Toronto International Dragon Boat Festival Participant Checklist

This document contains important information for Team Captains and participants. Please read carefully to help ensure you have a great experience at the Festival on race day.

Practice & Race Day Info

☐ Race Day Schedule
The race schedule will be posted on Monday June 10th, under the Schedule section. Team Captains must check in on Saturday morning in order to receive racing wristbands. Check-in will open at 7:30AM at Race Headquarters.

For more info, visit the Schedule section of the festival page.

☐ Parking on Race Day
There are no public vehicles allowed on Toronto Island. There are various paid parking lots in the area surrounding the Jack Layton Ferry Terminal. The passenger ferry is the Jack Layton Ferry Terminal at 9 Queens Quay W, Toronto, ON M5J 2H3. Participants to take the passenger ferry to Centre Island. On Saturday, the ferry will start at 6:00AM and every 30 minutes after OR the ferry will depart whenever it is fully loaded. On Sunday the ferry will leave at 6:30AM and every 30 minutes after.

☐ Venue Policies
When visiting Toronto Island, please observe the following rules:
• BBQs and grills are not permitted.
• Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
Team Captain’s Checklist

☐ Team Roster Rules
Please make sure that your team follows the roster rules. A team roster must not exceed 26 members - this includes a steers, drummer, and 24 paddlers. Teams without a steersperson will be provided one by GWN for race day and so the roster cannot exceed 25 members.

Mixed teams can have up to a maximum of 10 male paddlers in the boat and any number of female paddlers. All paddlers and the drummer must be female in the Women’s division. In the Open category, you can have any combination of male and female paddlers. All paddlers and the drummer must be a breast cancer survivor on a BCS team.

No paddler may paddle on two teams within the same Race Class. For example, a paddler cannot paddle on two Mixed teams. However, the same paddler can paddle on a Women’s team.

Visit the FAQ section for more info.

☐ Waivers
Every participant, including drummers and steersperson, must complete and sign a GWN waiver. Waivers must be completed online by 12PM EST on Wednesday June 12th. Please note that in order for waivers to be completed online, Captains must first create a roster and invite crew members.

For more info, please visit the FAQ section.

The registration system will close after 12PM EST on Wednesday June 12th and access to change the roster and accept invites will be restricted. After the deadline, any waivers and changes can be made on race day at Registration.

☐ Team Site
A reminder to Team Captains that if you have not booked your team site or ordered a tent by June 3rd, you will be placed in a site by GWN. To reserve your site, view the site availability chart under the 'Athletes' Village' section of the festival page and please contact bookings@gwndragonboat.com with your selection.

Teams cannot bring their personal tents to set up alongside event tents.

☐ Lodging Forms
Part of our commitment to our local partners, as is with each community that hosts MLDB events, is to provide them with the economic impact of our festival. All teams are required to complete and submit a Lodging Form before Wednesday June 12th to info@gwndragonboat.com. Teams will not be able to check in unless a form is submitted.

☐ Rules of Racing
All Major League Dragon Boat series events follow a standard set of rules of racing. For reference, the Rules of Racing can be found here.