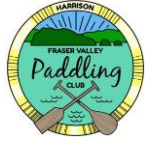




Harrison Dragon Boat Regatta

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OFFICIAL RACE RULES AND REGULATIONS

TEAM ROSTER

A paddler may only paddle on one (1) mixed team roster. If there is no other choice a team may use an experienced steersperson from another team. Teams with paddlers not on their roster as of their first race may be disqualified at the discretion of the Race Officials.

Mixed Crew: Maximum of 10 Men. Minimum of 10 Women – When paddling with fewer than 20 paddlers then it will be Maximum of 9 Men, Minimum of 10 Women, or Maximum of 9 Men, Minimum of 9 Women, and so on. If clarification is needed, check with a Race Official PRIOR to your race.

Steersperson and drummer can be either gender on a Crew.

The Team Manager of an adult team can be part of the racing crew.

Maximum of 24 *paddlers* on a racing crew, plus drummer & steersperson.

****Please note, random roster checks at the marshall area will be conducted throughout the day****

Junior Crew: Paddlers must be at least 12 years of age but under 19 years of age on December 31st of the previous year. Please note that Junior Paddlers have a separate waiver/roster form.

EQUIPMENT

Racing fleet will be provided by Festival organizers.

Only dragon boat paddles not exceeding the IDBF PS202a specifications may be used (carbon fiber paddles will be allowed). The Grey Owl dragon boat paddle meets the IDBF PS202a size specification.

Friction tape and wax may be used on ***your own personal paddles only***. Any "Department of Transport/Canadian Coast Guard" approved PFD will be allowed (except "self-inflating jackets") – they will be inspected by dock personnel before each race, It is up to the discretion of the dock manager if the personal Flotation Device will be allowed. **Note that at this time, Vaikobi PFD's are not approved for use in Canada and will not be permitted at this festival.





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RACE COURSE

Races will be 200m & 500m races.
There will be 4-6 lanes (may change based on teams registered).

THE START

The Race Referee will have the boats line up in their proper lanes 2 boat lengths back of the Start Line.
The Race Referee will hand the race over to the Starter.
The Starter will position boats across the Start Line.

In the event of windy conditions - 'Running Starts' will be used.
The Race Referee will have the boats line up 3 boat lengths behind the Start Line.
The Race Referee will hand the race over to the Starter.

The start commands will be:

1. "We have alignment"
2. "PADDLERS ARE YOU READY"
3. "ATTENTION"
4. An air horn blast or similar signal.

RE-RACE RULES

At the official's discretion, a re-race may be ordered when:
There is a false start called by the Starter, or
There is clearly a collision within the first 50M of the race, or
There is an equipment breakage, other than paddle, within the first 50M of the race

There will absolutely be no grounds for re-races once all boats have passed the 50M mark, except one that is initiated by Officials under extraordinary circumstances.

PROTESTS

Protests require a \$30 non-refundable fee and the protest must be in written form.

A team may protest:

- Illegal paddle/PFD used by another team.
- A crew not complying with the roster rule.
- Collision initiated by another team during the race.

*A protest **must** be brought up prior to your team leaving the Dock area. Otherwise, the offence cannot be verified.*

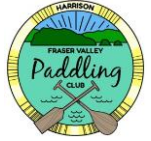




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A team may not protest:

- Boat/lane assignment
- Interference from another boat that did not result in a collision.

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PENALTIES

At the Official's discretion, a **varying-second penalty or team disqualification** may be imposed for the following infractions:

- Verbal/physical abuse to any Official/Volunteer
- Crew does not comply with the Official Team Roster
- False starting
- Crew does not follow Official's instructions to change course, resulting in impeding another crew or resulting in a collision with another crew
- Use of unofficial paddle/PFD

FVPC reserves the right to change the rules and regulations stated in this document without notice.

FVPC has the sole right to construe, interpret and enforce the Official Rules and Regulations.

Any decisions rendered on or under these rules and regulations are conclusive and final.

FVPC reserves the right to add, cancel, or make any changes to the divisional categories or the race structure as needed.

FVPC reserves the right to limit the number of teams that may participate in any division.

FVPC reserves the right to accept or refuse any entry into the festival.

