

2024



NATIONAL INTER-SCHOOLS

ENTRY RULES

This Entry Rules is to be read in conjunction with IDBF Rules of Racing, Disciplinary Code and Competition Regulations (CR&RR).

For every item described in this Entry Rules, it shall supersede or replace the equivalent in the CR&RR.

For every item not described in this Entry Rules, the CR&RR shall be the binding authority.

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GLOSSARY

The reader will find the following common terms in this document: -

1. **'Crew'** refers to the dragon boat racing crew that will be representing The School
2. **'CR&RR'** refers to IDBF Competition Regulations (CR) and Rules of Racing (RR)
3. **'DB12'** refers to the Small 12-crew dragon boat.
4. **'GST'** refers to Singapore's Goods & Services Tax
5. **'PFD'** refers to Personal Floatation Device
6. **'Racers'** refers to the athletes (paddlers, drummer, steersperson and reserves) that make up the racing crew
7. **'Racing Category'** refers to the type of race that will be competed in race event.
8. **'Racing Division'** refers to the discrimination of the type of race into specific age group and/or special type/classification of participants eligible to participate in the race event. 'Racing Divisions' are a further detail breakdown of 'Racing Category',
i.e. National Inter Schools 'A' Division, is a racing division in the National Inter Schools category, etc.
9. **'Racing Class'** refers to the discrimination of the type of race into specific gender eligibility,
i.e. National Inter Schools 'A' Division Boys; National Inter Schools 'A' Division Girls, etc.
10. **'SDBA'** refers to the "Singapore Dragon Boat Association", the National Sport Association and governing authority for the sport of dragon boat in Singapore

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1. RACING CATEGORIES

S/N	Type	Division	Class	Tentative Maximum Slots
1	DB12	'A' Division (up to Age 20)	Boys	18
2	DB12		Girls	18
3	DB12	'B' Division (Under Age 17)	Boys	24
4	DB12		Girls	24
5	DB12	'C' Division (Under Age 14)	Boys	24
6	DB12		Girls	24
7	DB12	NCC	Boys	12
8	DB12		Girls	12

2. TENTATIVE TIMELINE

1	Application for Athlete Card open	Wednesday, 3 rd April 2024, 1400hrs
2	Registration online open	Monday, 8 th April 2024, 2000hrs
3	Registration online close	Friday, 3 rd May 2024, 2359hrs
3	Application for Athlete Card close	Friday, 3 rd May 2024, 1400hrs
4	Confirmation of participating teams	Monday, 6 th May 2024, 1400hrs
5	Crew list submission Open	Tuesday, 7 th May 2024, 0000hrs
6	Crew list submission Close	Wednesday, 15 th May 2024, 2359hrs
7	Generate of invoices (if necessary)	Thursday, 16 th May 2024, 2359hrs
8	Team Manager's briefing, Drawing of racing lanes	Friday, 17 th May 2024, 1600hrs – 1800hrs
9	National Inter School competition day	Friday, 24 th May 2024, 0900hrs – 1900hrs

3. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND CREW ELIGIBILITY

3.1	The Registration	<p>a) This race is open to all MOE secondary, international schools and Junior Colleagues.</p> <p>b) Registration shall be on a first-come-first-get basis through the SDBA's online registration system.</p> <p>c) Each Team can register up to three (3) racing crews per respective category and racing division.</p> <p>d) Priority shall be given to the Team's 1st registered crew.</p> <p>e) The Team's 2nd crew will only be accepted subjected to remaining availability of slots after accepting all the First Crew registration.</p> <p>f) The Team's 3rd crew will only be accepted subjected to remaining availability of slots after accepting all the Second Crew registration.</p>
3.2	The Inter School Crew	<p>a) Shall follow MOE's National School Games guidelines on age restriction.</p> <p>b) The Coach or staff of the school may steer for the Crew.</p> <p>c) The school may also use externally sourced Steers, <i>i.e. non Coach or staff of the school, etc.</i></p>
3.3	Boys Racing Class	<p>The paddlers and drummer must be ALL-MALE. No gender restriction for the steersperson.</p>
3.4	Girls Racing Class	<p>The paddlers and drummer must be ALL-FEMALE. No gender restriction for the steersperson.</p>
3.5	The Crew	<p>a) The DB12 racing crew size and configuration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Min: 8 paddlers + 1 drummer + 1 steers, with 2 reserves. ii. Max: 10 paddlers + 1 drummer + 1 steers, with 2 reserves. <p>b) Paddlers must be an active/current member of the School in the competition year.</p>
3.6	The Paddler, Steersperson, Drummer & Reserve	<p>a) No restriction on participation status BUT be aware of the risk of probable back-to-back races.</p> <p>b) Boat Marshall shall not wait for Team/Crew to have full racing crew ready.</p> <p>c) After Boat Marshall's 3 calls, the race check-in will be closed and the Unready Team shall forfeit participation OR</p> <p>d) If Team/Crew still meet the minimum requirement of 8 paddlers+1 drummer + 1 steer, then they may proceed to race check-in.</p>
3.7	The Steersperson	<p>Minimum requirement: SDBA Basic Helm Certificate. For DB12 only: SDBA Small Crew Basic Helm Certificate.</p>
3.8	Minimum Age to Race	<p>Minimum age must comply with MOE's controls on age grouping for A, B and C Inter school divisions. Exception is made for the steersperson.</p>

3.9	Team Manager	<p>a. Team Manager is compulsory for every School.</p> <p>b. The Team Manager can be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Teacher and/or Staff from the School ii. Person hired by the School <p>c. The function of the Team Manager is to be the liaison with SDBA for all administrative and technical matters.</p>
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4. ATTIRE / UNIFORM AND RACING EQUIPMENT

- 4.1 All teams are required to be in same jersey/uniform/attire (i.e. same color, design, etc.). Rash guards, compression-wear and all types of bottoms (i.e. shorts, tights, etc.) are exempted.
- 4.2 The jersey of the external steersperson is also to be in the same uniform unless the steersperson is provided by SDBA, which he/she will be in a SDBA uniform.
- 4.3 For free rental of PFD and Paddle on race day, please send your request to race@sdba.org.sg by **Friday, 10th May 2024**.

5. RACE COURSE AND DISTANCE

- 5.1 The racing distance is a straight-course 200m.
- 5.2 The racing course is at the Singapore Sport Hub Water Sport Center where is a straight stretch of water, marked by clearly visible buoys placed in a straight line at intervals down the length of the racecourse. Lane 1 shall be the lane nearest to the location of the Finish Line Judges.
- 5.3 The Start shall be Pontoon Hold-Tail OR Drummer Hold-Buoy style. This will be confirmed in the Team Manager Briefing.
- 5.4 The Finish shall be at right angles to the Racing Lanes. The Finish shall be marked off of the water by a checker tag board at the outer limits of Lane 6.
- 5.5 Field-of-Play



6 COMPETITION REGULATION & RULES OF RACING

- 6.1 It is incumbent for each Team to read and be familiar with the IDBF CR&RR and Disciplinary Code. Unless stated within these Entry Rules, the CR&RR shall be complied with for this event.
- 6.2 Sideswipe (defined as side or dragon boat hitting the side of another dragon boat) will be considered as a collision has occurred.
- 6.3 Clash of paddles will be considered as a collision has occurred.
- 6.4 Correspondent penalty, either a disqualification or time penalty, shall apply.
- 6.5 If time trial is required, it will be at the Race Official’s discretion

7 RACE PROGRESSION FORMATS

Race Format shall be:

Heats -> Repechage -> Semi Final (whenever feasible) -> Final OR 2 rounds of Finals where their timings are combined to determine the winner.

- 7.1 The Number of Rounds System
 - a. The Crew is required to race a total of two (2) rounds, *i.e. Round 1 and Round 2, etc.*
 - b. After racing in Round 1, the Crew shall be ranked by their time returned and progressed into the designated fast lanes for Round 2.
 - c. The finish time returned in both Rounds shall be added up to overall time.
 - d. The Crew with the fastest overall time shall be declared the winner.
- 7.2 The Heats to Final System
 - a. If there are change in participating Crews, SDBA may amend the race progression format.
 - b. The Heat Winner and some (or only 1) Fastest Loser(s) shall qualify directly to the Final.
 - c. The remaining Crew shall race-off in the Repechage. The fastest Repechage finisher (or some Finishers), shall qualify to the Final.
 - d. Crews progressing to the next level shall always be ranked and allocated into the designated fast lanes in the next level
- 7.3 Designated fast lane allocation system used will be as follows:-
 - i. Fastest : Lane 3
 - ii. 2nd Fastest : Lane 4
 - iii. 3rd Fastest : Lane 2
 - iv. 4th Fastest : Lane 5
 - v. 5th Fastest : Lane 1
 - vi: 6th Fastest : Lane 6

SDBA reserves the right to change and/or modify the race progression format to suit the number of participating Crews.

8 RACE EQUIPMENT

8.1 Personal Floatation Devices (PFD)

- a. The use of ISO 12402-5 Standard and/or Equivalent (i.e. USCG, EU, EN standard, etc.) PFD is compulsory in Singapore. Crew member who is not wearing ISO 12402-5 standard or equivalent (i.e. USCG, EU, EN standards, etc.) PFD will be disqualified for participating in the race.
- b. If Team does not have their own ISO 12402-5 standard and/or equivalent (i.e. USCG, EU, EN standards, etc.) PFD, the Organizer will provide the necessary PFD on race day. Please refer to Section 4.3

8.2 Dragon Boats and Paddles

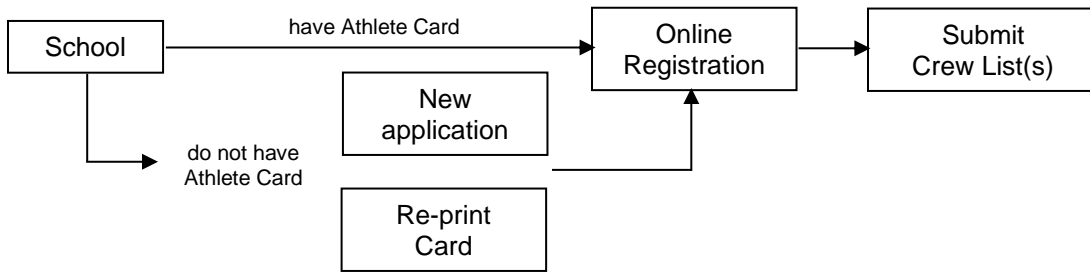
- a. It is the responsibility of the crew to ensure that the dragon boat and its equipment are fully functional and water worthy before departing from boat pontoon.
- b. Boats must be checked before embarking for a race, i.e. condition of seats, steering arm, stability of the drum, etc.
- c. Inform the Boat Marshall, should there be any complaints on the equipment issued.
- d. The Organizer shall not be held responsible for any boat or equipment failure once a crew has embarked and race has been started after 50 meters.
- e. Participating teams shall reimburse the Organizing Committee for any damages or losses to the equipment caused by the team concerned.
- f. The Organizing Committee has the right to change the boats depending on the availability and weather conditions.

8.3 Electronic equipment/device

- a. Go Pros/head camera is allowed to be used in the event.
- b. Cadence system is permitted provided the volume does not cause disturbance to other teams. SDBA reserves the right to instruct the Team to remove the cadence system should the volume be found to be disturbing to other teams.

9 SDBA ATHLETE CARD SYSTEM

9.1 Schools are required to utilize SDBA Athlete Card system to register their Crews:



9.2 There are no fees for the application of new Athlete Card but there are fees applicable for re-prints (i.e. as replacement for loss cards, etc.).

Classification	Type	Fee per Card per Person			
		New Application	Re-print	After Closing	On Race Day
Affiliate Schools	Athlete Card	Free	SGD\$10.90	N.A.	N.A.

9.3 Apply for new card or re-print cards at <https://registration.sdba.org.sg>. First time Teams are required to create 'Team Manager' account in the system first before proceeding.

9.4 Physical athlete card and e-copy are permitted for boat marshal scanning.

9.5 Athlete Card Application Period:

Athlete Card Application	Date Open	Date Closed
	Wednesday, 3/4/2024, 1400hrs	Friday 3/5/2024, 1400hrs

9.6 Sample of valid SDBA Athlete Card:



10 ONLINE RACE REGISTRATION

- 10.1 There shall be no registration fee for this race.
- 10.2 Team Managers must verify that they have the Up-to-date Athlete Card NUMBER of EVERY PERSON that the Team intends to register.
- 10.3 Team Managers are required to fill-up online Form F2: Team Registration which is registration-by-numbers only. The Team Manager is required to
 - a) indicate number of participants,
 - b) indicate the racing category/division that the team intends to participate.
- 10.4 Registration period :

Registration Period	Date Open	Date Closed
	Monday 8/4/2024, 2000hrs	Friday 3/5/2024, 2359hrs

11 ONLINE RACE CREW LIST SUBMISSION

Crew List Submission Period	Date Open	Date Closed
	Tuesday 7/5/2024, 0000hrs	Wednesday 15/5/2024, 2359hrs

- 11.1 Teams are required to submit separate Crew List for every racing category or division that they will be participating in.
- 11.2 Note that the online system will calculate and check the no. of participants listed in the Crew List vs. total no. of participants registered in the online registration period.
- 11.3 Amendment to Crew List after crew list submission closing date

Fee per Person (w/GST)		Classification
New Registration	\$109.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Refers to the inclusion of a Racer/Steer into the Crew List provided there is still an available slot in the Crew. b. This person to be added has never been registered by the Team before. c. Must already possess a valid SDBA Athlete Card. d. Must already be a member of The Team and not from another separate Team. e. Person(s) without prior SDBA Athlete Card cannot be added in the crew list on race day because there is no capacity to create new Athlete Card on that day.
Amendment	\$54.50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The replacement of a Paddler/Steer in the Crew List on a one-for-one basis. b) This person to be added must already possess a valid SDBA Athlete Card. c) Must already be a member of The Team and not from another separate Team. d) Team is required to obtain approval from Chief Official to make the amendment.

12 PROTESTS AND APPEALS

12.1 Protests

- a. Protest can be lodged at either Race Secretary or Boat Marshall and made immediately after the race or official posting of the race result.
- b. All Protests shall be addressed to the Race Committee (Chief Official, Chief Judge & Chief Umpire).

12.2 Appeals

- a. An appeal against the protest or protest outcome can be lodged at either the Race Secretary or Boat Marshall and made immediately after the official reply to the Protest.
- b. All Appeals shall be addressed to the Race Jury. Decision of the Race Jury is final.

12.3 Protest / Appeal Fees

- a. All protests/appeals shall be made in writing. The protest/appeal form is available at Race Secretary's area.
- b. Fees Applicable: protest/appeal Fee: ***\$54.50 in cash.***
- c. The protest/appeal fee shall be refunded if the protest/appeal is successful.

13. INFORMATION OF PAYMENT

13.1 By Bank Transfer: -

Name of Bank:	DBS Bank Ltd
Name of Account:	Singapore Dragon Boat Association
Account No:	DBS Current 025-902774-9
Bank Code:	7171
Branch Code:	025

13.2 Please notify us via email: race@sdba.org.sg once the transfer has been made successfully. Please include the following details: -

- Name of Payer
- Name of Team
- Date of payment
- Amount Paid

13.3 E-Receipt can be downloaded by the Team Manager later.

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