

Information Bulletin No. 1

To: **ALL DRAGON BOAT TEAMS AND CLUBS**

The Guam ACES (Athletes, Communities, Educators and Students), Organizing Committee of the 4th Guam Dragon Boat Invitational Thanksgiving Festival, sanctioned by the Guam Dragon Boat Federation (GDBF), cordially invites Dragon Boat Teams and Clubs from other Countries including host Guam, to participate in the festival, which will be held at the Matapang Beach Park, Tumon, Guam from November 23-24, 2019. This event is fully supported by Guam Visitors Bureau and its affiliates.

Competition Regulations and Racing Rules

IDBF Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing will be used as a guide, with some discretion of the Organizing Committee. All Participating crews are required to submit the Provisionary Entry Form no later than April 30, 2019. Limited slots only!

ENTRY FEE:

Entry fee per paddler is **\$150.00** with the following inclusions: Airport Transfers (one time only per team), 4 days-3 night's hotel accommodations (November 22 incoming-25 outgoing, 2019), Welcome Dinner, 2 Breakfasts, Lunch on Race Day, Bottled Water on Race Day, Celebration Party and Registration Fee.

Divisions, Racing & Competition Classes and Distances

The Competition Divisions, Racing and Competition Classes that will be contested are listed below, provided a minimum of 3 entries are received for each competition class.

1. 500M Open Small Boat (12 Racers)
2. 500M Women's Small Boat (12 Racers)
3. 500M Mixed Small Boat (12 Racers)
4. 500M Mixed Standard Boat (22 Racers)
5. 500M Master's Standard Boat (22 Racers)
6. 200M Open Small Boat (12 Racers)
7. 200M Women's Small Boat (12 Racers)
8. 200M Mixed Small Boat (12 Racers)
9. 200M Mixed Standard Boat (22 Racers)
10. 200M Masters Standard Boat (22 Racers)

Division Standard & Small Boat – the primary class of racing. There are no restrictions on competitor's age. Open to all crews.

Senior 40 – Aged 40 years and above (born on or before December 31, 2019); with the exception of the drummer
Racing Class Open – no restriction on crew composition (gender)

Women – for female crews only including the

Drummer, no gender restriction on the helm (Steerer)

DB22 MIXED: Minimum of eight (8) and maximum of twelve (12) paddlers of either gender, no restrictions on the drummer and helm.

Mixed – 12 Racers: Minimum of four (4) and Maximum (5) paddlers of either gender, no restrictions on the drummer and helm

Distance: 200 & 500 meters only

Team Composition:

DB22

- 20 Paddlers
- 1 Drummer
- 1 Steerer (Helm)
- 4 Reserves
- 1 Team Manager
- 1 Coach

DB12

- 8 to 10 Paddlers
- 1 Drummer
- 1 Steerer (Helm)
- 2 Reserves
- 1 Team Manager
- 1 Coach

*Boosters are allowed for a fee (\$150.00 / person)

Same inclusions

OUTLINE PROGRAM:

November 22, 2019 (Friday)	Arrival of all Teams Official Practice Team Manager's Technical Meeting Welcome Ceremony and Reception
November 23, 2019 (Saturday)	Race Day – 500m Straight Course 500m Finals
November 24, 2019 (Sunday)	Race Day – 200m Straight Course 200m Finals Awards Presentation Victory Celebration
November 25, 2019 (Monday)	Departure of all Teams

The above program is provisional and is provided to assist crews with their initial planning. This program is subject to changes. The competition classes by day will be confirmed after all confirmed Entry Forms have been received.

Prizes

Trophies and medals will be awarded to the winners. Every participating team will receive a souvenir for remembrance.

Ground Arrangement Package

The Organizing Committee has made arrangements for the accommodation from Garden Villa Resorts. All the official accommodation locations are 10 – 15 minutes' walk from the race site. Discounted breakfast package are available. Those interested to take up the package, are welcome to write to us for further details.

Confirmed Entry Form Submission

Submission of Provisional Entry Form: April 30, 2019 (Deadline)

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DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES:

Submission of Provisional Entry Form	April 30, 2019 (Deadline)
Submission of Nomination Entry Form	September 15, 2019
Dragon Boat Application	September 15, 2019
Team Introduction and Team Photos	September 30, 2019
Hotel Accommodations and Rooming List	October 15, 2019

We look forward to receiving your entries and welcoming your teams in Guam!

Note: **Limited slots only!**

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