



## 2018-2019 USFHK Dragon Boat Championship



### Rules

1. Format :
  - a. Please refer to the attached file for details.
  - b. There are three event categories, namely
    - i. men's small boat: there are 10 paddlers, 1 drummer and 1 helm. The gender of all paddlers and drummer must be male.
    - ii. Ladies' small boat: there are 10 paddlers, 1 drummer and 1 helm. The gender of all paddlers and drummer must be female.
    - iii. mixed small boat: there are 10 paddlers, 1 drummer and 1 helm. The minimum number of female paddler is 4 and the maximum number is 6. The gender of the drummer could either be male or female.
  - c. The gender of helm for all categories could either be male or female. Coach of the team could be the helm as well. For teams not having the helm, HKCDBA could provide the helm for competitions.
  - d. All competitors should be physically fit and be able to swim, clothed, for a minimum distance of 50m.
2. Competition Regulations and Rules of racing : Competitions will run in accordance to the latest version (Sept 2018) of Amendments for HKCDBA Competitions Regulations and Rules of Racing and the latest version of IDBF Competitions Regulations and Rules of Racing, which can be downloaded from HKCDBA website: [www.hkcdba.org](http://www.hkcdba.org).

\*\* Team managers and athletes should be familiar with both Competitions Regulations and Rules of Racing.
3. Scoring system: please refer to the attached file for details.
4. Entries
  - a. Each institution is limited to enter one men's small boat team, one ladies' small boat team and one mixed small boat team. On completion of enrollment, athletes' details shall not be changed (including data and photographs). The nomination form should be signed by a member of the Board of Directors with the college's seal/chop on the cover.
  - b. Minimum number of entry should be 11 and the maximum number is 17. Among those 11 athletes, 10 must be paddlers and one be the drummer. The maximum number of substitute paddlers is 6.
  - c. Other than the helm, all athletes must be students of respective institutions of the USFHK.
  - d. Team manager : There must be a team manager in each team and he/she must be present in the Crew Assembly Area during the team racing times and is under the control of the Race Officials. The team manager is responsible for liaising with the Race Officials.

- e. Coach: each team could register one coach. The registered coach could take up the role of the helm during the competitions.
  - f. Substitution of drummer or helm: All registered athletes are allowed to do substitution as drummer or helm.
  - g. Age eligibility of athletes: all athletes must be born between 1 Jan., 1990 to 31 Dec 2001.
  - h. Entry fees: HK\$2,000 for each institution
5. Equipment:
- a. All equipment is provided by HKCDBA
  - b. Athletes can use their own paddles for the race. The requirements of all paddles must comply with 5.2 Amendments for HKCDBA Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing.
  - c. Wearing of Personal Floatation Device (PFD) is not compulsory.
6. Referees: qualified referees will be provided by HKCDBA
7. Withdrawal
- a. Any team not presenting a minimum number of athletes (not less than 11) at the scheduled competition start time (according to the clock at the official stand) shall be disqualified for the race.
  - b. During a race, the decision of the referee made according to relevant HKCDBA Competitions Regulations and Rules of Racing. Should a team oppose to the decision and refuse to race, the team shall be taken as withdrawing from the race.
  - c. Teams withdraw from any race as specified in 7.b. above should submit an official explanation signed by the Council Member of the respective institution to the Chairman of the Executive Committee of USFHK within 72 hours (irrespective of holidays) of the event.
8. Protests and Appeals : Appeals shall be made in writing within 15 minutes after announcement of results. The writing has to be signed by the members of the Board of Directors OR members of the Executive Committee, together with a deposit of HKD one thousand. Appeals shall be sent to the Convenor of the event. After receipt of the protest, a decision will be made after 30 minutes. The decision of the Appeal Committee shall be final.
9. Weather
- a. If typhoon signal No.3 or above, red or black rainstorm warning signal is in force at 0700 on the race day, all races will be cancelled.
  - b. When thunderstorm warning, typhoon signal No.1, amber rainstorm warning signal is in force on the race day, all teams shall report on time. Cancellation or delay of races is subject to the final decision of the organizer.
  - c. In case weather condition is getting worse during the races, the organizer reserves the right to cancel or postpone the races.

#### By-laws

- a. Lanes for Heats will be arranged by the drawing held at the USFHK Executive Committee Meeting on 18 March 2019 Monday.
- b. If the regulations as herein stipulated are deemed not good enough, the organizer may at any time amend them, to be submitted to the college Executive committee for approval and implementation.