



## 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 substitute. For safety, shoes must be worn at all times, and they may 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.

Please make sure that all team members bring a LEGIBLE photocopy of an official photo ID PRIOR TO THE FIRST PRACTICE. Practice will not be granted if this paperwork is incomplete.

Your registration fee must be paid before you are allowed to schedule practices. The fee for a non-profit team is \$680 and \$780 for a corporate team. After April 16, the cost is \$780 for a non-profit team and \$880 for a corporate team. 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](mailto:charlottefury200@aol.com)

## TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_



**WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**  
*READ BEFORE SIGNING THE SIGNATURE PAGE*

Event Name : Charlotte Dragon Boat Festival

**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 KNOWLINGLY 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**

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**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.

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Participant Name (Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Print

Date

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Address

City

State

Zip



**WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY SIGNATURE PAGE**

Name of Event: CHARLOTTE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

Name of Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Manager Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print.

	Signer has read and agrees to terms of the waiver <b>Signature</b>	Signature of parent or guardian if named person is under 18. <b>Signature</b>
<b>Crew Member Name</b>		
Team Manager		
Drummer		
Steersperson – provided by Festival		
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## CHARLOTTE DRAGONBOAT RACE RULES & REGULATIONS

### 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. Fee for non-profit is \$680 and \$780 for corporate. After April 16, it is \$780 for non-profit and \$880 for corporate
- 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 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.

### Waivers and Identification

- All crew 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.
- Captains will sign a certification letter stating that they have verified the identity of each crew member and they fit the qualifications for participation, each crew member has signed the waiver and there is a waiver for each participant.



## **CHARLOTTE DRAGONBOAT RACE RULES & REGULATIONS, *continued***

### **Parking**

- Only one car per team is allowed to park at the event location and there is no drop-off pass.
- 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 area on the Friday before the event.

### **Check-in**

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

### **Race Plan**

- Check-in, Captain's Meeting, Marshalling and Round 1 Heat start times will be sent to team captains the Wednesday prior to race day.
- 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 listen for Heat announcements for confirmation.
- Teams will advance to one of the finals based on their best time in either Round 1 or 2.
- 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, B and C Championships and Consolation finals will be awarded medals.