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Marina Reservoir,
Singapore

ENTRY RULES

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1. **ELIGIBILITY**

1.1 **Teams**

- a. All local Singapore dragon boat teams who are: -
 - i. Affiliates of SDBA
 - ii. Non Affiliates of SDBA
 - iii. Overseas team may only participate in the DB18-crew Mixed 10km Challenge
- b. Priority of entry for DB12-crew Open 5km Challenge will be given to below teams: -
 - All School teams (non-tertiary teams)
 - CSC teams
 - Corporate teams
 - Public Services teams
- c. Eligible teams may register for both the 5km and 10km races BUT the crew must be made-up of different people as the start times are very close apart

Note: SDBA Card is not required for this event.

1.2 **Individual Participant**

- a. Minimum age for participation is 12 years old (as of 30 September 2017)
- b. The steersperson MUST be a SDBA Qualified Helmsman, with the following certification: -
 - I. SDBA Basic Helm OR
 - II. SDBA Recreational Trainer OR
 - III. NCAP Level 1/2/3 Coach in Dragon Boat
- c. Overseas dragon boat teams may write-in to request for a waiver over this requirement, with terms and conditions apply.
- d. All participants must be able to swim minimum 50m distance, with wearing of Personal Floatation Device (PFD).

2 **RACE CATEGORY**

- 2.1 10km Challenge: DB18-crew Mixed
- 2.2 5km Challenge: DB12-crew Open

3 **CREW COMPOSITION**

3.1 **DB12-crew Open 5km Challenge**

- 3.1.1 Maximum ten (10) paddlers plus one (1) steersperson
- 3.1.2 No control on gender mix. Minimum age restriction applies (see Item 1.2)
- 3.1.3 There shall be NO DRUMMER required in the racing crew.
(Note: the 5km Challenge crew composition therefore differs from the standard IDBF crew composition control)

3.2 **DB18-crew Mixed 10km Challenge**

- 3.2.1 Maximum eighteen (18) paddlers plus one (1) steersperson
(Note: the 10km Challenge crew composition therefore differs from the standard IDBF crew composition control)

- 3.2.2 Minimum six (6) female paddlers are required to be part of the Mixed crew
(Note: the 10km Challenge Mixed crew ratio therefore differs from the standard IDBF Mixed crew ratio control)
- 3.2.3 There shall be NO DRUMMER required in the racing crew.
(Note: the 10km Challenge crew composition therefore differs from the standard IDBF crew composition control)

4 **PRIZES**

- 4.1 The victory ceremony will be held at Kallang Riverside Park, immediately after the race
- 4.2 There will be cash prizes awarded to the DB18-crew Mixed 10km Challenge top 3 positions
- 4.3 Medals will be awarded to top 3 positions of DB12-crew Open 5km Challenge
- 4.4 For DB18-crew Mixed 10km Challenge only, the winning team's name will be engraved on the 10km Challenge Plaque and they will retain possession of it until the following year when the next AustCham 10km Challenge is again held.

5 **EQUIPMENT**

5.1 **Dragon Boats**

- 5.1.1 Each participating team may use their own IDBF type 912 DB12-crew and/or IDBF Type 1222 DB22-crew dragon boat, complete with rudder.
- 5.1.2 Teams that do not have their own IDBF type 912 DB12 and/or Type 1222 DB22 dragon boat may rent them from the Singapore Dragon Boat Association at:
 - a. DB12-crew = **S\$214.00 (inclusive 7% GST)** each
 - b. DB22-crew = **S\$374.50 (inclusive 7% GST)** each
- 5.1.3 Alternatively, Teams without own dragon boats may borrow and/or rent the IDBF type 912 DB12-crew and/or IDBF Type 1222 DB22-crew dragon boats from other Teams.
- 5.1.4 **Overseas Teams**
Overseas teams may use SDBA's DB22-crew dragon boats without additional cost as these would already have been factored into the registration fee for Overseas teams
- 5.1.5 It is incumbent upon teams and the responsibility of the Team Manager (either teams that are using their own dragon boats OR teams that rent dragon boats from others) to ensure that the dragon boat is water-worthy (i.e. no leaks, cracks and shall float on an even trim) and is in good condition, ideal for racing.

5.2 **ISO Standard or Equivalent Personal Floatation Device (PFD) & IDBF spec.202A Paddles.**

Compulsory for local Singapore Teams to use ISO standard or equivalent PFD. Only IDBF Spec 202a racing paddles are permitted.

5.3 **Handling**

- 5.3.1 It is the responsibility of every participating team to launch and recover the dragon boats that they are using (regardless their own or rented) by using their own manpower and equipment, from storage to water and back.

5.3.2 Therefore, the dragon boats and equipment must be carefully checked before embarking for a race. The Organizers will not be held responsible for any dragon boat or equipment failure once a team has embarked and left the Dragon Boat Marshalling Area.

6 REGISTRATION

- 6.1 Registration opens: Friday, 18 August 2017
- 6.2 Registration closes: Sunday, 3 September 2017, 2359hrs
- 6.3 All Entry Forms must be duly completed and submitted via email to race@sdba.org.sg
- 6.4 Each team **may submit more than one entry.**
- 6.5 Entries are based on first come first serve basis. However, do note that acceptance for this event is subject to the approval of the Organizers.
- 6.6 All fees due are to be submitted before or on Thursday 21 September 2017, during the Team Managers Meeting either by cheque or bank transfer.

Cheques are to be made payable to "Singapore Dragon Boat Association".

OR Bank Transfer, please refer to Registration Form F2 for details

Overseas Teams: please contact SDBA directly at race@sdba.org.sg for payment instructions.

7 ENTRY FEES: DB18-CREW MIXED 10KM CHALLENGE

- 7.1 SDBA Affiliates = **S\$374.50 (inclusive of 7% GST)**
- 7.2 SDBA Non-Affiliate = **S\$535.00 (inclusive of 7% GST)**
- 7.3 Overseas Teams = **S\$535.00 (inclusive of 7% GST)**
- 7.4 Rental of IDBF Type 1222 DB22-crew Dragon Boat = **S\$374.50 (inclusive 7% GST)**

8 ENTRY FEES: DB12-OPEN 5KM CHALLENGE

- 8.1 SDBA Affiliates = **S\$214.00 (inclusive of 7% GST)**
- 8.2 SDBA Non-Affiliate = **S\$428.00 (inclusive of 7% GST)**
- 8.3 Rental of IDBF Type 912 DB12-crew Dragon Boat = **S\$214.00 (inclusive 7% GST)**

9 ALTERATIONS TO ENTRIES & WITHDRAWALS

- 9.1 Teams who fail to report 30 minutes before the start of the race shall be considered to have voluntarily withdrawn.
- 9.2 All dragon boats will assemble at the start line **no later than 3.45pm on the Race Day.**
- 9.3 No alteration of entries will be allowed after the closing date.

- 9.4 Entry fees and dragon boat rental fees are not refundable except where an application has been refused.

10 PROTESTS & APPEAL

- 10.1 All protest for infringement during the race must be lodged **only** by the Team Manager, not later than 15 minutes after the last competitor involved in the incident has completed the race.
- 10.2 All protest shall be made in writing and be accompanied by a fee of **S\$50.00 (inclusive of 7% GST)** each.
- 10.3 The fee will be refunded only if the protest is upheld.

11 DAMAGES

If in the opinion of the Chief Race Official, Course Umpire or any Boat Marshall, a dragon boat is damaged deliberately by a crew, the Organizer reserves the right to impose a penalty of **S\$2,500.00 (inclusive of 7% GST)** on the organization entering the team and the right to require such organization to pay for the costs of repairs to the damaged dragon boat.

12 ASSISTANCE

- 12.1 In the event of a capsize, a team may receive assistance from the safety boat on hand for retrieval of equipment and dragon boat, **but** the team will not be allowed to continue the race.
- 12.2 Exchange, substitution of dragon boats and crew are **not permitted**, even with other competitors from the same team.

13 SAFETY MEASURES

- 13.1 Every competitor shall wear their footwear and a ISO standard or equivalent buoyancy vest; failing to do so will result in disqualification.
- 13.2 Competitors must be able to swim at least 50m with buoyancy vests. It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to ensure that all members of the team comply with this rule.
- 13.3 Competitors must give way to vessels along the course of the race.**
- 13.4 Safety escort boats are positioned along the race route with marshals. Competitors must adhere to the instructions given by the Safety Marshals at all time. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
- 13.5 Marathon Racing may involve participants in dangerous situations. It is required of any competitor upon seeing another in real danger to render all necessary assistance to the best of his/her ability. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.**

- 13.6 Competitors shall participate at their own risk and agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the competition. All competitors are responsible for their own safety during the event. The Organizers shall not be liable or held responsible for injury, loss of life, accidents, loss of property or material damage that may arise during the race.
- 13.7 Competitors faced with difficulty during the race should stop paddling and signal to the officials or safety personnel by raising the paddle and/or shouting for assistance.
- 13.8 The Organizing Committee reserves the right to remove any competitor who is deemed incapable of continuing the competition.

14 INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of bad weather, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to delay the commencement of the competition, or cancel the competition, on the basis of prolonged bad weather conditions, without giving any refund.

15 THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finishing line will be the outermost edge of the Merdeka Bridge, facing into Kallang Basin
- 15.2 The finishing line is reached when the bow of the dragon boat with the competitor/s in it has passed the outermost edge of Merdeka Bridge. If two or more dragon boats reach the finishing line at the same time, they get the same classification.
- 15.3 The race will finish in one and a half hours after the start horn and any team which fails to reach the finishing point after the mandated time will be escorted by the safety boat back to the ending point.
- 15.4 The Chief Judge/Time Keeper whose decision shall be final will determine the finishing order of the race and the time taken by each dragon boat.
- 15.5 The crew of every dragon boat must remain in the boat at all times. Any crew members jumping into the water will have the entire boat disqualified.

Note: The Organizers reserve all rights to revise the rules and regulations without giving prior notice.

ANNEX A

RULES OF RACING

- RR.01 This race will be governed by SDBA's Disciplinary Code
- RR.02 The racing rules is adapted from the International Dragon Boat Federation's Rules of Racing, wherever feasible.
- RR.03 **The Racing Course.** The Racing Course shall be expedition-like without clearly marked racing lanes. The route will therefore utilize fixed markers located inside the reservoir to act as waypoint markers or milestones for navigation. Some of these waypoint markers also acts as turn points – see Annex B
- RR.04 **Turn Points.** Some of the waypoint markers have been designated as turn points. The direction of the turns will be in the route of travel – see Annex B
- RR.05 **Line of Racing.** As the race course is expedition-like, the Line of Racing shall be the shortest line between two(2) waypoint markers. At certain parts of the race course, the Line of Racing may follow the curvature of the shoreline. Crews racing in the Line of Racing are to maintain clear water of 2m between tip of paddle blades to each other.
- RR.06 **The Start.** The Start will be a chase start and is located beneath the Merdeka Bridge (Nicoll Highway Bridge). All the participating dragon boats (racing crew) are to line up behind the starting line in an order determined by the draw which will be held at the Team Manager Briefing.

RR.06.1 The Race Starter, when he is satisfied that all the racing crew are in their line ups and proceed to start the race with the standard racing command: **ARE YOU READY, ATTENTION, AIR-HORN**

RR.06.2 The interval between racing crews shall be not more than twenty (20) seconds (maximum)

RR.06.3 Racing Crews are expected to proceed to the start line without being told to do so, they will be disadvantaged if they commence their flag off away from the start line. Starter will NOT wait for teams to be in line.

RR.06.4 Racing Crews that deliberately and/or accidentally crossed the start line and start beyond the start line, shall be penalized with a Time Penalty. Crews that start at half-boat beyond the start line shall be penalized up to 5 seconds time penalty. Crews that start at more than half-boat beyond the start line shall be penalized up to 10 seconds time penalty

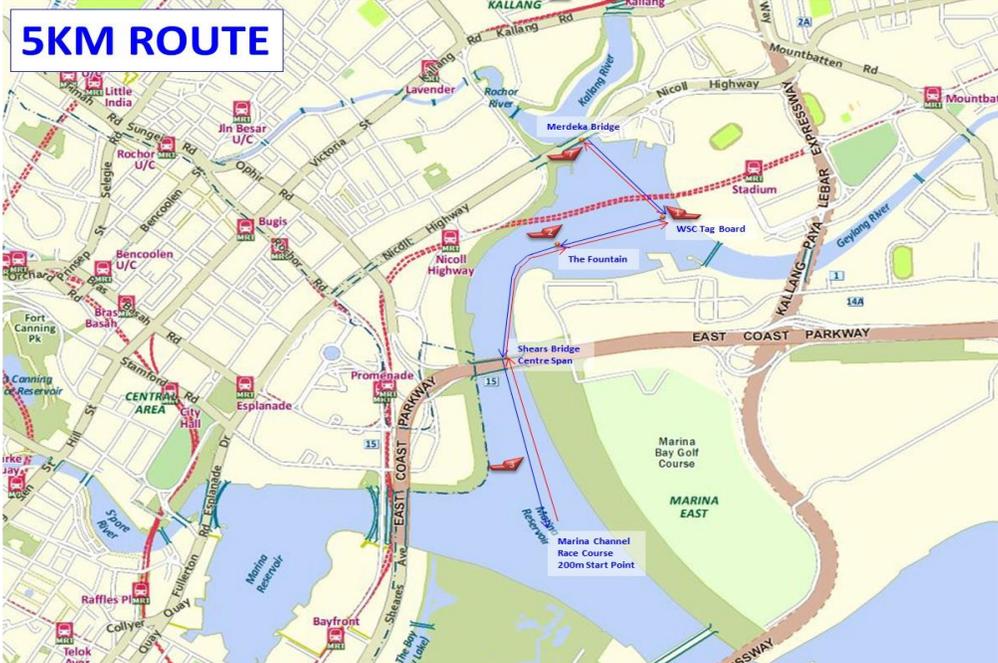
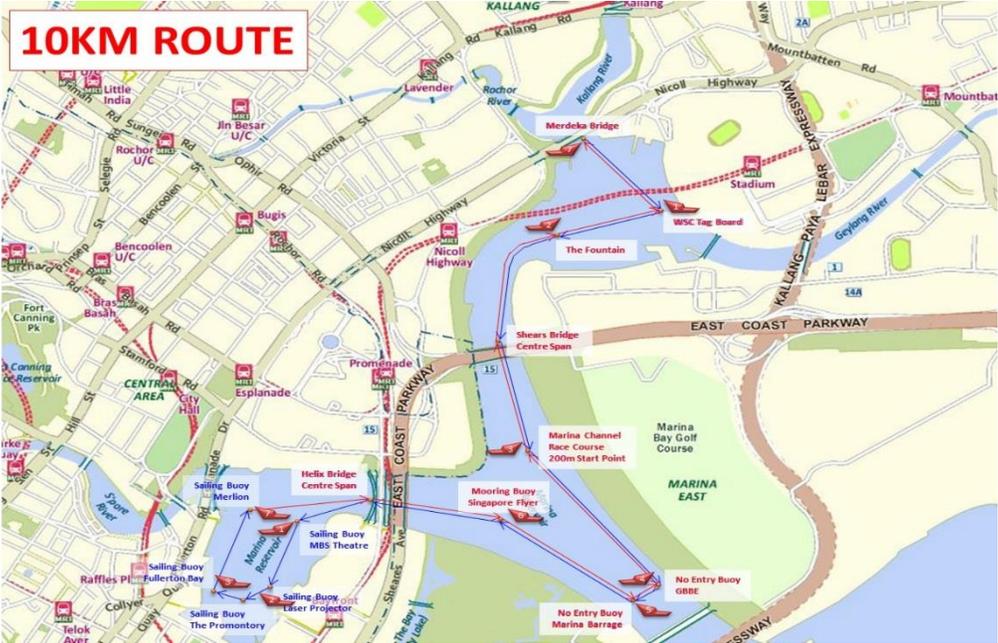
RR.06.5 The Jump Start rule shall be in effect with up to 10 seconds time penalty.

- RR.07 **Crews Position in a Line of Racing.** It is incumbent on the Steerer, when not overtaking or turning, to maintain clear water of at least 2m, measured from tip of the paddle blades, from each other.

RR.07.1 A crew attempting to overtake, may deviate from its Line of Racing. It is incumbent on the Steerer to ensure that the crew has clear water and not impeding another boat when deviating from its base Line of Racing

- RR.08 **Overtaking.** Overtaking can be carried out on either side of the boat being overtaken, provided it is still within the direction of travel and line of racing.
- RR.08.1** The Overtaking Boat must maintain clear water of at least 2m, measured from tip of the paddle blades, from the Boat Being Overtaken
- RR.08.2** If the Overtaking Boat deviated from its base line of racing, they may stay on their new line of racing. If the Overtaking Boat wants to return to its base line of racing, it should only do so when it is safe to maneuver back to the base line of racing by ensuring that they have passed the Boat Being Overtaken by at least one(1) boat length.
- RR.08.3** The Boat Being Overtaken is required to give clear water to the Overtaking Boat by maintaining their position and not making sudden maneuvers deviating off their line of racing.
- RR.09 **Turns.** A boat should at all times maintain the racing line throughout a turn and must ensure that there is clear water between paddles with other boats turning together. It is not necessary to maintain the 2m clearance measured from tip of the paddle blades when turning.
- RR.09.1** Crews are to avoid collisions at all cost. Direct collisions, defined as bow-to-broadside impacts, carries a disqualification penalty. Sideswipes, defined as clashing of paddles and/or broadside-to-broadside impacts, carries up to 20 seconds time penalty with 20 seconds time bonus awarded to the victim boat.
- RR.09.2 Rights in Turns.** The boat that reaches the Turn first has the right of way to turn first. It is incumbent on the trailing boats to match or allow them to turn first while exercising caution to avoid collisions and/or sideswipes.
- RR.09.3 Overtaking in a Turn.** Overtaking in a Turn is permitted as long as it can be done in a safe action, without collisions and/or sideswipes. Crews that has been deemed to have cause a collision will be disqualified. Crews that has been deemed to have cause a sideswipe, shall be penalized with a 20 seconds time penalty with 20 seconds time bonus awarded to the victim boat.
- RR.10 **Impeding.** Impeding is defined as in the course of the race, the Offending Boat (defined as the crew that executed a maneuver that cause the other crew(s) in turn to maneuver to avoid a collision), causing the Victim Boat having to veer away or deviate from their base line of racing. Impeding may happen during the line of racing as well as at the turns.
- RR.10.1** The Offending Boat shall be penalized with a time penalty up to 10 seconds penalty with 10 seconds time bonus awarded to the Victim Boat
- RR.10.2** If in the opinion of the Chief Official, the Impediment compromised the safety of the Victim Boat, the Chief Official may disqualify the Offending Boat from the race
- RR.11 **Collisions.** There are two(2) kinds of collisions, Direct Collisions or Sideswipes. Direct collision is defined as bow-to-broadside impacts, carries a disqualification penalty. Sideswipes, defined as clashing of paddles and/or broadside-to-broadside impacts, carries up to 20 seconds time penalty with 20 seconds time bonus awarded to the victim boat.
- RR.12 **Capsizes/Swamping.** Any racing crew that causes the capsize/swamping of another crew by rash acts, dangerous maneuvering, collisions, sideswipes and other actions deemed to have endangered the safety of others, shall be disqualified.

ANNEX B



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