



5-CREW DRAGON BOAT CHALLENGE 2008

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**SINGAPORE DRAGON BOAT ASSOCIATION AND
PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION WATER-VENTURE**

ENTRY RULES

1. **THE TEAM:**

1.1 Each Team shall consist of:

1.1.1 5-crew dragon boat (Men/Women)

1 Steersman (Any Gender).

A maximum of 4 paddlers and 2 reserves.

1.2 No female may participate as a paddler in a male team event except in the capacity as a Steersman. No male may participate as a paddler in a female team event except in the capacity as a Steersman.

1.3 The Steersman is permitted to paddle during the Race.

1.4 Each team is entirely responsible for its own conduct and for complying with the Rules governing the Race.

1.5 The criteria governing the eligibility of teams and paddlers in teams participating in each of the categories of competition is listed in Appendix 1 and shall be strictly complied with during the Race. Any team, which contravenes this Rule, will not be allowed to race and will be disqualified from the Race. If the contravention is discovered after the Race, the team which contravenes this Rule, shall be disqualified from the Race and the penalties set out in Rule 1.8 shall apply.

1.6 **A paddler shall only be registered under one team and shall not compete as a member of another team. A paddler for a team whose name and identity number do not appear in the List of Crew shall not be allowed to compete in the Race. However an experienced qualified Steersman may helm the 5-crew dragon boat for several teams and must be reflected in the Lists of Crew.**

1.7 In the event of any contravention by a team of Rules 1.2 or 1.5 or 1.6 the Organizer shall refuse to allow the team to compete in the Race.

- 1.8 In the event of any contravention by a team of Rule 1.2 or 1.5 or 1.6 being discovered after the Race the Organizer i) shall disqualify such team and ii) in the event that the team has been awarded a trophy or medals, shall require the immediate return of the trophy and all medals to the Organizer and iii) refuse the team entry into the competition for 2 years and iv) ban the team and all of its paddlers from using any of the facilities (including dragon boats, training facilities, etc) of the Singapore Dragon Boat Association (“SDBA”) and from participating in any of the activities organized by the SDBA solely or jointly for such period, and iv) post the name of the team and the name of each individual paddler in the team on the SDBA’s website under advice that the team and its paddlers have been found to have contravened the Rules and that disciplinary action has been taken against them.

2. TEAM MANAGER:

- 2.1 Each team must have a Team Manager.
- 2.2 The Team Manager shall be responsible for liaising with the Organizers and the Competitors’ Marshalls. He/she shall be present at the Control Point Area throughout the time that the team is under the control of the Competitors’ Marshalls.
- 2.3 The Team Manager shall represent the team at the prize presentation ceremony.

3. EQUIPMENT:

- 3.1 The Organizers shall provide the 5-crew dragon boats used by competitors. No modifications or additions to the 5-crew dragon boat or to the equipment in the 5-crew dragon boat may be made. The allocation of the 5-crew dragon boats shall be the sole discretion of the Organizers. The Organizers will not be responsible for any failure of the equipment during the race and each team is advised to carefully check the 5-crew dragon boat, paddles and PFDs allocated before leaving the Boat Marshalling Area.

- 3.2 The 5-crew dragon boat will be equipped with 1 paddle for steering purposes and 2 bailers.
- 3.3 **Teams are required to use IDBF approved paddles and PFDs. In the case for teams that require paddles and PFDs, the organizers will supply on site.**
- 3.4 A team shall not:
- a) Alter or replace any of the fixtures of the 5-crew dragon boats assigned to them.
 - b) Change the 5-crew dragon boats or equipment assigned to them after being dispatched from the Boat Marshalling Area.
 - c) Tape, tie or stick any materials onto the 5-crew dragon boats and rudders.
 - d) Retain the 5-crew dragon boats and its accessories after each Race.

4. **EVENTS:**

4.1 **5-crew dragon boat:**

- a) National Championship (Men) *
- b) National Championship (Women) *
- c) Tertiary (Men)
- d) Tertiary (Women)
- e) Inter-GRC CC Youth Group (Open)

- 4.2 **The distance of the Regatta Course of the Race is 500 meters with a Turn at the 250 meters mark.**

- 4.3 The Championship Course is a straight stretch of water of 250 meters marked by clearly visible buoys placed in a straight line at intervals down the length of the race course **with a Turn at the end of the 250 meters**. All the Turns at the 250 meters point **shall be marked by large bright buoys**. The number of lanes for the Championship Course is four (4). Lane One (1) shall be the lane nearest to the location of the Finish Line Judges.
- 4.4 Each **racing lane shall be 10 meters apart** and each crew shall race in its allocated lane marked by buoys at intervals of 50 meters down the 250 meters straight course. **Each crew shall make an anti-clockwise Turn at the 300 meters point marked by a large bright buoy**.
- 4.5 **Crews will not race in their allocated lanes at the Start until they have made a Turn at the 250 meters point. Lane 1 will start in lane 2; lane 2 will start in lane 3; lane 3 will start in lane 4 and lane 4 will start outside lane 4 (presumably lane 5 which is not marked).**
- 4.6 Disqualification shall be direct when a crew intrudes into another crew's lane when racing down the straight course and crews must observe the Rule concerning "clear water" of 2 meters in the racing lanes and the Turn points.
- 4.7 All rules concerning the race, penalties, collisions, disqualifications, shall abide by the IDBF Rules of Racing.

5. **SAFETY RULES:**

- 5.1 Competitors must be able to swim at least 50 metres wearing light clothing. It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to ensure that all members of the team comply with this rule.
- 5.2 It is compulsory for all competitors to put on the buoyancy vests (personal floatation device - PFD) provided by the Teams. However, this does not exempt the competitors and the persons entering the team from complying with Rule 1.1.

- 5.3 The crew members from a capsized 5-crew dragon boat are required to stay with the 5-crew dragon boat and leave it in the capsized position. They should not swim ashore BUT wait for the arrival of the safety boats. After the crew has been rescued will the safety boats recover the capsized 5-crew dragon boat.

- 5.4 Each competitor is solely responsible for his or her own safety and fitness during the practice sessions and during races. No responsibility will be accepted by the Organizers or any other individual or organization connected directly or indirectly with the races and they will not be held responsible for any death, injury, damage or loss incurred by the members of a team.

- 5.5 All safety rules must be complied with. Infringement of any safety rule will render a team to be ineligible for the duration of the competition.

6. QUALIFICATION OF TEAMS TO THE NEXT ROUND:

- 6.1 Qualification of teams to race in subsequent rounds will be determined by the position and/or timing. In the event of a tie, then a draw will determine which of the tied teams advance to the next round of race.

- 6.2 Allocation of lanes for all heats will be decided by a draw. In the subsequent stages of the competition, eg. repechages, semi-finals, will be done by placing the fastest team in eg. Lane Three if there are 4 Racing Lanes. The team having the next fastest time will be placed on its left and alternating the others to the right and left in accordance with the recorded times. Teams with identical times qualified for the next round, shall be assigned their lane positions by a draw within the pattern indicated herein.

Example A: 4 Racing Lanes Course

TIME RETURNED	LANE
Fastest Time	THREE
2 nd fastest time	TWO
3 rd fastest time	FOUR
4 th fastest time	ONE

Teams with identical times to qualify for **only one place** in the next round will be decided by a draw to decide which team qualifies.

7. **PENALTIES:**

- 7.1 If, in the opinion of a Course Umpire or Chief Race Official, a 5-crew dragon boat has been swamped or capsized deliberately by a team, the Organizers reserves the right to impose a penalty of S\$500/- on the organization which enters the crew, and the right to refuse such a team's entry in future races.
- 7.2 If in the opinion of the Chief Race Official, Course Umpire or any boat Marshall, a 5-crew dragon boat is damaged deliberately by a crew, the Organizers reserves the right to impose a penalty of S\$2,500.00 on the organizations entering the team and the right to require such organizations to pay for the costs of repairs to the damaged 5-crew dragon boat.

8. **GENERAL:**

- 8.1 Any team that fails to comply with any of the International Dragon Boat Federation "Disciplinary Code and Rules of Racing" shall be disqualified.
- 8.2 In the event of any question or matter which is not provided in these International Dragon Boat Federation "Disciplinary Code and Rules of Racing", **THE DECISION OF THE ORGANISERS AND/OR THE JURY OF APPEAL ON ANY MATTER NOT PROVIDED FOR IN THE IDBF "DISCIPLINARY CODE AND RULES OF RACING" OR IN THE INTERPRETATION THEREOF, SHALL BE FINAL.**
- 8.3 The Organizers reserves the right to accept or refuse the entry of any team in a competition AT ITS SOLE DISCRETION.

- 8.4 The Singapore Dragon Boat Association shall have the authority to override or amend any SDBA rule, policy or procedure contained in the International Dragon Boat Federation “Disciplinary Code and Rules of Racing” or the 5-crew Dragon Boat Championship 2007 Entry Rules if it is felt that to do so would be in the best interest of dragon boat racing in Singapore.

9. CONFIRMATION OF PARTICIPATION FORM:

- 9.1 In addition to the Entry fees every Confirmation of Participation Form MUST be accompanied by the following documents.**

- i) List of Crew with full names as per NRIC/Passport/FIN
- ii) Indemnity Form
- iii) For the following category of event only:

a) Tertiary (Men) & Tertiary (Women)

A letter from the Team Manager of each team confirming that each paddler listed in the List of Crew is eligible to compete in the Race in accordance with Appendix 1.

- 9.2 Failure to provide the Organizers with the aforementioned documents will result in rejection of the Confirmation of Participation Form and forfeiture of the Entry Fees.**

10. PROTESTS:

- 10.1 In the event of a team wishing to make a protest following a Race concerning the conduct of another team or the eligibility of that team to compete or against a race result the Team Manager must lodge such protest in accordance with Rule 8 of the Racing Rules.

10.2 In the event of a Protest being lodged against a team on the basis of contravention of Rule 1.5 the Team Manager of the team under protest shall provide the Secretary-General of the Singapore Dragon Boat Association conclusive evidence that all paddlers in the team are eligible to paddle in the Race. This means in the case of:

- i) Statutory boards or Government Service organizations that each paddler is a civil servant or public officer serving therein or full-time employee of such organization;
- ii) Tertiary Institutions, Junior Colleges, Schools, that each paddler is a registered full-time or part-time student thereof;
- iii) Registered Club, Association or Society, that each paddler is a registered member thereof.
- iv) Company, that each paddler is a full-time employee of the company and Partnership that each paddler is either a partner or a full-time employee of the partnership.

10.3 Within 2 working days of a request by the Organizers to do so the Team Manager shall provide the Organizers:

- a) In the case of a Statutory board, Government Service organization, Company or Partnership with the most recent pay slip of each of the paddlers of the team under protest together with their most recent CPF statements (in the case of Singapore citizens and permanent residents) or such other proof as the SDBA may require so as to prove that such paddlers are legitimate competitors of the team.
- b) In the case of Clubs, Associations and Societies sufficient proof that each paddler is a member of such, and in the case of Tertiary Institutions Junior Colleges and Schools, documentary proof that each paddler is a legitimate competitor.

10.4 In the event that the Team Manager fails to so provide the proof in the said time the team will be automatically disqualified and the penalties set out under Rule 1.8 will be imposed. In the event that the team has been placed then it will lose it's placing and such other teams who have fairly competed in the Race will be elevated in order of ranking (i.e. if the 1st placed team is disqualified, 2nd place will moved 1st place, 3rd place to 2nd place and 4th place to 3rd place).

11. REDRAW:

In the event that a team enters more than one boat in the same category and more than one of such boats happen to be drawn against each other in the same heat at the Initial Draw, the boat drawn against the other shall be immediately returned to the draw and redrawn in order to prevent two or more boats in the same team competing against each other in the first heat. Two or more boats of the same team may however compete against each other in subsequent heats by virtue of their timing or positions in the first heat.

12. DEFINITIONS:

“Rules” means the prevailing Entry Rules and the Racing Rules and Regulations as lay down by the Organizers.

“Race” shall mean the dragon boat competition organized by Organizers and shall include every race, which takes place in every category of the competition.

“Organizers” shall mean the Singapore Dragon Boat Association and the People’s Association Water-Venture as may be applicable as represented by a Committee.

“Team Manager” means the person who is nominated to represent the Team.

A. 5-CREW DRAGON BOAT EVENTS:**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (MEN) & NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (WOMEN)**

The National Championship (Men) and the National Championship (Women) is an Event which is open to all organizations including Statutory boards, Government Service Organizations, Tertiary Institutions, Junior Colleges, Schools, registered Clubs, Associations, Societies, Companies, partnerships **AND FOREIGN Teams.**

Each paddler in a team shall be male/female and at the time of submission of the Confirmation of Participation Form and at the time of the Race in the case of a:

1. Statutory board or Government Service organization be a civil servant or public officer serving therein or full-time employee of such organization.
2. Tertiary Institution, Junior College, or School be a registered full-time or part-time student or a member of staff in such Tertiary Institution, Junior College or School;
3. Registered Club, Association or Society, be a registered member of such Club, Association or Society;
4. Company or Partnership, be a full time employee of such Company and in the case of a Partnership a partner thereof or a full time employee of such partnership.
5. Foreign teams invited by the Singapore Dragon Boat Association or on direct application to the Association on a non-hosted basis.

TERTIARY (MEN) & TERTIARY (WOMEN):

The Tertiary (Men) and Tertiary (Women) category is an event exclusively for teams representing Universities, Polytechnics and Institutes of Technical Education.

Each paddler in a Team shall be male/female and at the time of submission of the Confirmation of Participation Form of the Race be a matriculated/registered student from the Universities and Polytechnics pursuing degree or diploma courses, full-time or part-time, or a registered student from the Institute of Technical Education pursuing full-time certificate courses.

INTER-GRC CC YG (OPEN)

The Inter-GRC Community Centre / Club (CC) Youth Group (YG) (Open) Race is open to all YG members of the People's Association.

1. Each GRC may send more than a team to compete in the race;
2. The paddlers of each team must be YG members of the respective GRC;
3. Each team can comprise crew members from either gender or a mixture of both.