excel format will be received by each team manager via the email provided during application subject to the confirmation of enrollment and payment.
- 2) Team managers have to return the completed crew list in excel format to HKCDBA by email. (Written Crew List is not accepted)

9 April (Thu)

Deadline for submission of crew list and change of entry information

Penalty for late submission or request for change of enrollment information made after 9 April 2026

Charge	Period
HK\$200/time	9 to 15 April 2026
Change of information will NOT be accepted on or after 15 April 2026	

*No limitation to the number of people per change

15 April (Wed)

Draw of race lanes and Team Managers' Meeting

1830 hours

Results will be announced on HKCDBA website after the meeting.

The organizer will conduct briefing on race rules and regulations, race format, on-site arrangement and distribute race materials (if any).

Venue: Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association Secretariat

Address: Unit 9, 15/F, Laurels Industrial Centre, 32 Tai Yau Street, San Po Kong, Kowloon

NOTE: All teams must comply with the race rules and regulations and arrangements announced at the Team Managers' meeting.

Application for the
Official Helm

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- 1) Must apply for the official helm during the online application, and pay for HK\$500 deposit, crossed cheque and make the fees payable to "Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association" and state clearly the race name, categories enrolled and team name at the back of cheque. Submit the cheque by hand or by post to HKCDBA Secretariat, the deposit will be refunded after the competition.
 - 2) If the team apply for the official helm after the application deadline, the team must pay the helm fee HK\$500, and it is non-refundable.
 - 3) HKCDBA shall have the sole and absolute discretion to decide the official helm for the teams.
 - 4) The team may not be arranged the official helm if the application is submitted 1 week before the race.
 - 5) The "official helm" should be included in the crew list.
 - 6) Each team has only one official helm, if school has participated in different categories, for example men, women and mixed, then three official helms are required.
 - 7) If the team cannot finish the race, absence or cancel the application within 3 days before race day, organizer will not refund the deposit of helm fee.

Awards

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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 32 for Standard Boat) each 4th to 6th runner ups will be awarded each a Trophy.

The Champion, 1st and 2nd runner ups of the Silver Cup, Gold Plate, Silver Plate, Gold Bowl, Silver Bowl, Gold Shield and Silver Shield Races will be awarded a Trophy each; 4th to 6th runner ups be awarded an Excellent Performance Trophy.

Equipment : HKCDBA will provide all equipment;

Athletes can use their own paddles for the race, the requirement of the paddles must comply with 5.2 Amendments for HKCDBA Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing; HKCDBA will provide 200 units of Personal Floatation Device (PFD) free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis.

Athletes can use their own Personal Floatation Device (PFD) for racing, except the Inflatable PFD.

Dress Code : 1) Participating crews are required to wear the same team uniform during the competition except for helms provided by HKCDBA.

2) Participating crews, including drummers and helms, are required to wear life jackets or buoyancy aids, shoes covering toes and heels during the competition.

Competitions Regulations and Rules of Racing : It will be run in accordance to the latest version of IDBF Competitions Regulations and Rules of Racing and the latest version of Amendments for HKCDBA Competitions Regulations and Rules of Racing. For details, please refer to the relevant [tournament rules](#).

Crew marquee arrangement : Each team may apply to rent a marquee by 26 March. The rental fee for each marquee is HK\$500, which includes installation and dismantling. Please email the transaction record to the Secretariat for confirmation.

For applications submitted after the deadline, the rental fee remains HK\$500, but teams will be responsible for their own installation and dismantling. Additionally, a refundable deposit of HK\$600 will be required.

Due to the limited number of marquees, they will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. The actual number of marquees may vary based on the setup conditions, and specific locations will be announced later. Please note that once a marquee is reserved and payment is made, the rental fee will not be refunded if you wish to cancel the reservation.

(Cheque payable to: Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association)

Safeguarding
National Security

: Participants are prohibited from committing or attempting to commit any act in violation of the laws of the HKSAR and the National Security Law governing the HKSAR. Participants' act must not be contrary to the interest of national security.

HKCDBA has the right to prohibit any participant who performs any act or displays any form of message that arouses public concern or is otherwise deemed inappropriate by HKCDBA to participate in the event from joining / continuing the event

Marine Safety
(Alcohol and
Drugs)
Ordinance
(Cap. 649)

: All participants should observe the following laws against drink and drug boating in Hong Kong waters:

1. A person must not operate a vessel that is underway while the person is under the influence of alcohol to such an extent as to be incapable of having proper control of the vessel.
2. A person must not perform any designated duty on board a vessel that is underway while the person is under the influence of alcohol to such an extent as to be incapable of performing the designated duty properly on board the vessel.
3. A person who contravenes subsection (1) or (2) commits an offence and is liable—
 - a) on summary conviction—
 - i. if the person has never previously been convicted of any Part 2 offence, whether on summary conviction or on conviction on indictment—to a fine at level 3 and to imprisonment for 6 months; or
 - ii. in any other case—to a fine at level 4 and to imprisonment for 12 months; or
 - b) on conviction on indictment—to a fine at level 4 and to imprisonment for 3 years.
4. If a court or magistrate convicts a person of an offence in accordance with subsection (3), the court or magistrate must order that the person be disqualified—
 - a) If the person has never previously been convicted of any Part 2 offence— for a period of not less than 2 years; or
 - b) In any other case— for a period of not less than 5 years.

Arrangement under Inclement Weather :

- If typhoon signal No. 3 or above, red or black rainstorm warning signal is in force at 0700 hours. on the race day, all the races will be cancelled. Entry fee would not be refunded.
- If thunderstorm warning, typhoon signal No. 1, amber rainstorm warning signal is in force on the race day, all teams shall report on time. Cancellation or delay of races is subject to the final decision of organizing committee. All teams should obey the arrangement announced by organizing committee.
- In case weather condition is getting worse during the races, the organizer reserves the right to cancel or postpone the race. Entry fee would not be refunded.

Payment method : Crossed cheque and make the fees payable to “**Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association**” and state clearly the race name, categories enrolled and team name at the back of cheques. Submit the cheque by hand or by post on or before 26 March 2026.

Note: Separate crossed cheque for entry fee(s) (i.e. 1 cheque for 1 race category), Official Helm and crew marquee rental fee is a must.

The receipt for the entry fee will be given back to the teams on the competition day

Enquiry : Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association Secretariat
Address : Unit 9, 15/F, Laurels Industrial Centre, 32 Tai Yau Street, San Po Kong, Kowloon
Tel : (852) 3110 0079 Email : championships@hkcdba.org

Race By-Law

- 1) All athletes should be holders of valid (1) Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation Athlete cards, (2) Student ID cards or (3) Student handbook and be able to present the original copies of the cards to the Race Official for the purpose of checking at every race on the race day. For those who are unable to present the cards for any reason, the organizer has the right to disqualify the athlete.
- 2) There is no limitation on the number of entries for each school.
- 3) Categories with less than 3 entries. HKCDBA organizing committee reserves the right to cancel without prior notice.
- 4) Teams can use official helm as the crew list must list out "Official Helm". Teams can also use their own helm.
(If there is any accident involving the Official Helm during the race, the helm's performance and identity cannot be a reason for appealing)
- 5) All athletes are not allowed to represent more than 1 team in each category. Sub-teams under the same team name Team A and Team B are regarded as 2 teams in the same category.
- 6) All teams are required to report to the crew assembly area and be ready to embark 30 minutes before the Race or 4 races prior to the scheduled start time (shorter access time prevail).
- 7) With the concern of safety under inclement weather condition, HKCDBA organizing committee reserves the right to decide the number of athletes on boat.
- 8) Any team, including Team Manager, Coach, Athletes and Crew Members, who severely contravenes rules and regulations or disciplinary code will be disqualified, and are not entitled for any awards, even suspension from participating in any events hosted/cohosted/co-organized by the HKCDBA.
- 9) Any team or athlete who don't demonstrate a good sportsmanship may be disqualified.
- 10) Any action violates the law of Hong Kong Government by the team or athlete may result in disqualification and no refund will be allowed.
- 11) HKCDBA reserves the right to refuse any entry into the races at its sole discretion.
- 12) 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.
- 13) The organizer reserves the right to use any images, audio recordings or photos taken during the event for promotional purposes without prior consent from participants
- 14) If there is any inconsistency between the English version and Chinese version, the Chinese version shall prevail.