



2023 Hong Kong International Dragon Boat Races

Co-organised by Hong Kong Tourism Board and Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association (HKCDBA)

Sanctioned by International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF)

Eligibility/ Entry Requirements:

Race Categories	Details
All categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants must be aged between 12 and 70 as of 1 Jan 2023. All participants must be able to swim at least 50m in light clothing and without buoyancy aid. All participants must register as 2023-24 HKCDBA members; the registration fees will be waived for all non-local and invited teams. The maximum number of team members for each dragon boat team is 34, including 1 team manager, 1 coach, 1 drummer, 1 helm and 16 to 30 paddlers (the maximum number of paddlers on each standard boat is 18; for safety reason, the first row of the boat must be emptied).
All International Championships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 60% of team members, as shown on the crew list, are registered as holders of passports issued by countries or regions other than Hong Kong. HKCDBA reserves the right to collect the copies of passport for verification purpose. Open for dragon boat teams in any countries or regions
International / Local Open Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No gender limitation.
International / Local Mixed Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teams must consist of at least 8 and not more than 9 paddlers of either gender. No gender limitation on helm and drummer.
International / Local Women's Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All paddlers, helm and drummer must be female.
Banking Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For licensed banks under the supervision of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority only. All paddlers must be staff of the bank. No gender limitation. HKCDBA reserves the right to collect the copies of staff ID for verification purpose.
Youth Championship cum HKCDBA Chairman Shield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All paddlers must be aged 24 or below as of 1 Jan 2023. Though there is no age limitation for drummer or helm. No gender limitation. For teams enrolled under the name of any universities/ post-secondary/ secondary schools, all team members must be FULL TIME students of the universities/ post-secondary/ secondary schools in the year 2023-24. HKCDBA reserves the right to collect the copies of student ID card for verification purpose.

Fancy Dress Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open for teams participated in any race. • Teams should be in interesting and creative costumes during the race. Teams are required to submit the designs of outfit/ costumes/ body arts by 31 May 2023 for approval. • Participants are prohibited from bringing and wearing any banners, posters, placards, leaflets or publicity and/or displaying materials which are considered abusive, threatening, discriminatory, religious or political. • No gender limitation.
18 Districts Invitational Race	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By invitation only. • No gender limitation.
President Shield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first 8 teams with the best finish time from heats or 1st rounds of Local Championships (i.e. Open Championship, Mixed Championship and Women's Championship) to be held on 24 Jun will be selected to join this race.
International Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first 16 teams* with the best finish time from heats or 1st rounds of International Championships (i.e. International Open Championship, International Mixed Championship and International Women's Championship) to be held on 24 Jun will be selected to join this race.
Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By invitation* only. • No gender limitation. <p>*Invitations will be sent by respective organisations of the 9 municipalities and 2 SARs from the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. 3-night accommodations will be provided to invited teams except Hong Kong. Details will be announced in due course.</p>
Hong Kong Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first 24 teams* with the best finish time from heats or 1st rounds of Local Championships (i.e. Open Championship, Mixed Championship, Women's Championship and Youth Championships cum HKCDBA Chairman Shield) to be held on 24 Jun will be selected to join this race.
International Open Grand Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first 16 non-local teams and first 16 local teams* with the best finish time from heats or 1st rounds of International and Local Championships (i.e. International Open Championship, International Mixed Championship, International Women's Championship, Open Championship, Mixed Championship, Women's Championship and Youth Championships cum HKCDBA Chairman Shield) to be held on 24 Jun will be selected to join this race.
International Mixed Grand Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first 16 non-local teams and first 16 local teams* with the best finish time from heats or 1st rounds of International Mixed Championship and Mixed Championship to be held on 24 Jun will be selected to join this race.
International Women's Grand Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first 8 non-local teams and first 8 local teams* with the best finish time from heats or 1st rounds of International Women's Championship and Women's Championship to be held on 24 Jun will be selected to join this race.

* Quotas are subject to change and will be publicised on forthcoming edition of Race Bulletin.

Race Rules and Regulations:

- 1) There is no limitation on the number of categories participated by each team.
- 2) Any races with fewer than **6 participating teams** will be cancelled.

- 3) All paddlers, drummers and helms are **not allowed** to represent for more than 1 team in each category. That is, sub-teams under the same team's name (e.g. ABC Team A and ABC Team B are regarded as 2 teams in the same category).
- 4) **All teams are required to report to the Marshaling Area 20 minutes in advance of each race.** Teams will be disqualified if they are found not meeting this entry requirements.
- 5) **Each team must assign a member to be the Team Manager.** Team Manager wearing the Team Manager Badge shall accompany his/her team for reporting at the Marshaling Area. Team Manager will be required to stay at the Marshaling Area and under the monitoring of race officials during the race.
- 6) Team Manager can assign the team coach to race during the second phase of online registration; however, he/ she must observe the entry requirements of respective races.
- 7) HKCDBA shall have the right to refuse any entry into the races at its sole discretion.
- 8) Any team (including all team members and accompanying persons) who severely contravenes any race rules and regulations, or disciplinary code will be disqualified and/or not entitled for any awards.
- 9) For safety reason, HKCDBA reserves the right to alter the capacity of each dragon boat according to weather condition.
- 10) All equipment would be provided by HKCDBA. Paddlers may use their own paddles, which should meet the requirements in accordance with CR 5.2 of the [“Amendments for HKCDBA Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing”](#).
- 11) Participants may use their own Personal Floatation Device (PFD) except inflatable PFD. 200 PFDs will be provided free of charge. No advance reservation is required. PFDs with limited size and quantity will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis on site.
- 12) The latest version of IDBF's [“Competition Regulations”](#) and [“Rules of Racing”](#), and the [“Amendments for HKCDBA Competitions Regulations and Rules of Racing”](#) shall apply. All teams should abide by the race rules and regulations, “Notice to Participants/ Terms & Conditions” and instructions of race officials at all times, HKCDBA has the right to disqualify any teams who fail to do so.
- 13) If there is any inconsistency between the English version and Chinese version, the Chinese version of race rules and regulations and “Notice to Participants/ Terms & Conditions” shall prevail.
- 14) The HKCDBA has the right to the final decision (including the right to change without prior notice) in all matters pertaining to the races (including the race programme, racecourse and “Notice to Participants/ Terms & Conditions”). Any changes for the races announced by the HKCDBA or posted on its website and/ or social media shall prevail. In case of any dispute, the decision of HKCDBA shall be final and conclusive.