



CHARLOTTE DRAGONBOAT RACE RULES & REGULATIONS

IMPORTANT HEALTH/SAFETY INFORMATION: Participants having had any symptoms related to COVID-19 in the three days prior to a dragon boat event (practice and/or race) or having been around someone with the virus, should not participate. Symptoms include fever or chills, muscle and body aches, sore throat or runny/stuffy nose, headache, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, coughing, shortness of breath, and/or sudden loss of taste or smell.

Registration

- Before being allowed to practice or participate, teams must complete all the required paperwork: the registration form, team roster, and the team waiver and release of liability form.
- Your registration fee must be paid before you are allowed to schedule practices. The team registration fee is \$800 for corporate teams and \$700 for non-profits (non-profits require a valid 501(c)3 certificate) if the fee is paid in full by September 18, 2021. For registrations after September 18, 2021, the fee is \$900 and \$800 respectively.
- Team captains will be contacted to schedule practices after the Team Registration Form has been received.

Crew and Crew Composition

- Each team should consist of 20 paddlers, 1 drummer. Up to 2 additional alternates are allowed.
- NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED.
- Team members must be at least 15 years of age.
- Mixed Teams must have a MINIMUM of 8 male and 8 female paddlers, and a MAXIMUM of 12 male paddlers for a full boat.
- For an all women's team, the drummer may be a male.
- A steersperson will be provided.

Safety

- PFDs (Personal Flotation Device) will be provided and must be worn in practices and races. No inflatable device is allowed as a substitute.
- Shoes must be worn at all times by all paddlers, drummers and steerspersons.
- Each crew member is solely responsible for his or her own safety during practice sessions and the race itself.
- Team Captains are encouraged to promote team warm-up activities prior to marshalling.
- Team Captains are required to participate in the Captain's Meeting and safety briefing prior to the race commencement.
- In case of emergency, EMS staff and ambulance will be on site on the festival grounds as well as a first aid station at the team loading/unloading area.
- Team Captains are responsible for setting their own team's hygiene guidelines. These guidelines may include, for example, but not limited to: providing masks, sanitary wipes, hand sanitizers, and other PPE.

Waivers and Identification

- All team members must sign a waiver stating they have read and understand the risks of injury associated with Dragon Boat racing and knowingly and freely assume all such risks.
- Waivers must be signed by all participants prior to practice sessions and race activities.
- Copies of identification are not required but must be available if requested by race management.

Parking

- Only one car per team is allowed to park at the event location and there is no drop-off pass. Parking pass will be mailed to the team manager as per the Team Registration Form.
- Crews should park at the designated parking area and shuttle to the venue. Equipment may be loaded on the shuttle.
- Optional team setup is allowed in designated areas on the Friday before the event.



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Check-in

- Team Captains must check-in the day of the race to provide waivers and sign the captain's certification letter.
- Team Captains will receive a full set of wristbands based on the number of crew listed on the team roster and waivers completed.
- Only individuals with wristbands are allowed to walk to the boat loading/unloading area.

Race Plan

- Race organizers will direct teams on procedures for marshalling, loading, starting procedures during team practices and Captain's meeting.
- Race organizers reserve the right to determine placement of teams.
- Each team will race three times.
- The pace of the race can be accelerated or delayed based on many external factors. Approximate Marshalling times for Round 2 and Final Round will be posted after completion of prior Round but Team Captains should monitor Heat announcements for confirmation.
- Teams will advance to one of the finals based on their best time in either round one or two.
- Specified community teams will be grouped in a separate division and only race among each other in the final round, regardless of where they place in the first two heats.
- All matters not specifically addressed in the "Rules and Regulations" will be determined by the Event Organizer.

Award Ceremony

- Award ceremony will follow the last race of the day.
- The top three teams from the Division A and B Championships and Consolation finals will be awarded medals. Additional awards may be extended as warranted.



RACE TEAM REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Each team should consist of twenty (20) paddlers and one (1) drummer. Up to two (2) additional alternates are allowed. NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED. Team members must be at least fifteen (15) years of age. Team must have a MINIMUM of eight (8) male and eight (8) female paddlers, and a maximum of twelve (12) male paddlers for a full boat. For an all-women team, the drummer and steerer may be male.

PFD (Personal Flotation Device) will be provided and must be worn in practices and races. No inflatable device is allowed as a substitute. For safety, shoes must be worn at all times, and they will get wet. The Planning Committee of the Dragon Boat Festival reserves the right to determine placement of teams. Before being allowed to practice, teams must complete all the required paperwork: the registration form, team roster, and the team waiver and release of liability form. One team practice will be granted once all paperwork is complete and registration fee is paid.

Please make sure that all team members bring a LEGIBLE photocopy of an official photo ID PRIOR TO THE TEAM'S PRACTICE.

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Payment can be made by credit card or check. To pay by check, make the check payable to "Charlotte Dragon Boat Association" PRIOR TO THE FIRST PRACTICE by mailing to:

Charlotte Dragon Boat Association, 4700 Carsons Pond Road, Charlotte, NC 28226

To pay by credit card, go to [Paypal.com](https://www.paypal.com) and make payment to: charlottefury200@aol.com

TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

Team Name

Team Manager

Organization

Mailing Address (to receive Parking Pass)

Phone (must be reachable on practice and race day)

Email Address



TEAM ROSTER

Team Name _____

Team Manager Name _____

Mixed teams must have 8 male paddlers and 8 female paddlers.

	Full Name (Please Print Clearly) & Email Address	(M)ale or (F)emale	Will Attend Practice (Y/N)	Waiver Rec'd (CDBA Use)
Drummer				
Paddler 1				
Paddler 2				
Paddler 3				
Paddler 4				
Paddler 5				
Paddler 6				
Paddler 7				
Paddler 8				
Paddler 9				
Paddler 10				
Paddler 11				
Paddler 12				
Paddler 13				
Paddler 14				
Paddler 15				
Paddler 16				
Paddler 17				
Paddler 18				
Paddler 19				
Paddler 20				
Alternate 1				
Alternate 2				
Steersperson	Provided by Festival			



WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY
READ BEFORE SIGNING THE SIGNATURE PAGE

Event Name : Charlotte Dragon Boat Festival 2021

In consideration of being allowed to participate in the Charlotte Dragon Boat Festival and related and related activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates and agrees that:

1. The risk of injury from the activities involved in this program is significant including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist, and,
2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately, and,
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, hereby release and hold harmless CHARLOTTE DRAGON BOAT ASSOCIATION, CAROLINAS ASIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, MECKLENBURG COUNTY PARK & RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND THE RACE PRODUCTION CONTRACTOR; Their respective directors, officials, municipalities, agents, and/or employees, other participants, volunteers, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event (Releasees), with respect to any and all injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property, whether arising from the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING THIS AND DO SO VOLUNTARILY, WITHOUT INDUCEMENT. CONTINUE TO NEXT PAGE

FOR PARTICIPANT UNDER AGE 18 AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION

My Signature certifies that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above, of all the releases, and, for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Participant Name (Print)	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
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Address	City	State	Zip
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WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY SIGNATURE PAGE

Name of Event: CHARLOTTE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL 2021

Team Name

Team Manager Name

Address

Phone

Crew Member Name	Signer has read and agrees to terms of the waiver	Signature of parent or guardian if named person is under 18.
<i>Please Print Clearly</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Signature</i>



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