

2022 Guelph Dragon Boat Festival



Bulletin #1

Dear Team Captains,

Thank you for registering your team for the 2022 Guelph Dragon Boat Festival!

Over the next few weeks, you will receive 3 bulletins regarding the festival; these bulletins will contain important information that you (or your team) need to know prior to race day. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Rosters & Waivers

All individual waivers and team rosters will be done online. Your Team Captain will receive an email from Katy within the next few days with the details on how to complete this process.

Dragon Boat Canada – Rules of Racing

A few reminders for the rules surrounding our festivals!

- Mixed teams can race with a minimum of 1 male paddler and a maximum of 10 male paddlers, as well as a minimum of 10 female paddlers and a maximum of 19 female paddlers.
- Women's teams may race with a male steersperson or drummer.
- No teams will be required to show identification at any point during the regatta, but only those who are listed on the roster will be permitted on a dragon boat.
- All paddlers, steers and drummers must wear a life jacket; inflatables are permitted.

Parking Passes

- Each person that enters the park requires a park pass and each registered team has 25 park passes included with their registration. Park passes will be sent out via mail on Friday, July 29th to the mailing address that was provided at the time of registration. If you need to change this address, please let me know immediately!

All of those entering the park on event day who do not have a parking pass will be required to pay the gate fee upon entry.

Race Progression & Schedule Details

We currently have 31 teams registered for this festival, which is very exciting after our two-year hiatus but will also make for a full day of racing! Registration will close on Saturday, August 6th, and at that time we will be able to complete the first version of the full schedule. Here are some basic time lines:

- 6:30am – Park gates open
- 7:15am – Registration opens
- 7:45am – Team Captain's Meeting
- 8:15am – Marshalling for first race
- 8:30am – First race

We are hoping to have all races complete by 5:00pm, with medal ceremonies taking place throughout the day.

BCS Ceremony

We will be hosting a BCS Ceremony during the lunch break on race day. All BCS teams are invited to participate, as well as any BCS or any cancer survivor who is in attendance. You will receive further details regarding the ceremony as we complete the race schedule.

Vendors & Food

This year, we currently have the following food vendors joining us on-site:

- Sunny Hotdog – hotdogs, sausages, burgers and vegetarian dogs
- Pizza Italia – woodfire pizza
- The Ice Cream Man – ice cream and slushies

Plus, we will have Guelph Performance Inc available to discuss athletic and massage therapy, and a musical guest throughout the day!

Paddles Up! Scott & Katy