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2026 Hong Kong Dragon Boat Championships (500M)

Race Bulletin (1)

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Date : 10 May 2026

Time : 1000 - 1800 hours

Venue : HKCDBA Shek Mun Training Centre, Section 51E On King Street, Shek Mun, Shatin,
New Territories

Categories	Small Boat		Entry fees (HK\$)
	Quota (Team)	Distance (M)	
Premier Open Championship	32	500	2026-27 Club member \$2,000 per entry Non-Club member \$2,700 per entry
Premier Mixed Championship	32		
Premier Women Championship	16		
Corporate Open Championship	16		
Corporate Mixed Championship	16		
Finance and Banking Open Championship	16		
Finance and Banking Mixed Championship	16		
Senior A Open Championship	16		
Senior B Open Championship	16		
Senior C Open Championship	8		
Youth Open Championship U24	16		\$1,000 per entry
Youth Mixed Championship U24	16		
Secondary Open Championship	16		
Secondary Mixed Championship	16		

Categories	Entry requirement
All team members must be	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Able to swim at least 50 meters in light clothing; ● Aged 12 or above as of 10 May 2026; ● All athletes shall be a valid Individual Member of the HKCDBA
Premier Open Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No gender limitation.
Premier Mixed Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● At least 4 and not more than 5 paddlers of either gender, no gender limitation for helm and drummer
Premier Women Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All paddlers, helm and drummer must be female.
Corporate Open Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All teams should provide the copy of Business Registration Certificate; All participants must be full-time/oversea staff of the organization at the time the entry form is being submitted, the company should provide the copies of related Staff ID cards. ● No gender limitation.
Corporate Mixed Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All teams should provide the copy of Business Registration Certificate; All participants must be full-time/oversea staff of the organization at the time the entry form is being submitted, the company should provide the copies of related Staff ID cards. ● At least 4 and not more than 5 paddlers of either gender, no gender limitation for helm and drummer
Finance and Banking Open Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For licensed banks under the supervision of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority only; All participants must be full-time/oversea staff of the organization at the time the entry form is being submitted, the company should provide the copies of related Staff ID cards. ● No gender limitation.
Finance and Banking Mixed Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For licensed banks under the supervision of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority only; All participants must be full-time/oversea staff of the organization at the time the entry form is being submitted, the company should provide the copies of related Staff ID cards. ● At least 4 and not more than 5 paddlers of either gender, no gender limitation for helm and drummer
Senior A Open Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All paddle(s) should aged 40 or above (as of year 2026), no limitation for helm and drummer. ● No gender limitation.
Senior B Open Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All paddle(s) should aged 50 or above (as of year 2026), no limitation for helm and drummer. ● No gender limitation.

Senior C Open Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All paddle(s) should aged 60 or above (as of year 2026), no limitation for helm and drummer. ● No gender limitation.
Youth Open Championship U24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All paddle(s) should under the aged 24 (as of year 2026), no limitation for helm and drummer. ● No gender limitation. ● As of the date of 10 May 2026 which aged under 18, wearing Personal Floatation Device (PFD) is a MUST.
Youth Mixed Championship U24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All paddle(s) should under the aged 24 (as of year 2026), no limitation for helm and drummer. ● At least 4 and not more than 5 paddlers of either gender, no limitation for helm and drummer ● As of the date of 10 May 2026 which aged under 18, wearing Personal Floatation Device (PFD) is a MUST.
Secondary Open Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All paddlers must be FULL TIME students of the secondary schools in the year of 2025-26; all paddlers are required to provide a copy of their FULL TIME Student card, except drummer and helm; ● All athletes must wear Personal Floatation Device (PFD); ● No gender limitation.
Secondary Mixed Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All paddlers must be FULL TIME students of the secondary schools in the year of 2025-26; all paddlers are required to provide a copy of their FULL TIME Student card, except drummer and helm; ● All athletes must wear Personal Floatation Device (PFD); ● At least 4 and not more than 5 paddlers of either gender, no gender limitation for helm and drummer

First phase of online registration

From 14 April 2026 to 23 April 2026

Team managers must

1. Login Online system: <https://hkcdba.azurewebsites.net/login>
2. Register as 2026-27 HKCDBA Individual member;
3. Create a team and become the team manager;
4. Register race category(ies) by access Home Page - Race Schedule.

All quota(s) will be assigned on a first-come-first-served basis. Late Submission will not be accepted. (Note: Successful entries will rest with the total number of participating teams.)

Second phase of online registration

From 24 April 2026 to 30 April 2026

1. Team managers shall pay the entry fees for registered races by credit card or bank transfer.
2. Team members register as 2026-27 HKCDBA Individual member;
3. Upon completion of registration of all team members, the team managers shall update the crew list and assign role (i.e. paddler, drummer or helm) for individual member;

30 April 2026 1900 hours

Lane Draw & Team Managers' Meeting

Lane draw result will be announced after the draw at HKCDBA website. The Team Managers' Meeting will outline the competition regulations and rules, race format. Please note that attendance at the meeting is mandatory for all team managers, and no further notifications will be provided.

Location: Hong Kong Dragon Boat Association Secretariat

Address: Unit 9, 15/F, Laurels Industrial Centre, 32 Tai Yau Street, San Po Kong, Kowloon

Important: All teams, regardless of attendance at the team leaders' meeting, must adhere to all decisions and announcements made during the meeting, with no objections allowed.

35th Anniversary Memorial Cup

: To celebrate this milestone, the 35th Anniversary Memorial Cup will be specially featured. The champions from the following categories will compete for this prestigious title: Premier Open Championship, Premier Mixed Championship, Premier Women's Championship, Youth Open Championship U24, Youth Mixed Championship U24, Senior A Open Championship, Senior B Open Championship and Senior C Open Championship.

Awards

: All Championships, final A and final B - Champion, 1st runner-up and 2nd runner-up of each category will be awarded a Trophy and 18 Medals.

Equipment : HKCDBA will provide all equipment;

Athletes can use their own paddles for the race, the requirement of the paddles must comply with 5.2 Amendments for HKCDBA Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing;

HKCDBA will provide 200 personal flotation devices (PFDs) for use, with no prior registration required. Sizes and quantities are limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Athletes can use their own Personal Floatation Device (PFD) for racing, except the Inflatable PFD.

Competitions Regulations and Rules of Racing : It will be run in accordance to Race By-Law, the latest version of IDBF Competitions Regulations and Rules of Racing and the latest version of Amendments for HKCDBA Competitions Regulations and Rules of Racing.

Crew marquee arrangement : Each team may apply to rent a marquee by 1 May. The rental fee for each marquee is HK\$500, which includes installation, dismantling, and a bag of ice provided by HKCDBA. Please email the transaction record to the Secretariat for confirmation.

For applications submitted after the deadline, the rental fee remains HK\$500, but teams will be responsible for their own installation, dismantling by HKCDBA.

Due to the limited number of marquees, they will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. The actual number of marquees may vary based on the setup conditions, and specific locations will be announced later. Please note that once a marquee is reserved and payment is made, the rental fee will not be refunded if you wish to cancel the reservation.

(Tent rental fees must be submitted by crossed cheque made payable to ‘China Hong Kong Dragon Boat Association)

Ice Order
Information

: Teams may place an order for ice before 1 May. Each bag costs HK\$30. Please bring your own containers to store the ice. Please email the transaction record to the Secretariat for confirmation. After the deadline, ice ordering will no longer be available.

If the weather forecast indicates a maximum temperature of 35°C or higher at 0700 hours of the event day, HKCDBA will distribute a limited amount of ice on a first-come, first-served basis, until supplies last. Please stay tuned for announcements in the Team Managers' WhatsApp group.

Ice Payment Details:

HSBC Account: 600-650568-002 Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association

Safeguarding
National Security

: Participants are prohibited from committing or attempting to commit any act in violation of the laws of the HKSAR and the National Security Law governing the HKSAR. Participants' act must not be contrary to the interest of national security.

HKCDBA has the right to prohibit any participant who performs any act or displays any form of message that arouses public concern or is otherwise deemed inappropriate by HKCDBA to participate in the event from joining / continuing the event.

Marine Safety
(Alcohol and
Drugs) Ordinance
(Cap. 649)

: All participants should observe the following laws against drink and drug boating in Hong Kong waters:

1. A person must not operate a vessel that is underway while the person is under the influence of alcohol to such an extent as to be incapable of having proper control of the vessel.
2. A person must not perform any designated duty on board a vessel that is underway while the person is under the influence of alcohol to such an extent as to be incapable of performing the designated duty properly on board the vessel.
3. A person who contravenes subsection (1) or (2) commits an offence and is liable—
 - a) on summary conviction—
 - i. if the person has never previously been convicted of any Part 2 offence, whether on summary conviction or on conviction on indictment—to a fine at level 3 and to imprisonment for 6 months; or
 - ii. in any other case—to a fine at level 4 and to imprisonment for 12 months; or
 - b) on conviction on indictment—to a fine at level 4 and to imprisonment for 3 years.
4. If a court or magistrate convicts a person of an offence in accordance with subsection (3), the court or magistrate must order that the person be disqualified—
 - a) If the person has never previously been convicted of any Part 2 offence— for a period of not less than 2 years; or
 - b) In any other case— for a period of not less than 5 years.

Arrangement under Inclement Weather :

- If typhoon signal No. 3 or above, red or black rainstorm warning signal, extreme weather is in force at 0700 hours on the race day, all the races will be cancelled. Entry fee would not be refunded.
- If thunderstorm warning, typhoon signal No. 1 or amber rainstorm warning signal is in force on the race day, all teams shall report on time. Cancellation or delay of races is subject to the final decision of organizing committee. All teams should obey the arrangement announced by organizing committee.
- In case weather condition is getting worse during the races, the organizer reserves the right to cancel or postpone the race. Entry fee would not be refunded.

Enquiry :

Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association Secretariat
Address: Unit 9, 15/F Laurels Industrial Centre, 32 Tai Yau Street, San Po Kong, Kowloon.
Tel: (852) 3110 0080
Email: championships@hkcdba.org
* Please refer to the Race By-Laws below

Race By-Law

1. All athletes shall be a valid Individual Member of the HKCDBA.
2. Maximum number of athletes in each team should be 20 (i.e., 1 Team Manager, 1 Coach, 1 drummer, 1 helm, 8 - 16 paddlers. (At least 8 and not more than 10 paddlers, 1 drummer & 1 helm in each standard boat)
3. With the concern of safety, HKCDBA reserves the to decide the number of athletes on boat on the race day.
4. Team Manager: each team must have a Team Manager or the appointed Team Manager whois required to standby in the Crew Assembly Area, i.e., easily be seen and called by Race Officials, during the time when the team is racing.
5. Coach: Team Manager can assign the team coach to race during the second phase of onlineregistration, he/ she must observe the entry requirements of respective races. For coaches who would race in any championships, they must register as athletes.
6. Substitution of drummer or helm: anyone on the registered crew list is allowed to act as thebackup of the drummer or helm.
7. All athletes are not allowed to represent more than 1 team in each category. That is, sub- teams under the same team's name Team A and Team B are regarded as 2 teams in the samecategory.
8. All teams are required to report to the crew assembly area and be ready to embark 30 minutes before the Race or 4 races prior to the scheduled start time (shorter access time prevail).
9. Teams will be disqualified if they are found not meeting the entry requirements.
10. There is no limitation on the number of entries for each organization.
11. Categories with less than 3 entries may be cancelled.
12. HKCDBA Organizing Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry into the races at itssole discretion without given any reasons.
13. Any team or athlete who don't demonstrate a good sportsmanship may be disqualified.
14. Any team, including Team Manager, Coach, Athletes and Crew Members, who severely contravenes rules and regulations or disciplinary code will be disqualified, and are not entitled for any awards, even suspension from participating in any events hosted/co- hosted/co-organized by the HKCDBA.
15. Any action violates the law of Hong Kong government by the team or athlete may result indisqualification and no refund will be allowed.
16. In case of any dispute, the decision of HKCDBA should be final and reserves the right to revise the race regulations at its sole discretion.
17. The organizer reserves the right to use any images, audio recordings and photos taken during the event for promotional purposes without prior consent from participants.
18. If there is any inconsistency between the English version and Chinese version, the Chineseversion shall prevail.

**Notice of Selection affiliated club in participating at
“IDBF Club Crew World Championships” Selection Criteria and
Entry Requirement**

“2026 Hong Kong Dragon Boat Championships (500M)” will be the qualification event of “IDBF Club Crew World Championships” for 500M small boat races. Selection criteria and entry requirement are as follows:

According to the final result of specific category(ies) in “2026 Hong Kong Dragon Boat Championships (500M)”, the best race time of club will be entitled the first priority endorsement to specific category(ies) of “IDBF Club Crew World Championships”. The quota will be determined by the organizing committee of “IDBF Club Crew World Championships”.

Entry Requirement:

- All endorsed club must be the valid club members of HKCDBA;
- All participating clubs are requested to conform to the rules and regulations of Organizer;
- Once the endorsement list is submitted to the Organizer, all enrollment procedure and application arrangement and fees are responsible by the endorsed club;
- HKCDBA reserves the right of the final decision on all mentioned arrangements and endorsements.

Others:

All valid club members of HKCDBA are eligible to apply the rest of quota(s). If applications are more than the remaining quota(s), endorsement will be determined by draw lots.

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