



PENALTY SYSTEM

Note:-

CR - Competitions Regulations

DQ - Disqualify

RR - Rules of Racing

DA - Disciplinary Action

DC - Disciplinary Code

TP - Time Penalty

s/n	Infraction	Awarded by	Penalty	Refer SDBA CR & RR
1	COMPETITION REGULATIONS			
A	COMPETITION CLASS			
A1	Under 12yo Racer Unaccompanied by an Adult A Racer who is 12 years old or below, not accompanied by a Parent and/or an Adult nominated by The Parent, who is also a Racer in the racing crew.	Chief Official	DQ Racer(s) only DA	CR 1.1.1 CR 1.1.2 CR 1.1.3
A2	Junior Racer not conforming to Age Limit(s) A Racer in the Junior class who did not conform to the age limit specified for the respective "A", "B" & "C" Divisions	Chief Official	DQ Racer(s) only	CR 1.1.4
A3	Senior Racer not conforming to Age Limit(s) A Racer(s) in the Senior class who does not conform to the age limits	Chief Official	DQ Racer(s) only	CR 1.1.5

B CREW & TEAM COMPOSITION			
B1	Mixed Crew Composition Mixed Crew composition does not conform to:- DB22: minimum 8 or maximum 12 female paddlers DB12: minimum 4 or maximum 6 female paddlers	Chief Boat Marshall	DQ CR 2.1.C
B2	Racing Crew not in Team's Colors Racing Crew is not in Team's official colors (uniforms). Bottoms (i.e. shorts, etc.) and rash guards exempted.	Chief Boat Marshall	DQ Racer(s) only CR 2.3
B3	Unregistered Racer Racer(s) not registered in Team/Crew List but making up a racing crew	Chief Boat Marshall	DQ Racer(s) only DA CR 2.4.1
B4	Wrong Gender in Men/Women racing class a. A Male Racer(s) in a Women racing class b. A Female Racer(s) in a Men racing class	Chief Boat Marshall	DQ DA CR 2.4.2
B5	Steer & Drummer assist to propel boat Steersperson and/or drummer assisted to propel the dragon boat.	Chief Umpire	up to 3 sec TP (race distance dependant) DA CR 2.4.3
B6	Drummer did not beat The Drum Drummer, after the first 50 meters, fails to actively beat the drum throughout the race	Chief Umpire	up to 3 sec TP (race distance dependant) CR 2.4.4 RR 3.4
B7	Non-certified Steersperson The Steersperson is not an SDBA-certified steer. i.e. he/she does not possess Basich Helm Certificate, Recreational Coach, NCAP Coach (Levels 2/2/3), etc.	Chief Official	DQ Steersperson only DA CR 2.4.5
B8	Failure to comply to The Rules Failure to comply with the Rules governing the Race (Team or Individual)	Chief Official	1st Offence: Warning 2nd Offence: DQ DA CR 2.5.1 CR 2.5.6 CR 2.5.7
B9	Failure to comply with Race Official's directions Failure to comply with Race Official's directions (Team or Individual)	Chief Official	1st Offence: Warning 2nd Offence: DQ DA CR 2.5.2 CR 2.5.6 CR 2.5.7 RR 3.1
B10	Failure to comply to Entry Rules Eligibility Failure to comply with the Team's eligibility and composition of crew as established in the Entry Rules	Chief Official	DQ CR 2.5.3 CR 2.5.6 CR 2.5.7 RR 4.3
B11	Using another Registered Racer A Team registered and using a Racer(s) that was also registered and/or used by another Team, especially within the same Race Category	Chief Official	DQ DA CR 2.5.4 CR 2.5.5

C EQUIPMENT				
C1	Modification to Boat / Accessories A Team and/or Racer modifying the dragon boat and/or the accessories of the dragon boat, with the exception of securing the steering oar/rudder	Chief Boat Marshall	DQ DA	CR 4.1 CR 4.6
C2	Did not wear PFD Racer(s) did not wear PFD	Chief Boat Marshal	DQ DA	CR 4.2 CR 5.2
C3	Did not use IDBF spec.202a Paddles Racer(s) did not use IDBF spec.202a paddles unless permitted	Chief Boat Marshall	1st Offence: Warning 2nd Offence: DQ	CR 4.3.2 RR 4.3
C4	Equipment Failure <u>BEFORE</u> Race A Team suffered an equipment failure before the Start of their race. Refers to the failure of dragon head, dragon tail, drum, drummer's seat and steering oar Failure of paddles does not qualify	Chief Umpire <i>AND/OR</i> Starter	Emergency repairs and/or replacement of equipment will be permitted. If condition is safe, Chief Umpire and/or Starter may permit race to carry on without repairs and/or replacement	CR 4.3.3
C5	Equipment Failure <u>DURING</u> Race (before 50m) A Team suffered an equipment failure during race BUT <u>BEFORE</u> the 50m recall point Refers to the failure of dragon head, dragon tail, drum, drummer's seat and steering oar Failure of paddles does not qualify	Chief Umpire <i>AND/OR</i> Starter Chief Official	Starter and/or Chief Umpire will stop the race (intercept) and order a re-start <u>PROVIDED</u> the affected Team alerted them by raising their hands in the manner of the universal distress signal Chief Official may order a Time Trial for the affected Team instead of a re-race	CR 4.3.3

C6	<p>Equipment Failure <u>DURING</u> Race (after 50m) A Team suffered an equipment failure during race BUT <u>AFTER</u> the 50m recall point</p> <p>Refers to the failure of dragon head, dragon tail, drum, drummer's seat and steering oar</p> <p>Failure of paddles does not qualify</p>	<p>Chief Umpire AND/OR Starter</p> <p>Chief Official</p>	<p>Race will continue</p> <p>Results will stand.</p> <p>The affected Team will be judged to HAVE NOT CHECKED the dragon boat equipment before departing Boat Pontoon</p>	<p>CR 4.1.1 CR 4.3.3</p>
C7	<p>Use of Illegal Performance Enhancing Equipment Use of equipment that may potentially enhance the performance of the racing crew inside the dragon boat</p> <p>Use of in-boat communication system</p> <p>Use of stop-watches, GPS trackers, cameras</p>	<p>Chief Boat Marshall</p> <p>Chief Boat Marshall</p> <p>Chief Boat Marshall</p>	<p>1st Offence: Warning 2nd Offence: DQ DA</p> <p>Permitted. No penalty</p> <p>Permitted. No penalty</p>	<p>CR 4.4</p> <p>CR 4.4</p> <p>CR 4.4</p>
C5	<p>Seat Pad requirements Failure to comply to seat pad requirements:- Dimensions : max. 33cm long by width of dboat seat Thickness : max. 15mm thick</p>	<p>Chief Boat Marshall</p>	<p>1st Offence: Warning 2nd Offence: DQ</p>	<p>CR 4.5.1 CR 4.5.2</p>

D SAFETY			
D1	Did not use Footwear Racer(s) did not put on footwear while embarking and/or disembarking	Chief Boat Marshall	DQ Racer(s) only DA CR 5.3
D2	Drummer did not Seat Down in Drummer's Seat Failure of Drummer to sit and/or remain sitting on the drummer's seat throughout the race	Chief Umpire	up to 3 sec TP (race distance dependant) CR 5.4
D3	Did not Obey Safety Rules Failure to comply with Safety Rules and Event Safety Plan	Chief Official	DQ DA CR 5.9
E QUALIFICATION OF TEAMS TO NEXT ROUND			
E1	Did not Register/Report Failure to register and/or report when instructed	Chief Official	DQ CR 8.1.1
E2	Did not Start, Race & Finish in own Racing Lane Failure to start, race and/or finish within the allocated racing lane	Chief Official	up to 5 sec TP AND/OR DQ CR 8.1.2 RR 7.1.1
2 RULES OF RACING			
F CONDUCT OF CREW			
F1	Failure to comply with Race Official's directions Failure to comply with Race Official's directions (Team or Individual)	Chief Official	1st Offence: Warning 2nd Offence: DQ DA RR 3.1
F2	Attempts to Win Race Dishonourably Any Racer(s) who attempts to win a race by other than honourable means, or who deliberately breaks the Rules of Racing, or who disregards the honourable nature of The Rules (Team or Individual)	Chief Official	DQ DA RR 3.2
F3	Drummer did not beat The Drum Drummer, after the first 50 meters, fails to actively beat the drum throughout the race	Chief Umpire	up to 3 sec TP (race distance dependant) RR 3.4

G MARSHALLING AND EMBARKING/DISEMBARKING				
G1	Did not Report when instructed Failure to report to Boat Marshall when instructed	Chief Official	DQ after 3 calls	RR 4.3
G2	Unable to produce ID Tag Failure to produce Crew Accreditation Tag at all times	Chief Official	DQ Racer(s) only	RR 4.4
G3	Did not Comply with Instructions at Slipway Failure to comply to Boat Marshall and Slipway Marshall's instruction during movement to/fro Boat Pontoon and/or during embarking/diseMBarking	Chief Official	1st Offence: Warning 2nd Offence: DQ	RR 4.5
H MOVEMENT UP THE RACE COURSE (TO START)				
H1	Crew did not leave Boat Pontoon when instructed After boarding, The Crew did not leave the Boat Pontoon after instructed to do so	Chief Official	1st Offence: Warning 2nd Offence: 1 sec TP DA	RR 4.7.1
H2	Did not give Clear Water to Race in progress Crew moving up the race course towards Start Line did not give clear water to a race in progress by stopping	Chief Umpire	1st Offence: Warning 2nd Offence: 1 sec TP DA	RR 4.7.2
H3	Changing of Racer after ID checks Team(s) changed Racer(s) after leaving Boat Marshall at the completion of Crew ID and equipment checks	Chief Boat Marshall	DQ DA	RR 4.8
H4	Changing of Dragon Boat Equipment after Checks Team(s) changed dragon boat equipment(s) after leaving Boat Marshall, at the completion of Crew ID and equipment checks	Chief Boat Marshall	1st Offence: Warning 2nd Offence: DQ of Racer DA	RR 4.8
H5	Racer joined Team without Being Checked Racer(s) joined the racing crew without being first checked and verified by Chief Boat Marshall i.e. jumped boat situation, etc.	Chief Boat Marshall	DQ DA	RR 4.8

I STARTS & START PROCEDURES				
I1	Arrived Late at Start Line Late arrivals at start line	Starter	1st offence: Warning 2nd offence: up to 5 sec TP (race distance dependant)	RR 5.2
I2	Did not come to Start Line when instructed Failure to come to Start Line when called	Starter	1st offence: Warning 2nd offence: up to 5 sec TP (race distance dependant) AND/OR DQ	RR 5.2
I3	Paddle Movement after Attention Movement of Paddles after the command "ATTENTION".	Starter	up to 3 sec TP (race distance dependant)	RR 5.6
I4	False Starts The Crew(s) begin paddling after the command "ARE YOU READY"	Starter	1st false start: Warning 2nd false start: up to 3 secs TP (race distance dependant) AND/OR DQ	RR 5.10 RR 5.13
I5	Failure to Return to Start Line after False Start Failure to return to the Start Line immediately after a False Start	Starter	Up to 3 secs TP (race distance dependant) AND/OR DQ	RR 5.13
I6	Jump Start Crew began paddling after command "ATTENTION" and immediately before "AIR HORN".	Starter	up to 3 secs TP (race distance dependant)	RR 5.6 RR 5.14

J RACE CONDUCT			
J1	Start, Race & Finish within racing lane Failure to start, race and/or finish within the allocated racing lane	Chief Official	up to 5 sec TP AND/OR DQ RR 7.1.1
J2	Failure to maintain 2m Clear Water Crew racing in their respective racing lanes, even keeping to a straight line, failed to maintain 2m of clear water surrounding their boat, measured from their outermost paddle blade to the nearest competitor's paddle blade	Chief Umpire	up to 5 sec TP (race distance dependant) RR 7.1.3
J3	Racing Crew leaves its Racing Lane Crew leaves its Racing Lane (cross or jump lanes) and in doing so, impeded another racing crew, whether or not the action of the Offending Crew has materially affected the result of the race OR Crew leaves its Racing Lane (cross or jump lanes) due to an involuntary steering error and in trying to correct the error, had to maneuver outside its racing course BUT did not impede any other racing crew.	Chief Umpire	up to 5 secs TP (race distance dependant) RR 7.2.1
		Chief Umpire	No penalties RR 7.2.2
J4	Failure of Racing Crew to Stay within Lane Failure of a racing crew(s) to keep within their racing lane during a race (by crossing or jumping lanes), impeding other crew(s) but avoiding collision(s) OR Failure of a racing crew(s) to keep within their racing lane during a race (by crossing or jumping lanes), and causing a direct collision with another crew AND/OR causing other crews to collide	Chief Official	up to 5 secs TP (race distance dependant) RR 7.3
		Chief Official	DQ RR 7.3

J5	Clash of paddles Classified similarly to as causing a collision	Chief Umpire	DQ	RR 7.3
J6	Wake Riding (in races 1,000m or less)	Chief Official Chief Umpire	up to 3 secs TP (race distance dependant)	RR 7.5
J7	Collisions 1. Offending crew 2. Race result materially affected 3. Race result not materially affected	Chief Official Chief Official Chief Official	DQ Victim Crew(s) to re-race Race Results to stand	RR 7.7
J8	Deliberate Capsize & Swamping Boat has been swamped or capsized deliberately by its own, or by another Crew	Chief Official	DQ DA	RR 7.9
J9	Deliberate Damage/Vandalism to Dragon Boat Boat Damage. If in the opinion of the Chief Official, a boat has been damaged by its crew deliberately or by another crew	Race Jury	DQ DA	RR 7.10

K FINISHES			
K1	Finishing without Dragon Head A dragon boat is considered to have complete the race once the foremost part of the boat crossed the finish line.	Chief Judge	Valid. No penalties. RR 8.1.1
K2	Finishing with Missing Racer For whatever reasons, a racing crew completed its race with a missing Racer (i.e. drummer, paddler and/or steersperson)	Chief Judge	DQ RR 8.1.1
K3	Finishing stern-first For whatever reasons, a racing crew finished stern first crossing the finish line	Chief Judge	Not Valid unless the foremost part also crosses the finish line RR 8.1.1
		Chief Judge	If foremost part never crossed the finish line, the crew will be classified as DID NOT FINISH (DNF) RR 8.1.1
3 DISCIPLINARY CODE			
L FAILURE TO COMPLY TO OFFICIAL INSTRUCTIONS			
L1	Failure to register at Race Secretary and/or Boat Marshall	Warnings can be issued by respective Race Officials TP and/or DQ issued by Chief Official	1st Offence: Warning 2nd Offence: Final Warning 3rd Offence: Up to 5 secs TP (race distance dependant) AND/OR DQ DC2
L2	Failure to report at Boat Marshall		
L3	Failure to obey the instructions of the Boat Marshall		
L4	Failure to leave the Boat Pontoon when instructed to by the Boat Marshall and/or Slipway Marshall		
L5	Failure to obey the instructions of the Race Umpires		
L6	Failure to come under Starter's Orders when required to do so		
L7	Failure to return to Boat Pontoon immediately after race and/or when instructed to do so		

M VERBAL ABUSE				
M1	Occuring between Crews in the Race Secretary and/or Boat Marshall stations			
M2	Occuring between Crews while inside their respective dragon boats, on the water and/or underway.	Warnings can be issued by respective Race Officials	1st Offence: Warning 2nd Offence: Final Warning	DC3
M3	Occuring between Crews at the Start Line and /or under Starter's Control	DQ issued by Chief Official	3rd Offence: DQ	
M4	Directed by Crew to a Race Official(s)			
N CONDUCT LIKELY TO BRING DISREPUTE				
N1	Behaviour of a Racer(s) and/or Team Official(s) deemed to be unacceptable in public and/or socially (i.e. acts of causing damage to property(s), etc.)		1st Step: After issuing 2 Warnings, respective Race Officials report matter to Chief Official & Safety Officer	DC4
N2	Aggressive behaviour(s) displayed by a Racer(s) and/or Team Official(s) towards the Race Officials, other Racer(s), Team Official(s) and/or Members of the Public	Race Committee	2nd Step: Chief Official & Safety Officer notify Race Committee	
N3	Acts that compromised the safety of Race Officials, other Racers, Team Officials and/or Members of the Public, on land as well as on the water		3rd Step: DQ the Racer(s) and/or Team Official	
N4	Refusal of a Racer(s) to undertake a Doping Test			
M THREAT AND/OR ACTUAL PHYSICAL VIOLENCE				
M1	Threats made by a Racer and/or Team Official will be viewed as being made by The Team in general and will be dealt with at Team level Physical Violence made by a Racer and/or Team Official will be considered as being made by The Team in general and will be dealt with at Team level Threats and/or Physical Violence directed towards other Race Officials, Racers, Team Officials and/or Members of the Public	Chief Official	1st Step: Respective Race Officials immediately report matter to Chief Official & Safety Officer 2nd Step: Chief Official & Safety Officer notify Race Committee 3rd Step: DQ the Team	DC5