

2022 Guelph Dragon Boat Festival



Bulletin #2

Dear Team Captains,

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

Location & Directions

The Guelph Dragon Boat Festival takes place in at Guelph Lake in the conservation area. The best address to use for navigation purposes is 7743 Conservation Road, Guelph, which will take you to the main gate. They will instruct you at the main gate which direction to go to reach the beach area and festival. There is ample parking available on-site.

Park Passes

All park passes for teams have now gone into the mail and you should receive them by end of week or beginning of next week. Each person who enters the park requires this pass – those who do not have one will be required to pay the gate fee upon arrival. **Please have your park pass out and ready to hand in at the gate; this is very important to prevent a back-up upon arrival.**

Rosters & Waivers

All teams should have received their emailed instructions on how to complete your team roster and individual waivers. If for some reason you have NOT received this, please let me know as soon as possible. All team waivers must be completed no later than Thursday, August 11th, 2022.

Steerspeople/Drummers

If your team does not have a steersperson for this event, we can provide one to you. Please email me as soon as possible to make these arrangements. Drummers are also required on every boat; if you do not have one, we suggest finding a volunteer who can join you, however we can also provide you with a drummer if necessary. A reminder – everyone must wear a life jacket at all times and inflatables are permitted.

Race Progression & Format

We are excited to announce that we now have 32 teams registered for this event! This makes it the largest event that we have ever held in the Guelph Conservation Area!!!

To ensure that everyone receives the proper number of races, we will be making some changes to the race schedule and format. Please see below:

- 6:00am – Park gates open
- 7:00am – Registration opens
- 7:30am – Team Captain's Meeting
- 7:45am – Marshalling for first race
- 8:00am – First race

All teams will be randomly placed in their first heat; the results of your first heat will seed you into your division semi-final. The results from your semi-final will seed you into your 200m Knock-Out Final. All teams will race a minimum of 3 x 200m and a maximum of 5 x 200m, as well as a 2000m final. ***For BCS teams, your first race will be your BCS Final (for medals); all subsequent races you will be seeded into the Women's Division.***

Medals will be awarded as follows:

- Mixed Division A Final – Gold, Silver, Bronze
- Mixed Divisions B through E – Gold
- Women's Division A Final – Gold, Silver, Bronze
- Women's Division B through C – Gold
- BCS Division Final – Gold, Silver Bronze + BCS is then seeded into the Women's Division for Knockout's
- All 2000m Finals – Gold, Silver, Bronze

The first version of the schedule will be complete and sent out to all teams by Monday, August 8th, 2022.

If your team is NOT planning to race in the 2000m final, please email me in advance so that we can make the proper schedule changes.

Volunteers Needed!

Do you have a spouse, partner or child that is coming to this event and would like to volunteer with us?! We are still on the hunt for volunteers to help us throughout the event! Duties include:

- Parking Attendant
- Dock Helper
- Fairy Duties (checking washrooms, handing out team bags, hanging signs etc)

All volunteers receive a volunteer shirt, lunch on us, plus students can receive volunteer hours for school (where permitted). If you are interested, please email katy.dunlop@alkame.ca for more information.

As always, should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us!