

# 澳門國際龍舟賽

## Regatas Internacionais de Barcos-Dragão de Macau Macau International Dragon Boat Races

### Rules & Regulations

#### 1. General

- 1-1 Any crew who fails to observe the Rules and Regulations herein will be disqualified.
- 1-2 Each crew of the Dragon Boat can be comprised by a maximum of 28 persons, being:
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| Team Leader  | 1         |
| Staff        | 1         |
| Athletes     | 26        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>28</b> |
- Each crew of the Small Dragon Boat can be comprised by a maximum of 16 persons, being:
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|--------------|-----------|
| Team Leader  | 1         |
| Staff        | 1         |
| Athletes     | 14        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>16</b> |
- 1-3 The Team Manager and Staff may not participate in the competition.
- 1-4 If a Drummer or a Steersman is not able to attend the competition, only reserved paddlers may participate.
- 1-5 All boats and paddles that used by the athletes shall be provided by the Organising Committee. No modifications or additional of equipment within the boat may be made or carried by any athlete or crew. The allocation of boat and paddles to individual crew shall be at the sole discretion of the Organising Committee. The Organising Committee will not be responsible for any failure of equipment during the race and each crew is advised to carefully check the boat and paddles allocated to them before racing.
- 1-6 All crew must follow the directions of the Race Officials from the time it is called to the Crew Assembly Area, until they leave the Crew Assembly Area after the race.
- 1-7 The **Staff** must accompany the crew to the Assembly Area for roll call. The Team Manager will be responsible for liaising with Race Officials and represent the crew at the prize presentation ceremony.
- 1-8 The Organising Committee reserves the right to refuse any crew participating in the race at their sole discretion.

#### 2. Safety Precaution

- 2-1 Each athlete must be able to swim at least 100 meters.
- 2-2 Each athlete shall be solely responsible for his or her own safety during official practice sessions and during races. The Organising Committee or any other individual or organisation connected directly or indirectly with the races will not be liable to any incident such as death, injury, damage or loss incurred.
- 2-3 Personal life jacket may be worn by athlete, but this does not relieve the crew from complying with rule 2-1.

#### 3. The Crew

- 3-1 Each big dragon boat can carry a maximum of 1 drummer, 1 steersman and twenty (20) paddlers (for small dragon boat 10 paddlers).
- 3-2 Each crew will be entirely responsible for its own conduct and comply with the race rules.

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- 3-3 Each crew must wear their crew uniform/shirt during the races. Should there be any commercial publicity on the uniform/shirt must apply upon registration with the design. After the design has been approved, the commercial logo can then be put on the uniform, but the sponsor logo cannot be over 15x15cm or bigger than the crew name.
- 3-4 The maximum number of participants in each crew is 22 (for small dragon boat 12), with the minimum being 20 (for small dragon boat 10), including 1 drummer and 1 steersman. For Macau Civil Servant Small Dragon Boat Race must compose of minimum 2 paddlers during the race.
- 3-5 Should any crew violate rule 3-4, the Organising Committee reserve the right to disqualify this crew and the enrollment in future races.
- 3-6 No women may participate in a men's crew or vice versa (including steersman and drummer).
- 3-7 Paddlers, steersmen and drummers cannot join in another crew of the same race and must comply with point 9 of the Race Program and Guidelines.

### 4. Marshalling

- 4-1 All crews must assemble in the Crew Assembly Area 20 minutes before the time of the race.
- 4-2 Crew identity checks will be carried out by Race Officials in the Crew Assembly Area and crew members must be able to produce identification upon request.
- 4-3 All crew must embark according to the Crew Marshals' instructions.
- 4-4 All crew must use the boat and lane allocated by the Organising committees.
- 4-5 None of the crews will be permitted to choose which boat to use and must race in the lane allocated to their boat.
- 4-6 After the crew has embarked, must leave the boarding pontoon immediately and proceed to the starting area, [warm-up area or designated area as per judge's instruction](#).
- 4-7 All crews proceeding to the starting area must keep clear of the course and must not interfere with any race which is in progress. Boats proceeding to the starting area must keep away from the race course, until all the boats which are taking part in the preceding race have gone past.
- 4-8 [Should any crew offend point 4-6 and 4-7, an additional two seconds will be added in their results of the respective race.](#)

### 5. Starting Procedure

- 5-1 All crews must be positioned at the allocated lane at the start of each race.
- 5-2 All crews in the starting area must follow the instructions of the starters.
- 5-3 [Each steersman of every boat at the starting area has to hold a rope that is fixed to the floating platform. Moreover, the drummer of each crew will also has to hold a rope in order to ensure the boat at a right position. When the aligner has certified that all crews are correctly aligned, the crews have to lift their paddles out of the water and the drummer cannot hit the drum, and the start signal will be given.](#)
- 5-4 When the starter give the start, he will first shout "READY" and then give the starting signal with a horn.
- 5-5 If the starter considers that any crew has committed false start or violated any other regulation, repeated short horn sound to signal the restart of the race, meaning that all crews have to return immediately to the starting line.

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- 5-6 If one of the paddles touches the water or [the drummer hit the drum](#) between the verbal signal "READY" and the boozing of the horn, it will be considered as a false start. Any crew refuses to return immediately for a restart after a false start or violates the regulation on the second false start will be disqualified.
- 5-7 In the case of false start, on the first time, the judge will exhibit a yellow card to the respective lane as a warning; and on the second time, any crew who violate the regulation (even the crew only committed a false start for the first time), the judge will exhibit a red card to the respective lane and disqualified this crew and the race will continue without conducting a third start.
- 5-8 It is the responsibility of the Team Manager or the Staff to explain clearly to their crew members with this starting procedure.

### 6. Race Conduct

- 6-1 The proper course for each boat is a straight line from its starting position to a corresponding point at the finish line. Each boat must race on its designated lane that is distinguished by bamboo sticks with colored flags on top.
- 6-2 On each race, judge boats will follow the racing boats to monitor. Any boat fails to remain in its course will be warned by the judge. If any boat crosses to the other lane and disturb the race, or leads to collision with other boat(s), the Race Controller after discussion with the course judge has the right to disqualify the crew at fault.
- 6-3 During the race, if any accident affects the progress of the race, the Race Controller has the right to stop the race by waving a red flag. The organizing committee has the right to decide whether or not the restart of the race will be conducted. The crew at fault will be disqualified for the race.
- 6-4 After each race, the crews must return immediately to the embarking place and return all equipment to the organizing committee. A fine of MOP\$5,000 (five thousand patacas) will be imposed on the offender or the crew who intentionally damages the boat or the equipment. The organizing committee reserves the right to request the offenders to pay for the cost of the repairs.
- 6-5 If the Race Controller or the Judge discovered the crew has deliberately swamped or capsized a boat, the Organising Committee reserves the right to impose a penalty of MOP\$1,000 (one thousand patacas) and disqualify this crew in this races.
- 6-6 Should the crew violated 6-4 and 6-5, besides penalty, the respective crewmember will be suspended for 2 years in this race. Or depending on the gravity, from 1-year suspension to life suspension.
- 6-7 Should any crew or the member, use violence or threatened the judge or staff, will be disqualified for life in participating any dragon boat race in Macau.
- 6-8 Crews should finish the race in 5 minutes, the Organizing Committee has the right to demand the crew who cannot finish the race within this time to leave the course, to avoid affecting the following race to start.
- 6-9 [For safety's sake, all small dragon boat races' crews can only race in a sit down position.](#)

### 7. The Finish

- 7-1 The finishing line is defined by a proper sign "W".
- 7-2 The ranking of each race and its respective timing will be determined by the Official Judge who's decision shall be final.

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- 7-3 Each crew must return immediately to the Crew Assembly Area and disembark.
- 7-4 When there is more than one boat crossing the finish line at the same time and cannot identify a winner, the concerned teams in the Heat will have to repeat the race, for the race in the Semi-final will be according to the result obtained in the Heat, whereas for the Final will be according to the result obtained in the Semi-final to determine the winner.
- 7-5 A safety net is positioned behind the finish line to protect the possibility of damaging the boats. All boats should stop after crossing the finish line to avoid crashing into the safety net.

### 8. Appeals

- 8-1 All appeals concerning the result of the race should present it to the Technical and Appeals Council by the Team Manager of the respective crew.
- 8-2 All appeals must be made in writing and presented by the Team Manager not later than 10 minutes after the announcement of the results.
- 8-3 An appeal fee of Five Hundred Patacas (MOP\$500) or United State Dollars Sixty (US\$60) must be paid. The appeal fee will be refunded to the participant should the appeal be granted.
- 8-4 Other appeals will not be consider aside from the race.
- 8-5 In case of uncertainty of result on any race, verification of photo finish or disqualification has to be considered, the respective crew's Team Manager will be duly notified before any decision being announced.
- 8-6 During the process of an appeal, all members of the crew in question must follow the directions of the officials. Otherwise, the related crew will be disqualified even if the appeal is accepted by the judges.
- 8-7 The decision taken by the Judges shall be final.

### 9 Equipment

- 9-1 All boats and paddles used by athletes are provided by the Organising Committee. The allocation of boats and paddles to individual crew shall be at the sole discretion of the Organising Committee. The Organising Committee will not be responsible for any failure of equipment during a race and each crew is advised to carefully check the boat and paddles allocated to them before racing.
- 9-2 All crews cannot make any modification or put additional equipments on the race boat. In particular:
- (a) Any sitting pad or device for the paddlers must be made of soft material, to the extent that it should not be thicker than 2cm, nor longer than 50cm, nor wider than 30cm and is foldable.
  - (b) A plastic container will be provided by the Organising Committee to remove water from the boat, other additional pump or device of any kind is not permitted.
  - (c) No electronic devices, mechanical devices, loudspeaker and telecommunication devices such as mobile phone will be permitted on the boat.
  - (d) Should an accident occurred during the race, and the boat cannot be used, the numbered reserved boats will be used (25, 26).