



New Liskeard Dragon Boat Festival Team Regulations and Procedures

1. Entry Fee

Entry fee is \$1,000.00 per boat. \$300.00 is discounted for teams traveling more than 150 km. to New Liskeard by highway, to help defray accommodation expenses. Team members may pay the fee themselves or raise the funds through corporate sponsorship. No partial payments/deposits will be accepted. Entry fees are due by 4 p.m. on June 15th, 2010 at P.O. Box 308, New Liskeard, ON., P0J 1P0. Please make all cheques payable to New Liskeard Lions Club. Please note that pledge monies for the chosen charitable group cannot be applied toward the entry fee. No entry fees will be refunded after June 8th, 2010. Should the event be cancelled due to weather or uncontrollable circumstances, No Refunds will be issued.

2. Team Requirements

- Complete the team registration form and appoint a team captain. The team captain will be the liaison between the Dragon Boat Festival Committee and the team.
- A full team consists of 20 paddlers, 1 steers person and 1 drummer. There must be a minimum of 8 women per team.
- A team will be allowed to paddle short-handed; however, the boat must have at least 16 paddlers. Please contact the Dragon Boat Festival Administration person if your team needs more paddlers.
- No team member will be permitted to race for more than one team.
- All participants must sign a waiver form prior to the teams' in water Dragon Boat practice. All participants must be at least 14 years of age. For all participants younger than 18 years, a parent or guardian's signature is required on the waiver form.
- A dry dock training session will be offered to all teams approximately one week prior to races. At the training session, you will learn proper paddle techniques and in-boat commands. It is strongly recommended that all team members attend this training session, as a team that works together moves much faster in the water.
- Each team is encouraged to provide their own steers person and drummer. A trained steers person will be provided if required.

3. Pledges

- Once your team is registered, the appointed team captain will receive pledge forms for all team members. It is the team captain's responsibility to ensure that all team members receive a pledge form to help raise funds for the charitable group(s).
- Please remit all pledge monies to the Administration tent.
- Every participant is encouraged to raise pledges for the appointed charitable organization(s). There will be an honourable mention of the team and individual that raises the most funds.

4. Location

- The race will be held at the New Liskeard Beach Park.

5. Race Course

- All team members **MUST BE AT THE LOADING DOCKS 20 MINUTES PRIOR TO RACE TIME.**
- Life jackets and paddles will be provided for all participants. **The life jackets must be removed immediately following your race and hung on the rails provided. Paddles are to be replaced in barrels provided.**
- The official race course is 400 meters long and will be marked with buoys at 100-meter intervals.
- All teams will race 3 times
- Teams will be randomly placed in each heat for the first race. Placement in subsequent races is dependent on place and time. Boats race East to West parallel to the shore in the Park.
- Starting dock officials will sound a horn to start the race once the competing boats have lined up evenly. All decisions made by starting dock officials are final.

6. Prizes

- Medals for all division winners