

# 2025 Hsinchu City Dragon Boat Festival Competition

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## I. Purpose

This event is organized to promote sports for all, enhance physical and mental well-being, and foster local unity.

## II. Organizer

Hsinchu City Government

## III. Executive Organizer

City Marketing Department, Hsinchu City Government

## IV. Co-Organizers

Hsinchu Municipal Athletics Federation

Hsinchu water Life Saving Association

## V. Event Schedule

1. Preliminary Races: Friday, May 30, 2025
2. Final Races: Saturday, May 31, 2025
3. Team Leader Meeting: Wednesday, May 7, 2025
4. Opening Ceremony: Morning of Saturday, May 31, 2025

## VI. Competition Venue

Old Fishing Port, Nanliao, Hsinchu City (No. 214, Nanliao Street, Hsinchu City)

## VII. Registration Period

Monday, April 7 to Wednesday, April 30, 2025

## VIII. Registration Method

1. **Online registration only** via: <https://reurl.cc/8D3jRy>. No paper submissions accepted.
2. A deposit of NT\$2,000 per team is required (remittance fees borne by the team). The deposit will be refunded interest-free upon completion of the competition without forfeit or violations. Payment must be made online via credit card during registration; incomplete payments will be considered incomplete registrations.
3. Teams must upload complete member data by May 6, 2025, including clear, hatless, half-body photos (passport-size, JPG format). Participants under the age of 18 must submit a signed parental consent form. After the registration deadline, no modifications will be accepted.

4. Each team must provide a brief introduction (max. 200 characters) including team features, past performance, or organization background for event media use.
5. Personal data submitted will be used only for event-related purposes such as insurance and identification.
6. For inquiries regarding registration, contact Mr. Chiang at Wei Shun Creative Marketing Co., Ltd. at 03-5366600.

## **IX. Competition Category**

Large Dragon Boat Flag-Grabbing Race

## **X. Team Composition**

- 14–18 athletes per team: 12–16 paddlers, 1 flag grabber, 1 drummer
- Up to 4 substitutes
- 3 administrative members (team leader, coach, manager)
- Max. 25 people per team
- All teams will use a standardized steering system
- Administrative members must be listed as athletes in registration if participating
- Number of paddlers must be between 12 and 16

## **XI. Group Categories**

1. Community Organizations: Companies, clubs, units, or associations
2. Government Agencies/School Staff
3. Youth & College Students (high school and university students)
  - Alumni must join Category 1
4. Global Village: International residents or community groups may register via company/club name
  - Will be merged into Category 1 if fewer than four teams register.
5. Women's Group: Open to all women regardless of age
6. Junior high students may join Category 1, 3, or 4
7. Minimum 4 teams per group; insufficient entries will result in cancellation without objection
8. Team names: Max 8 Chinese characters or 4 English words

9. Past champion teams will be seeded and must register under the same team name.

10. All groups except Women's Group allow mixed-gender teams

## **XII. Pre-Competition Practice**

1. Organizers provide dragon boats, paddles, rudders, drums, and life vests. Life vests are mandatory.

2. Unauthorized practice or unscheduled boating is prohibited and will be reported.

3. Practice period: May 17 (Sat) – May 27 (Tue), 2025

4. Practice reservations open April 7–30. Must complete registration first.

- Time slot availability does not guarantee reservation; confirmation required.
- 4 teams per time slot
- Time slots:
  - 08:30–09:30
  - 09:30–10:30
  - 10:30–11:30
  - 15:30–16:30
  - 16:30–17:30
  - 17:30–18:30

5. Online reservation only, max 2 sessions per team. Arrive 20 minutes early.

6. Inquiries: Mr. Chiang, 03-5366600 (Wei Shun Creative Marketing)

## **XIII. Prize**

(All awarded via wire transfer, NT\$30 service fee deducted)

1. 4-team groups – 2 winners:

- 1st Place: NT\$30,000 + medal
- 2nd Place: NT\$10,000 + medal

2. 5–7 teams – 3 winners:

- 1st Place: NT\$50,000 + medal
- 2nd Place: NT\$30,000 + medal

- 3rd Place: NT\$10,000 + medal

3. 8+ teams – 4 winners:

- 1st Place: NT\$60,000 + medal
- 2nd Place: NT\$30,000 + medal
- 3rd Place: NT\$20,000 + medal
- 4th Place: NT\$10,000

#### **XIV. Team Participation Subsidy**

Teams that complete all races without disqualification, withdrawal, or violations will receive an NT\$4,000 subsidy. (less NT\$30 remittance fee).

#### **XV. Insurance**

Public accident insurance during practice and race days:

- NT\$6,000,000 per person (injury/death)
- NT\$120,000,000 per accident (injury/death)
- NT\$2,000,000 per accident (property damage)
- NT\$244,000,000 total maximum liability

#### **XVI. Health & Safety Measures**

This event complies with the Central Epidemic Command Center's regulations. In the event of natural disasters or force majeure, the organizer reserves the right to cancel or postpone. Announcements will be made on the City Marketing Department, Hsinchu City Government's official website.

#### **XVII. Additional Notes**

Matters not covered herein will be announced and amended by the organizer as necessary.

# Hsinchu City Dragon Boat Festival Competition Rules

## I. Participation Regulations

1. All participants must comply with the rules outlined herein.
2. **Race Distance:** 200 meters, flag-grabbing timed race.
3. **Format:** Double elimination format for both preliminary and final races.
4. All race equipment is provided by the organizer (no personal equipment allowed). Teams may not raise objections to equipment changes due to scheduling or other reasons.
5. Athletes must carry their official event ID cards to compete. Entry without an ID card is not permitted.
6. Any questions regarding race rules or schedules must be raised during the team leader meeting. All teams must follow the competition rules during the race.
7. Teams must report to the check-in area 30 minutes before their race with their ID cards. Team members must be present for roll call. Late arrivals (over 10 minutes) will be disqualified. After check-in, teams must stay in the designated area or be considered forfeited.
8. Teams may not start before the starting gun. A false start is considered a violation; two violations result in disqualification. Once the race begins, it cannot be paused under any circumstance.
9. Race time is measured from the starting signal to the moment the flag grabber successfully pulls the flag (marked below the flag). If the flag is not grabbed, time is recorded when the stern of the boat crosses the flag marker. If a non-flag grabber takes the flag, the time will still be counted based on the stern crossing. A 1-second penalty applies if the flag grabber falls into the water after grabbing the flag.
10. Electronic timing devices and manual judges will record times simultaneously. Electronic timing will take precedence; manual times are backup. In case of electronic failure, manual judgment will be used.
11. Displayed digital timings are for reference only; official results are determined by the organizing committee.
12. All teams are responsible for their own transportation, meals, and uniforms.
13. Lanes will be assigned by drawing lots. Teams must row in their assigned lanes and follow the correct course to the finish. Obstructing or colliding with other boats is a violation and leads to disqualification.

14. Teams leaving their assigned lanes will be disqualified. If deviation is due to force majeure and confirmed by referees, a re-race may be ordered. Refusal to re-race will result in forfeit.
15. Impersonation or competing under another's name will result in team disqualification and nullification of all results.
16. Race times follow the official schedule. The organizer reserves the right to adjust timing. Changes will be announced over the PA system.
17. For championship races (except round-robin groups), teams must race in both inner and outer lanes. The team with the lowest combined time wins.
18. Teams damaging or losing any equipment (including boats and accessories) during practice or competition are liable for compensation.
19. All athletes must wear the life jackets provided by the organizer. Failure to do so results in disqualification from that race.
20. Teams may bring one organizational or team flag for use during opening/closing ceremonies and competitions.
21. To promote team spirit and enhance the atmosphere, teams may form cheer squads in any form, provided they do not disrupt the event.
22. Participants must have basic water safety knowledge and swimming ability. This is a high-intensity sport; participants are responsible for their own health evaluations.
23. All paddlers in large dragon boats must row in a seated position. Violation results in disqualification. Proper seated posture requires facing forward, feet positioned closer to the bow than the hips, and hips remaining on the seat while paddling. Referees will make the final judgment.
24. Teams must use the gongs and drums provided by the organizer. Use of whistles, air horns, or any electronic devices (e.g., megaphones) is strictly prohibited and results in disqualification.
25. Each participant may only register with **one** team. Cross-group or cross-team participation is not allowed. If a person registers for multiple teams, only the first registered team will be considered valid.

## II. Dispute Resolution

1. Any disputes not explicitly covered by the rules will be resolved at the referees' discretion, which shall be final.
2. Valid disputes must be submitted in writing within **30 minutes after the race**, signed and stamped by the team leader or coach, along with a **NT\$3,000** deposit. If the dispute is upheld, the deposit will be refunded (forms available from the head referee).
3. The organizing committee will convene the jury immediately after receiving the dispute to make a final decision.
4. Any teams or individuals who reject the jury's decision or spread misinformation will be disqualified and publicly announced by the organizer.
5. Participants or teams who challenge decisions in ways that disrupt event order or violate sportsmanship may face further action, including notification to relevant institutions or schools and suspension from future events.