

Dragon Boat Racing

Revised October 2019

- 1. Categories:** Women 55 +
Mixed 55 +

2. Events:

Racing will commence at approximately 8:30 am and finish by 4:30 pm. on Thursday and Friday. Should there be more teams that can be accommodated in two days, the Host Chair in consultation with the Rules Committee shall start competition on the Wednesday.

3. Participation:

- (a) An unlimited number of teams, this competition is open to the public.
- (b) Teams are a minimum of 22 to a maximum of 26 names as stated on the roster.
 - (1) A drummer, a steerperson and 24 paddlers (including 4 spares)
 - (2) one member of the team must be designated as the Team Captain **or** as Team Manager.
 - (3) Women's Crews – the paddlers must be all women; the steerperson and drummer can be of either gender.
 - (4) Mixed Crews - must be comprised of a minimum of ten female paddlers or a maximum of ten male paddlers.
 - (5) Our committee recommends a minimum of four races if possible, subject to change based on number of registered teams. Categories: 500m race and endurance race

4. Competition:

The event will be run under the Kamloops Dragon Boat Festival rules:

(a) Requirements:

- (1) Boats – racing fleet will be a combination of D-2 boats, and if needed Millennium boats, based on number of registered teams. For consistency, each team will paddle once in each type of boat in two preliminary time trials.
- (2) Paddles – Paddlers may supply their own paddles as long as all specific regulations are met. Paddles will also be available on event day.
- (3) PFD's - Competitors may supply their own, provided that they are approved by Department of Transport (DOT), Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) OR Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO). PFD's must be worn at all time when on the water.

(b) Competition:

- (1) Racing program will be organized into different Divisions, as determined by the Competition Committee.
 - (a) The number of divisions for mixed and women's teams (as in Division A, Division B, etc)
 - (b) The number of teams in each division depending on the number of teams entered in the Event.
 - (c) Each division will consist of at least three teams.

- (2) Crew placements in initial heats and lane assignments shall be random or seeding. Subsequently, the standing of the crew will be determined either by order of finish or finish time. Each team will advance or be eliminated in accordance with the structure of the competition rounds.
- (3) Our course is situated on the Thompson River, as such there is a variation in flow rates between the four race course lanes. Lanes 2 and 3 are the faster lanes. Lanes 1 and 4 are the slower lanes. Again, to maintain consistency, in the two preliminary races each team will paddle once in one of the faster lanes and once in a slower lane.
- (4) If a team incurs a penalty and a time penalty is applied to the actual finish time, then the adjusted time will be used to alter the order of finish placement and the resulting standing of that team.

5. Medals:

Dragon Boat is classified as a Demonstration Event by the CSGA, as such medals are not awarded. As per the CSGA Host Agreement #29 - (d): "These events are not medaled events and are not included in the overall medal count, however the Host may choose to provide ribbons to participants in lieu of medals."

- (a) Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams of each division of the Mixed and Women's teams.
- (b) In each division of the Mixed and Women's Teams.
 - a Lowest timed team shall win the 1st place prize.
 - b Second lowest timed team shall win the 2nd place prize.
 - c Third lowest timed team shall win the 3rd place prize.