

2024 Long Beach Dragon Boat Festival

Dragon Boat Racing Rules & Instruction Notes

International Cultural Exchange Association

I – Captains’ Meeting

1. Captains’ meeting is on Saturday at 8:20 AM at the Marshalling area. Be on time, as **race marshaling starts at 8:40AM and loading starts at 8:45AM.**
2. If any participant has symptom Covid or fever, please don't come and paddle. Participants can wear masks during the event.

II - General Notes

1. **DO NOT use Paoli Way for vehicle or pedestrian entrance. Do not use Paoli Way to drop off anything or anyone.**
2. **DO NOT sit on the low wall along Paoli Way. The wall is located closer to the residences and is along the west side of beach walk way; it is private property.**
3. **DO NOT step on or touch plants on/near Paoli Way. Do not cross the yellow tape!**
4. **DO NOT block walkways.** No playing of frisbee, football or volleyball, skateboard, electric bike on the walkways. It is a fire lane.
5. **For handicap parking, please use the Marine Stadium North parking.**
6. Marine Stadium gate for parking opens at **7:00AM** (please be patient and keep quiet coming into the lot).
7. Please comply with the parking plan as posted on www.scdbc.org. **DO NOT** drive to area A or B to ask where to park. We will not let you in without a permit. Only cars with area A permits may enter to load/unload.
8. At the end of the event after all Saturday races, cars must be moved out of the team tent area or park at the North parking as soon as loading is done. No double parking or staying behind at the team tent area.
9. Please keep the noise level down at all times, especially when setting up early in the morning. **Loud noises** like cheering/yelling/chanting in the starting area **is prohibited**. Noise from teams interfering with official calls will be penalized.
10. Each team will be given trash and recycle bags (clear). Please keep the tent and the open area clean. Additional trash bags will be available at the registration tent. Your team is responsible for cleaning up and removing trash on Saturday. Please separate trash and recyclables. If teams do not clean up their area, their trash deposit will not be refunded.
11. No sales of food or team products are allowed in the tent area without City of LB permit and race committee approval. (Teams are responsible for pre-arranging their own lunch.)
12. Open fire grill/cook tops are not allowed. Alcohol is strictly prohibited.
13. Dog owners are liable for their dogs’ behavior at Marine Stadium.
14. Drones are not allowed in the Marine Stadium.
15. Swimming is prohibited in the Marine Stadium and at the loading area. This applies to team members and their family members.
16. Water dunking is prohibited in Marine Stadium. Team leaders are fully responsible for injuries incurred from breaking this rule.
17. Wearing water shoes or sandals is highly recommended to protect from rocks and other hard/sharp objects. Sandals/shoes may get wet during loading.
18. Volunteers will coordinate loading and unloading of boats, your team is required to load/push-off and dock/unload on your own.
19. Please keep the loading area clean by **leaving bottles**, equipment, or other personal belongings by the exit.
20. **Each team is responsible to bring their own bailers for bailing out water from the boat.**
21. **Paddlers shall not bring personal belongings (wallet, phone, etc.) onto the boat. Secure your other personal effects (glasses, hats, etc.). We are not responsible for any loss / damage of personal belongings.**
22. After the race is finished, teams should stop paddling and slowly turn to the launching zone. Crews should not stand up or suddenly shift weight.
23. **All teams are responsible for bringing their own toilet paper.**
24. Extra tents are not allowed to be set up in the concrete area (parking lots and driveways).
25. 23 medals will be awarded to each winning team. No additional medal for sale.
26. **Before each practice and race, the team captain and coach should check all of the teammates' physical conditions. If any member is not in good condition to practice or race, please don't let him or her get onto the boat.**
27. **During the practice or race, if any member does not feel well, please tell your leader or teammates and ask the respective member to stop paddling.**
28. **During paddling, if you see any other paddler having abnormal physical symptoms, please check with him or her and report to your leader or coach as soon as possible.**

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III - Racing Rules

1. Team members with special medical conditions (especially heart conditions or asthma) must carry their medication with them at all times.
2. Lane assignments for the first race of each division are drawn by lottery by officials. Lane 8 is the lane closest to the spectators.
3. **Drummers must be of age 15 or older.**
4. **Steersperson must be of age 16 or older.**
5. **Paddlers for adult teams must be of age 15 or older.**
6. A minimum of 14 paddlers and maximum of 18 paddlers are allowed per boat.
7. **Protest and \$80 fee must be submitted to competition committee (@ final judge's tent) within 15 minutes after the race finished. Fee will be refunded if protest is successful.**
8. **Appeal and \$80 fee must be submitted to competition committee (@ final judge's tent) within 15 minutes after the result is posted. Fee will be refunded if appeal is successful.**
9. All divisions except for Open, Women, and All Female Cancer Survivors are mixed divisions, and need to have a minimum of 6 female paddlers.
10. Paddlers can only paddle for one team within any given division.
11. Team Captains and Coaches must read and follow the race grid in order to be on time for races. Please **check-in 40 minutes before the published heat time.**
12. In order to keep races on schedule, the dock crew will not wait for any teams. Make sure your entire crew is ready to marshal and check in at the loading area. It is your responsibility to check the posted schedule. **We will not use Twitter to remind teams for marshalling.**
13. In case of time conflicts for your races (e.g., back to back races, concurrent races), please notify the officials at the marshaling area before your race. Teams will be disqualified if they are not prepared to marshal on time as a full team.
14. Teams will be disqualified if they are not prepared to marshal as a full team from back to front **on time.**
15. There will be no changing of drummers, steerspersons or paddlers between continuing heats (back to back races). Please prepare and coordinate for sufficient drummers and steerspersons for all your heats.
16. During the marshaling process, teams should line up in two straight lines from back to front facing the launching area. The steersperson should be in front reporting to marshals and the caller behind the paddlers. All persons on the boat must properly wear an approved PFD at all times. Inflatables are not allowed. All clothing must be worn under PFDs for easy visual confirmation of proper PFD usage.
17. Teams at the loading area MUST follow the officials' directions. Teams that do not load properly (e.g., no show until 20 mins before race, waiting for missing paddlers, etc.) will be disqualified immediately. **This rule will be strictly enforced.**
18. **At least 2 team members** from each boat need to help push their boat off from shore for their race. Other non-paddling team members shall not enter the loading area.
19. After the boat leaves the beach, it cannot stop for any personnel changes. All launched boats are required to head immediately to the starting dock. Detours are not permitted. **Boats that delay the starting of a race will be penalized or disqualified.**
20. Absolutely **NO Drumming before 10AM.** Also, **Do Not drum on the way to the starting line.** During the race, drummers must have active drumming action. If not done so, team can receive a time penalty of 30 seconds.
21. Drummers may not use improper drumming methods to interfere other teams. If done so, the team can be disqualified or receive a time penalty of 30 seconds. Drummers, steers and race paddlers cannot use other devices to make noise during the race.
22. When heading to the starting line, stay close to the shore as other teams may be racing. Your team must **stop paddling and drumming 50 meters before the lead racing boat.** Restart paddling immediately after the racing boats passes. Please pay attention to officials for instructions. Teams ignoring official's call will be penalized by 6 seconds or will be disqualified.
23. Go behind the holding buoy (flag) in your own lane as soon as you enter the starting area. You are not allowed to back out past this buoy once you enter the area. Once officials ask you to move in-to the start line, do so immediately.
24. The starter commands will be "Are you ready?" "Attention" and horn. If your team is not ready at the "Are you ready?" command, your drummer should wave both arms to get the starter's attention. There is no guarantee that the starter will wait.
25. The first team which caused the false starts will be penalized by adding 30 seconds. Wet start is allowed but the paddlers cannot paddle until the race starts.
26. If a boat crosses lanes during the race, course empires will warn the boat and a minimum of a 20 second penalty may be applied. It is advised to stop the boat immediately and start the boat again in order to avoid collision.
27. Disregard of starter's or umpires' instructions may result in disqualification.
28. Upon finishing a race, each team must promptly return back to the launching dock without causing delay for the next heat. A penalty of 20 seconds may be imposed to the boat causing the delay. Follow loading official's commands to return the boat to a

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specific location. **When returning, WAIT for boats leaving the loading area** as they have the right of way. Not following the official's commands will also result in penalties.

- 29. All steers **must** guarantee that their boats are not running into the sand when docking.
- 30. All ICEA life jackets and paddles must be returned and must not leave the marshaling area after each race (penalty: 20 seconds).
- 31. Penalty for ICEA equipment damages (e.g., paddles, life jackets, drums, steering oars, and boats) will be applied to offending parties in the form of added seconds to their race time.
- 32. All other penalties are decided by the race jury. Teams ignoring official's call will be penalized by 20 seconds or will be disqualified.
- 33. Additional racing details are available online at: www.lbdragonboat.com under Race Rules Regulations.
- 34. Please clean up and leave the beach area as soon as the Final Races are over on Saturday.

DISCLAIMER

I have read and understand the Dragon Boat Racing Rules and Instruction Notes expected by 2024 Long Beach Dragon Boat Festival and I and my team agree to act in accord with the Standards of Conduct as a condition of my team's participation in 2024 Long Beach Dragon Boat Festival.

Your entire Team, Captains and Team Leaders are responsible for each of their participants. Therefore, this release MUST also be signed.

Signature (Team Captain) Print Name Date

Team Name(s)