



SINGAPORE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL 2009

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ENTRY RULES

1 THE TEAM:

1.1 The composition of each Team shall be :

1.1.1 20-crew dragon boat (Men /Women)

1 drummer) A male or female steersman/
1 steersman) drummer is permitted

A maximum of 20 paddlers and 2 reserves

1.1.2 10-crew dragon boat (Men/Women)

1 drummer) A male or female steersman/
1 steersman) drummer is permitted

A maximum of 10 paddlers and 2 reserves

1.1.3 20-crew dragon boat (Mixed)

1 drummer) A male or female steersman/
1 steersman) drummer is permitted

A maximum of 20 paddlers and 2 reserves

(Minimum requirement of 16 paddlers to be eligible for this category)

IDBF Competition Regulations 2.1.3 effective 1st January 2008
Mixed Class: Crews must contain a minimum of eight (8) and a maximum of twelve (12) **Female** paddlers.

1.1.4 10-crew dragon boat (Mixed)

1 drummer) A male or female steersman/
1 steersman) drummer is permitted

A maximum of 10 paddlers and 2 reserves

(Minimum requirement of 8 paddlers to be eligible for this category)

There is no IDBF Mixed Class in this Category. SDBA reserves the right to impose the following Regulation for this Category in line with IDBF Competition Regulations 2.1.3 of the larger boat.

For this class---Crews must contain a minimum of four (4) and a maximum of six (6) **Female** paddlers.

- 1.2 No female may participate as a paddler in a male team event except in the capacity as a steerer/helm or a drummer. No male may participate as a paddler in a female team event except in the capacity as a steerer/helm or a drummer.
- 1.3 The steersman/helm and drummer are not permitted to paddle during the Race.
- 1.4 Teams are encouraged to field Certified Steersperson/Helms. The Steerspersons/Helms must be SDBA Basic Helm Certified (minimum requirement). All SDBA Technical Certified Coaches (Level 1 or higher) are qualified as Race Helms. The SDBA Recreational Instructors are the exception.
- 1.5 Each team is entirely responsible for its own conduct and for complying with the Rules governing the Race.
- 1.6 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.
- 1.7 **A paddler, drummer, steersman/helm 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 (Forms B1 and B2) shall not be allowed to compete for that Race.**
- 1.8 **Rule 1.6 (above) will be strictly enforced and all team members, (including Team Managers, Paddlers, Drummers and Steerspersons) must put on their Team Accreditation Tags to gain admission inside the Holding Area prior to boarding the dragon boats. The Team Managers are allowed to collectively hold onto all the team members' tags after Race Officials have successfully checked and are fully satisfied with their team members' eligibilities.**

1.9 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.

1.10 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 Organizers shall:

- i) Disqualify such teams
- ii) Require the immediate return of the trophy and medals to the Organizer in the event that the team has been awarded earlier.
- iii) Refuse the team's entry for all IDBF/SDBA organized competitions for 2 years
- iv) Ban the team and all its paddlers from using any of the facilities (including dragon boats, training facilities, etc) of the SDBA and from participating in any of the activities organized by the SDBA solely or jointly for such period
- v) 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.

1.11 Each team is only allowed to compete in a maximum of 2 events per category – excluding a Mixed event, e.g. a team can only compete in x 2 Men or Women events (Example Team A & Team B) plus x 1 Mixed event.

2 TEAM MANAGER:

2.1 Each team must have a Team Manager.

2.2 The Team Manager shall be responsible for liaising with The Organizer and the Competitors' Marshalls. He/she shall:

- i) Be present at the Control Point Area throughout the time that the team is under the control of the Competitors' Marshalls.
- ii) Follow the advice/instructions given by the Race Controller over the public address system.

- 2.3 The Team Manager shall represent the team at the prize presentation ceremony.

3 EQUIPMENT:

- 3.1 All dragon boats, rudders, drums, dragon heads, dragon tails, drummer seats and drum stick used by competitors shall be provided by The Organizer. No modifications or addition to the dragon boat or to the equipment in the dragon boat may be made. The allocation of dragon boats shall be the sole discretion of The Organizer. **The Organizer will not be responsible for any failure of the equipment during the race and each team is advised to carefully check the dragon boat and rudder allocated before leaving the Boat Marshalling Area.**

- 3.2 IDBF 20-crew racing dragon boat will be equipped with 1 rudder, 1 drum, 1 drummer seat, 1 dragon head, 1 dragon tail and 2 bailers.

- 3.3 10-crew dragon boat will be equipped with 1 rudder, 1 drum, 1 drummer seat, 1 dragon head, 1 dragon tail and 2 bailers.

- 3.4 **Teams are required to provide their own life-vests (PFA) and IDBF approved paddles. The wearing of PFAs (personal floatation aids) is mandatory and non-negotiable.**

- 3.5 A team **shall not:**

- a) Use their own rudder.
- b) Alter or replace any of the fixtures of the dragon boats assigned to them.
- c) Change the dragon boats or equipment assigned to them after being dispatched from the Boat Marshalling Area.
- d) Tape, tie or stick any materials onto SDBA's dragon boats and rudders.
- e) Retain SDBA's dragon boats and its accessories after each Race.

- f) Use seats pads that are of a maximum of 15mm thickness (these shall be made of a soft material that will compress easily when squeezed between finger and thumb).

4 **EVENTS:**

4.1 **20-crew dragon boat:**

- “National Championship (Men)”
- “National Championship (Mixed)”
- “Tertiary (Men)”
- “Tertiary (Mixed)”
- “Inter-International Business Community (Open)”
- Prime Minister Cup (Men) ***
- Prime Minister Cup (Women) ***

***Only ONE team each from the National University of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore Management University and Singapore Institute of Management can participate.**

4.2 **10-crew dragon boat:**

- “National Championship (Women)”
- “Inter-Corporate (Men)”
- “Inter-Corporate (Women)”
- “Inter-Corporate (Mixed)”
- “Tertiary (Women)”
- “Inter-Business Houses and Clubs (Open)”**
- “Active Agers Invitational Dragon Boat Race (Open)”
(Aged 50 years and above as at 28th June 2009).

TERTIARY CATEGORY: Please note that each institution can only submit 2 teams for each event.

- 4.3 The distance of the Championship Course in the Race is 800 metres.
- 4.4 The Championship Course is a straight stretch of water, marked by clearly visible buoys placed in a straight line at intervals down the length of the race course. The number of lanes for the Championship Course is six (6). Lane One (1) shall be the lane nearest to the location of the Finish Line Judges.

5. **SAFETY RULES:**

- 5.1 Competitors must be able to swim at least 50 metres wearing light clothing with or without a personal floatation aids (life vests). It is the responsibility of the Crew Captain/Crew Manager to ensure that all members of the team comply with this rule.
- 5.2 Life vests (personal floatation aids) will be provided for all racing events when necessary. **It is compulsory for all competitors to put on the life vests (personal floatation aids) provided by the Teams or by the Organizer.** However, this does not exempt the competitors and the persons entering the team from complying with Rule 5.1
- 5.3 Teams are required to appoint a Crew Captain (Drummer or Steersperson/Helm); implement the Buddy System and know the Capsize Drill. For the safe conduct of everyone, Teams are encouraged to revise the Buddy System and the Capsize Drill with their SDBA-certified coaches prior to Race Day. Team Managers may also check or verify the key points with Race Control on Race Day.
- 5.4 The Crew Captain (Drummer or Steersperson/Helm) should be suitably qualified to command or helm the crew in training and competition. He/she is responsible for seeing to the suitability and capability of the crew; maintain appropriate safety measures; avoid collisions and deliberate capsize; be very familiar with the Racing Rules (IDBF Rules of Racing) and liaise with the competition marshals on and off water.
- 5.5 In the event of a capsize or swamping of the dragon boat, the Crew Captain (Drummer or Steersperson/Helm) must see to the safety and responsibility of the crew and remain with the rescue boats until all members of the crew are safe.
- 5.6 The crew members from a capsized dragon boat are required to stay with the boat and leave it in the capsized position. They should not swim ashore **BUT** wait for the arrival of the safety/rescue boats. After the crew has been rescued will the safety boats recover the capsized dragon boat.

- 5.7 While waiting for rescue, the Crew Captain (Drummer or Steersperson/Helm) is required to account for everyone by conducting a head count and assign an able-bodied crew-member to look after any injured or unconscious teammate. If there is any missing crew-member, inform the Rescuers immediately.
- 5.8 Once the entire team from the capsized dragon boat has been recovered and brought to land, the Team Manager and Crew Captain (Drummer or Steersperson/Helm) must report to Race Control whether all crew-members have been accounted for. If the Team Manager and Crew Captain fail to make the report, The Organizer will bar the team from all further events in the Race.
- 5.9 **Each competitor is solely responsible for his or her own safety and fitness** during the practice sessions and during races. It is therefore the Crew Captain's (Drummer or Steersperson/Helm's) responsibility to look to the safety of each crew. No responsibility will be accepted by the Organizer 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.
- 5.10 **All safety rules of the competition must be complied with.** Infringement of any safety rule will render a team to be ineligible for the duration of the competition.
6. **STARTING PROCEDURES & FALSE STARTS:**
- 6.1 All Teams, from Team Manager to the actual dragon boat crew, are required to familiarize themselves with the starting procedures as well as false starts.
- 6.2 The dragon boat must assemble behind the Start Line at least 5 minutes before their Start Time. Team Managers must ensure that his/her Team adhere to this Rule. Team Managers are advised to listen closely to the Race Control announcements/instructions over the public address system.

- 6.3 Once dispatched to the Start Line, Teams are instructed not to paddle within or too close to the Race Course. Teams are required to stay at least 5m away from the edge of the race course and to stop immediately when a race is in progress. This is to ensure that no backwash should interfere with the ongoing race. Teams that infringe this Rule will be barred from taking part in further races of the day.
- 6.4 It is the Steersperson/Helm's responsibility to listen to the Race Starter's instructions at the Start Point. He/She must follow the instructions diligently to ensure a quick setup, align the dragon boat and be ready to race. If in distress, the Steersperson/Helm is required to raise one arm over his head to signal to the Race Starter or Race Umpire that he/she is 'not ready'. Take note that the 'not ready' signal can only be used once. This is to prevent deliberate attempts to disrupt the start procedure for other teams.
- 6.5 All Teams are required to know the starting command. Once all the teams have lined up for their respective race, the Race Starter shall announce **"ARE YOU READY"**. After a clear pause, the Race Starter shall announce **"ATTENTION"**. After another clear but quick pause, the Race Starter shall activate the **"AIR HORN"** to signal the start of the race.
- 6.6 All Teams are instructed not to paddle, adjust strokes or dip the paddle into the water after the command **"ATTENTION"** is given. Teams that infringe this Rule will be penalized with a 5-second time penalty.
- 6.7 False Starts. A team deliberately starts after the command **"ATTENTION"** but before the **"AIR HORN"** is sounded. **The Race Official shall indicate a False Start by raising a red flag.** The Race Starter shall immediately recall the crews by shouting **"STOP, STOP, STOP"** or by sounding the air horn a second time if he had sounded it previously. Once the crews have returned to the start, the Race Starter will identify the crew/s responsible for the False Start and warn them of the offence. If the same crew causes 2 False Starts, the Race Starter may exclude them from the race OR alternatively award a "Time Penalty" of 5 seconds to the offending team.

- 6.8. When a team “jumps the start” which means that a crew has anticipated the Race Starter’s command to the extent that a False Start cannot be called and in the opinion of the Race Starter that a material advantage has been gained, the Race Starter may award **“Time Penalties”** of up to 5 seconds to the crew or crews in question at the end of the race.

INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION (IDBF) RACING RULES:

IDBF R7.3 Race Course Umpires & Marshall’s Warning:

The Course Umpires & Marshalls shall follow each race, in motor boats to observe the course taken by each competing boat. Any boat that fails to keep within its Racing Lane/Line will be warned by the Umpire/Marshall. If such warnings are ignored, the crews(s) concerned risk disqualification from the race if, in the pinion of the Course Umpire, the crew has impeded another crew or has gained an advantage thereby, which has materially affected the result of the race. Alternatively, a Time Penalties of five (5) seconds may be awarded.

IDBF R7.5 Wake Riding (Wash Hanging):

It is forbidden for a crew to “wake ride” (wash hang) that is, to gain an advantage from the **wake** or **wash** of another boat by paddling across the angle of its bow waves and gaining an increase in speed by “riding” the forward face of the wave. The Umpire/Marshall following the boat shall decide if wake riding (wash hanging) has occurred and notify the Chief Official accordingly, who will decide what action to take.

IDBF R7.6 Overtaking:

When a boat is overtaking another in a race, it is the duty of the overtaking boat to give **“clear water”** (two (2) metres of clear water between boats) to the boat it is overtaking. (The Steersperson/Helm of the overtaking boat must exercise sound judgment to ensure that he/she is able to control the dragon boat safely during the overtaking attempt). Similarly, the boat being overtaken **is not allowed** to alter its course to make difficulties for the overtaking boat(s). If in the opinion of the Umpire/Marshall that an infringement has occurred, IDBF R7.3 or R7.5 Racing Rules will apply.

IDBF R7.7 Collisions:

In the event of a collision between two (2) or more boats, the Umpires/ Marshals will report the circumstances to the Chief Official, who may disqualify the offending boat(s) **OR**, if the result of the race has been materially affected, order one or more boats to re-race before the next round of the competition. When in the opinion of the Chief Official one or more of the crews involved could have avoided the collision by taking corrective action, **for example, to stop paddling, but did not do so, then the crew or crews concerned will be disqualified from the competition class and may face disqualification from the whole competition.**

IDBF R7.8 Boat Swamping, Deliberate Capsizes:

If, in the opinion of the Chief Official, a boat has been swamped or capsized deliberately by its own, or another crew, during the course of the race, the Competition Committee may disqualify the crew or crews concerned from the competition. Disciplinary Action(s) as specified in Rule 1.10 (previous) will apply.

IDBF R7.9 Boat Damage:

If in the opinion of the Chief Official, a boat has been damaged by its crew deliberately, or by another crew during the course of the race, the Competition Committee (SDBA) may disqualify the crew of crews concerned from the competition. In addition, an **administrative penalty** may be imposed on the crew or crews and the **costs of repairing** the damage will be recovered from the crew(s) responsible.

IDBF R 8.1 Crossing the Finish Line:

A dragon boat has finished the race when the whole body of the dragon boat (including the dragon head and tail) crosses the Finish Line with the same number of crew-members (drummer, paddlers and steersperson/helm) as well as equipment (dragon head/tail, drum, drummer's seat, rudder, etc) in it as started the race.

IDBF R8.3 Disembarking:

Once a crew has finished a race, it must return immediately to the Boat Marshalling Area and disembark. The crew must return all the equipment and accessories (if not their own). Crews are forbidden to retain any equipment or accessory for future use and risk being barred from participating any further in the racing programme if apprehended. Disciplinary action in the form of an administrative fine of SGD\$50 may also be imposed. A crew is not released from the directions of the marshalling Officials until all members of the crew have left the Crew Assembly Area.

7. QUALIFICATION OF TEAMS TO THE NEXT ROUND:

7.1 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.

7.2 Allocation of lanes for all heats will be decided by a draw. In the subsequent stages of the competition, e.g. repechages, semi-finals, will be done by placing the fastest team in Lane Three if there are 6 Racing Lanes (example in box below). Teams with identical times qualifying for the next round, shall be assigned their lane positions by a draw within the pattern indicated herein.

Example: 6 Racing Lanes Course

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

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.

8. **PENALTIES:**

- 8.1 If, in the opinion of a Course Umpire or Chief Race Official, a dragon boat has been swamped or capsized deliberately by a team, the Organizer reserves the right to impose a penalty of **S\$200/-** on the organization which enters the crew, and the right to refuse such a team's entry in future races.
- 8.2 If in the opinion of the Chief Race Official, Course Umpire or any boat Marshall, a dragon boat is damaged deliberately by a crew, the Organizer reserves the right to impose a penalty of **S\$1,500.00** on the organization entering the team and the right to require such organization to pay for the costs of repairs to the damaged dragon boat.

9. **GENERAL:**

- 9.1 Any team that fails to comply with any of the International Dragon Boat Federation "Disciplinary Code and Rules of Racing" shall be disqualified.
- 9.2 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 ORGANISER 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.**
- 9.3 The Organizer reserves the right to accept or refuse the entry of any team in a competition AT ITS SOLE DISCRETION.
- 9.4 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" would be in the best interest of dragon boat racing in Singapore.

10 **REGISTRATION FORM:**

10.1 In addition to the Entry fees every Registration Form MUST be accompanied by the following documents.

- i) Participants Summary with full names as per NRIC/Passport.
- ii) For the following categories of events only:

a) Inter-Corporate (Men) (Women) (Mixed):

A letter from the Managing Director or Chief Executive Officer or Head of Human Resources Department of the company certifying that each paddler listed in the List of Crew is a full time employee of the company. Such letter must be dated on the day of submission of the Registration Form.

b) Inter-International Business Community (Open)

In the case of a company a letter from the Managing Director or Chief Executive Officer or Head of Human Resources Department of the company certifying that each paddler listed in the Participants Summary is a full time employee of the company. Such letter must be dated on the day of submission of the Registration Form.

In the case of a Club, Association or Society a letter from the President of the Club, (excluding Constituency Sports Clubs), Association or Society, or the Senior or Managing Partner of a Partnership certifying that each paddler listed in the Participants Summary is a member of the Club, Association or Society or a partner or a full-time employee of the partnership. Such letter must be dated on the day of submission of the Registration Form.

c) Tertiary Open (Men) (Women) (Mixed)

The Tertiary Open (Men, Women & Mixed) category is an event exclusively for teams representing Universities, Polytechnics and Institutes of Technical Education. The composition of each Team competing in this event shall be

as set out in Rule 1.2 Entry Rules to the extent that the Rule is applicable.

Each paddler, drummer and steersmen paddler in a Team shall at the time of submission of the Registration 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

d) Inter-Business Houses and Clubs (Open)

A letter from the President of the Club, (excluding Constituency Sports Clubs), Association or Society, or the Senior or Managing Partner of a Partnership certifying that each paddler listed in the List of Crew is a member of the Club, Association or Society or a partner or a full-time employee of the partnership. Such letter must be dated on the day of submission of the Registration Form.

10.2 Failure to provide the SDBA with the aforementioned documents will result in rejection of the Registration Form and forfeiture of the Entry Fees.

11. PROTESTS:

11.1 In the event of a team wishing to make a protest following a Race concerning the conduct of another crew, the race result, race official or the eligibility of that team to compete, **only the Team/Crew Manager** shall lodge such a protest within fifteen (15) minutes after the completion of the race in writing and shall be accompanied by a fee of S\$150/- to the Chief Race Official.

11.2 The Chief Race Official will study the protest in consultation with the technical and race officials. He will then give his decision in writing to the Crew/Team Manager concerned. The Crew/Team Manager will Acknowledge receipt from the Chief Race Official and this acknowledgement is the start in which the Crew/Team Manager may appeal to the Jury of Appeal against the decision of the Committee, again in writing, within twenty (20) minutes after the Crew/Team Manager has been informed of the decision of the protest, accompanied by a fee of

S\$250/-.

11.3 The Chairman of the Jury of Appeal shall immediately invite at least three (3) members from amongst the Crew/Team Managers not involved in the protest to form the Jury. The decision of the Jury shall be final. If the Jury of Appeal upholds the decision of the Chief Race Official, the Protest and Appeal **fees will be retained**. The protest and appeal fees will be returned if the decision by the Jury is reversed.

11.4 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 of the SDBA 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.

11.5 Within 2 working days of a request by the Organizer to do so the Team Manager shall provide the SDBA:

- 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.

11.6 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 its 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).

12 **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.

13 **DEFINITIONS:**

“Rules” means the prevailing Entry Rules and the Racing Rules and Regulations as laid down by the Singapore Dragon Boat Association.

“Race” shall mean the dragon boat competition organized by the Singapore Dragon Boat Association either solely or jointly with others and shall include every race, which takes place in every category of the competition.

“Organizer” shall mean the Singapore Dragon Boat Association either solely or jointly with such other body or bodies as may be applicable as represented by a Committee “Team Manager” means the person who is nominated to represent the Team.

A. 20-CREW DRAGON BOAT EVENTS:**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (MEN)**

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

Each paddler in a team shall be male and at the time of submission of the Registration 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.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (MIXED)

The National Championship (Mixed) is a Mixed event. The composition of each team competing in this event shall be as set out in Rule 1.2 Entry Rules, to the extent that that Rule is applicable.

This event is open to all organizations including Statutory Boards, Government Service Organizations, Tertiary Institutions, Junior Colleges, Schools, registered Clubs, Associations, Societies, Companies and partnerships.

Each paddler in a team shall at the time of submission of the Registration Form and at the time of the Race and 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.

INTER-INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY (OPEN)

The Inter-International Business Community (Open) is an event exclusively for companies, partnerships, registered Clubs, Associations and Societies **provided that the team is made up of at least 80% Foreign Nationals.**

Each paddler must be a full time employee of the company, or partner or employee of the partnership, or a member of the Club, Partnership or Association at the time of submission of the Registration Form and at the time of the Race.

Note: This event is for Foreign Nationals living in Singapore. Each team must comprise no more than 20% Singaporeans in order to be eligible for this event.

TERTIARY (MEN & MIXED)

The Tertiary (Men & Mixed) category is an event exclusively for teams representing Universities, Polytechnics and Institutes of Technical Education. The composition of each Team competing in this event shall be as set out in Rule 1.2 Entry Rules to the extent that the Rule is applicable.

Each paddler, drummer and steersmen paddler in a Team shall at the time of submission of the Registration 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.

B. 10-CREW DRAGON BOAT EVENTS:

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (WOMEN)

The National Championship (Women) is an Event which is opened to all organizations including Statutory boards, Government Service Organizations, Tertiary Institutions, Junior Colleges, Schools, Clubs, Associations, Societies, Companies and partnerships.

Each paddler in a Team shall be female and in the case of a :-

1. Statutory board or Government Service organization as a civil servant or public officer serving therein or full-time employee of such organization.
2. Tertiary Institution, Junior College, or School as 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, as a registered member of such Club, Association or Society.
4. Company or Partnership, as a full time employee of such company and in the case of a Partnership a partner thereof or full time employee of such partnership.

INTER-CORPORATE (MEN, WOMEN & MIXED)

The Inter-Corporate (Men, Women & Mixed) Category is an event exclusively for companies registered under the Companies Act or under any corresponding previous legislation and includes any body corporate formed or incorporated outside Singapore and any branch or subsidiary thereof provided that it is so registered.

Each paddler in a team must be a full time employee of the company at the time of submission of the Registration Form and at the time of the Race.

TERTIARY (WOMEN)

The Tertiary (Women) category is an event exclusively for teams representing Universities, Polytechnics and Institutes of Technical Education. The composition of each Team competing in this event shall be as set out in Rule 1.2 Entry Rules to the extent that the Rule is applicable.

Each paddler, drummer and steersmen paddler in a Team shall 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-BUSINESS HOUSES & CLUBS (OPEN)

The Inter-Business Houses and Clubs (Open) Category is an event exclusively for registered Clubs, Associations, Societies, partnerships and firms including Constituency Sports Clubs.

Each paddler must be either a partner or full time employee of the partnership or firm or a registered member of the Club, Association or Society at the time of submission of the Registration Form at the time of the Race.

