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GUIDING BODIES

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EVENTS

Men's 18+
 10's racing
 20s racing

Women's 18+
 10s racing

Mixed events will be offered in:

10's racing (2 women minimum needed for a mixed team)
20's racing (4 women minimum needed for a mixed team)

In the following AGE CATEGORIES:

18 +
35 +

ALL RACES WILL BE HELD OVER A DISTANCE OF 200M

TEAM AND CREW COMPOSITION

10's Crews will consist of a minimum eight (8) and a maximum of ten (10) paddlers plus a compulsory drummer and sweep which are required for each boat.

A 10's Team can consist of as many as fifteen (15) people, being ten (10) paddlers, drummer, sweep, and two (2) reserve paddlers. The team may also have a sworn non-playing coach. (Refer to the WPFG General Rules).

20's Crews will consist of a minimum sixteen (16) and a maximum of twenty (20) paddlers plus a compulsory drummer and sweep which are required for each boat.

A 20's Team can consist of as many as twenty seven (27) people, being twenty (20) paddlers, drummer, sweep, and four (4) reserve paddlers. The team may also have a sworn non-playing coach. (Refer to the WPFG General Rules).

EQUIPMENT

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BOATS

The Host will supply four race boats of the same style, which are to be used by all competitors.

PADDLES

Only those paddles approved for use by the International Dragon Boat Federation may be used. Competitors are encouraged to bring their own paddles; should this not be possible, competitors need to notify the Host as soon as possible so the Host can arrange to provide paddles.

LIFE VEST

All participants including sweeps and drummers will be required to wear an approved life vest whilst competing. Competitors may bring their own vests or approved vests will be provided.

SCHEDULING

Heats will be held in the morning with Finals to follow in the afternoon.

GENERAL SPORT RULES for Dragon Boat

DRUMMER – Each boat crew will be required to supply a “drummer”. This person must be a registered competitor. The DRUMMER for each Team is not required to be GENDER specific.

SWEEPS –All sweeps will be required to be certified as competent by the relevant Dragon Boat Association applicable to the person’s home State or Country. **If a volunteer sweep is used that is not eligible to compete in the World Police & Fire Games no medal will be awarded to that sweep.**