

Discovery Bay Dragon Boat Races & Carnival 2014

二零一四年愉景競渡賀端陽暨嘉年華

RULES & REGULATIONS

A. Entry Requirements & Team Composition

- 1) The number of participants of each team for all categories shall not be more than 30, whilst the crew on each boat is limited to 22, including 20 paddlers, one drummer (not obligatory) and one steersman.
- 2) As for the mixed race, the number of lady paddlers shall not be less than 8, as an additional requirement. Besides, no more than 8 youth members (aged 14-17) is allowed to be in the same team.
- 3) All participants of each category MUST be 14 years old or above. The Liability Waiver (Form A2/B - attached in the enrollment form) must be signed by all team captains/representative or individuals before or on race day. Consent Letter (Form C – for aged 14-17 members) must be submitted by individual members' parents / guardians.
- 4) The Organizer may, in case of unfavorable weather and sea conditions, announce it mandatory to reduce the number of paddlers on each boat with the discretion of the Organizing Committee.
- 5) Race Format: 7 lanes per heat will be applied.
- 6) Maximum five paddlers can be shared within teams in a category including the finals.
- 7) Drummer can participate in more than one team and can either be a man or lady.
- 8) 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.
- 9) Team members must abide by all rules and regulations set by the Dragon Boat Races & Carnival Organizing Committee (“the Committee”).
- 10) 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

- 1) **Mixed Race:** (*minimum of 8 female paddlers on board during each race*)
HK\$6,200
- 2) **Men's & Ladies' Race:**
HK\$5,200
If minimum number of teams (i.e. 4) is unable to secure, the registered team could either (i) withdraw with full refund or (ii) only join the practice session with a refund of \$2500, or (iii) enter the mixed race and pay the same amount of \$6,200.
- 3) **Youth Race:** (*Max. eighteen members aged between 14 – 17, minimum 2 but no more than 4 adults in a team*)
HK\$5,200

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- 4) Fee includes 5 practice sessions (55 mins per session) with equipment and steersman if required; 1 marquee and 1 table on the event day. HK\$440 per additional practice session
- 5) Cheque made payable to **Discovery Bay Services Management Limited**
- 6) The 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 schedule practice time.
- 4) Steersman can be provided by the organizer; and special preference of any particular steersman will not be entertained.
- 5) 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.
- 6) Request for free additional practice sessions due to absence, bad weather or any other factors will not be entertained.
- 7) No refund for the fee of extra practice sessions due to absence, bad weather or any other factors.
- 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, please call Customer Services Centre at 3651-2345 in advance to confirm if practice sessions are available.

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.
- 2) Life vests will be provided upon request.
- 3) There will be an 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 Organizing Committee will **ONLY** liaise with the team captains concerned in case of disputes 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 captain to the Arbitration Counter within 15 minutes after the announcement of the race result concerned.

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- 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 will 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 team members must raise their paddles out of the water and must not paddle until after the start horn has been blown. 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. 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 Organizing Committee 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 Organizing Committee 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 event:
Any teams deliberately slowing down or wasting time will be disqualified, i.e. if the finishing time of any teams in any of the 1st / 2nd / 3rd rounds AND the finals is 10 seconds or more than that of any other round, the team will be disqualified. Men's, Ladies' and Youth Race are exempted from this rule.
- 15) The Organizing Committee 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 not compulsory. Team's 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. For Teams who wish to use their own steersman, relevant certificate(s) must be submitted and 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. Dispute over the race results suspected to be caused by the official steersmen will not be entertained.
- 17) Teams are permitted to use their paddles only in Final of Mixed Cup.
- 18) The Organizing Committee will NOT be held responsibility 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 it before the racing.

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E. Race Format

- 1) The entry of the Mixed, Men's, 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.
- 2) The lane for final races shall be determined by the drawing of lots. Team Captains are invited to witness the draw which will take place in the Information Counter before the final race.
- 3) 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.
- 4) **Mixed Race**
There are 3 rounds of Qualifying Heats. Teams will then be ranked according to the results ie. 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.
- 5) **Men's Race**
There are 2 rounds of Qualifying Heats. Teams will then be ranked according to the results ie. average time of the 1st and 2nd rounds. According to the ranking, the top 7 teams will enter the Final of Men's Cup – Men's Race.
- 6) **Ladies' Race**
There are 2 rounds of Qualifying Heats. Teams will then be ranked according to the results ie. 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.)
- 7) **Youth Race**
There are 2 rounds of Qualifying Heats. Teams will then be ranked according to the results ie. 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).
- 8) **Any of the above categories (i.e 4 to 7) will be cancelled if there are less than 4 teams enrolled.**

F. Duties & Authorities of Arbitration Panel

- 1) Arbitration Panel (1 CM Staff + 2 Team Captains from the Organizing Committee) will only be called when there is a dispute. All teams shall strictly follow the instructions given 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) violated the rules and regulations as laid down by the Organizing Committee.
 - 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.

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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不得超過 30 人。龍舟最多可載 22 人，包括 20 名槳手、1 名鼓手(非必要)及 1 名舵手。
- 2) 混合組賽事中女槳手不得少於 8 人。混合組必須最少有八名女子成員。同一隊不得多於八名青年成員 (14-17 歲)。
- 3) 所有參賽者必須年滿 14 歲。所有隊長/隊伍代表、參加者必須於比賽前或比賽當天簽署免責聲明書(表格 A2/B，在報名表格附上)。14 至 17 歲參加者的家長 / 監護人必須遞交同意書 (表格 C，在報名表格附上)。
- 4) 由於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。
- 5) 比賽模式：每場賽事將有七條航道作賽。
- 6) 同一組別中，最多五位隊員可同時參與其他隊伍，包括決賽。
- 7) 鼓手可代表多於一隊作賽，性別不限。
- 8) 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。
- 9) 參賽隊員須遵從愉景競渡賀端陽暨嘉年華籌委會就賽事定下之一切規條和章則。
- 10) 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

- 1) 混合組：(女子槳手不得少於 8 名)
港幣 6,200 元
- 2) 男子組及女子組：
港幣 5,200 元
如少於 4 隊報名因而取消該組別賽事，已報名的隊伍可(i)獲發還全數參賽費用，或(ii)只參與練習並發還港幣 2500 元參賽費用，或(iii)參與混合組賽事及支付混合組全數參賽費用港幣 6,200 元。
- 3) 青年組：(最多 18 名 14-17 歲的槳手，最少兩名但不得多於 4 名成人)
港幣 5,200 元

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- 4) 費用包括五節練習費(每節練習時間為 55 分鐘)、器材、舵手(如有需要)、比賽當天大會將提供一個帳篷及一張枱。額外練習為每節港幣 440 元。
- 5) 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**」。
- 6) 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) 大會可提供舵手，並不會按照隊伍之特別要求作分配。
- 5) 主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。
- 6) 隊伍如因缺席、天氣欠佳或其他因素而未能出席預定之練習時間，大會將不會免費另外安排後補練習。
- 7) 隊伍如因缺席、天氣欠佳或其他因素暫停練習，額外練習費概不退還。
- 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，請先致電客戶服務中心 (3651-2345) 查詢練習是否取消。

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。
- 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。大會不會接受個隊員對比賽之任何爭拗或意見。如有需要，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

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- 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，所有槳手必須將划槳提高並離開水面直至開始的訊號響起。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。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) 委員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：
隊伍故意拖慢參賽時間將被取消參賽資格，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 10 秒，該隊參賽資格將被取消。男子組、女子組及青年組不在此限。
- 15) 主辦機構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。隊伍之舵手姓名應填寫於隊員名單上，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) 參賽隊伍只可以於混合組總決賽中使用自備划槳。
- 18) 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，抽籤會在隊長會議中進行。

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- 2) 決賽的航道以抽籤形式進行。歡迎各隊長在決賽前到詢問處為抽籤過程作見證。
- 3) 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。
- 4) **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。
- 5) **男子組賽事**
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 隊可進入男子組盃賽決賽。
- 6) **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。)
- 7) **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。)

安排：第三輪分組賽將會於決賽前舉行，賽事將會與混合組同賽。並會另外安排一場青年組決賽。
- 8) **若任何一個組別少於 4 隊報名，該組別將會被取消。**

己. 仲裁之職責及權限

- 1) 如有隊長提出抗議，仲裁小組(1 名城市管理處職員及 2 名大會隊長)將被召喚作仲裁。所有參賽隊伍需遵從仲裁小組之決定。仲裁小組有權作最後決定及約束所有參賽者。
- 2) 仲裁處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. 其他仲裁認為合理之因素