

2025 Tainan City International Dragon Boat Championships Implementation Regulations

1. Objective: This event is specifically held to combine traditional folk culture and sports, promoting public sports activities and enhancing citizens' physical and mental health.
2. Advisor: The Sports Administration
3. Host: Tainan City Government 
4. Organizer: Bureau of Sports Tainan City Government
5. Co-organizers: Tainan City Sports Federation, Tainan City Sport Federation Rowing Committee, Luermen Tianhougong, Orthodox Luermen Sheng Mu (Mazu) Temple, Anping Empress of Heaven (Mazu) Temple, Anping Guanyin Pavilion, Tainan City Bureau of Transportation, Tainan City Police Department, Tainan City Water Resources Bureau, Tainan City Environmental Protection Bureau, Tainan City Health Bureau, Tainan City Fire Department, Tainan City Public Works Bureau, Tainan City Culture Bureau, Tainan City Tourism Bureau, Tainan City Bureau of Civil Affairs, Tainan City Bureau of Social Affairs, Tainan City Labor Affairs Bureau, Tainan City Tax and Finance Bureau, Tainan City Department of Information and International Relations, Tainan City Market Administration Office, Anping District Office, Tainan Municipal Jiansing Junior High School, Tainan Municipal Anping District Junior High School, Tainan Municipal Jincheng Junior High School, Tainan Municipal Anping District Anping Elementary School, Tainan Municipal Anping District Simen Experimental Elementary School, Tainan Municipal West Central District Siejin Elementary School, Tainan Municipal Annan District Haidian Elementary School, Tainan Municipal Nan District Yunhua Elementary School.
6. Sponsors:
7. Event Dates: Tuesday, May 27, 2025, 3 p.m. to Saturday, May 31, 2025, 5 days in total.

8. Location of Race: Tainan Canal (section from Anyi Bridge to Chengtian Bridge).

9. Distance of the Race: 300 meters

10. Registration Procedures:

(1) All participants should register online. Please visit the Tainan City International Dragon Boat Championships website for registration. (<https://dragonboat.tainan.gov.tw/>)

(2) Registration Process:

1. Registration Period: Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 9 a.m. to Friday, May 2, 2025, 5 p.m. There will be no late registrations accepted.

2. Registration Method:

(1) After completing the online registration, please ensure that the information is accurate. Print the registration form, personal information consent form (refer to Annex 1) and parental consent form (refer to Annex 2) and affix an official stamp, **institutional seal for groups from governmental organizations and corporate seal for groups from private companies (include proof of labour and health insurance coverage. Continuous insurance coverage will be estimated beginning three months prior to the registration deadline)**. Send the documents using registered mail to the following address: Bureau of Sports, Tainan City Government (No. 10 TiYu Rd., South District, Tainan City.) before May 2, 2025, 5 p.m. (Friday). Registered mail bearing a postmark after this date will not be accepted.

(2) Paper registration materials delivered in person will not be accepted.

(3) If any team member fails to meet the qualifications in Article 12 of the Regulations, the team's registration will not be accepted.

(4) Please avoid obscene and discriminatory words in your team name.

3. Please fill out appropriate registration information (including English) on the registration website during the online Registration Period. The registration materials must specify the organization represented and include the completed Personal Data Collection Consent Form.
Competitors under the age of 18 shall attach the agreement from legal guardian. Also, for competitor ID card production, before completing the registration, please make sure to upload team members' profile pictures taken within the last 3 months. After confirming the registration materials, please affix an official stamp to the documents and mail them to the registration handling unit before the registration deadline. No revision of the registration materials will be accepted after the online registration is due, and any registration with incomplete materials will be considered an unfinished registration.
4. When registering online, all teams must fill out the fields pertaining to their organizations' and team members' basic information and select their practice times from the available slots.
5. All teams must provide a brief team introduction at registration (team features, historical records, business characteristics of the organization represented, etc.) limited to 300 words for the reports at the Championships.

11. Race Categories:

(1) Large Dragon Boat Race (the winning team is the first to cross the finish line):

1. Open Division:

(1) Men's Group (maximum 40 teams)

(2) Women's Group (maximum 12 teams)

2. High School Division:

(1) Men's Group (maximum 10 teams)

(2) Women's Group (maximum 5 teams)

3. Junior High School Division:

(1) Boys' Group (maximum 6 teams)

- (2) Girls' Group (maximum 5 teams)
- 4. College and University Division (maximum 10 teams)
- 5. Industrial and Commercial Organizations Division
 - (1) Industrial Organizations (maximum 12 teams)
 - (2) Commercial Organizations (maximum 24 teams)
- 6. Public and Teaching Division(maximum 12 teams)
- (2) Small Dragon Boat Race (the winning team is the first to capture the flag):
 - 1. Open Division Men's Group (maximum 28 teams)
 - 2. Open Division Women's Group (maximum 10 teams)
- 12. Competitor Qualifications:
 - (1)Open Division: Ordinary individuals and governmental organizations (including foreigners who have entered), may form teams to compete in the following categories:
 - 1. Men's Group: When there are not enough team members, female substitutes are permitted, and there are no gender restrictions for the drummer or the helmsman.
 - 2. Women's Group: All team members must be female. The drummer cannot be male, but there is no limitation on the gender of the helmsperson.
 - (2)High School Division: All domestic public and private senior high school students (including foreigners who have entered), are eligible to compete, and schools must provide identification documents (such as student ID cards) at registration. (Students from different schools are not permitted to play on the same team.)
 - 1. Men's Group: When there are not enough team members, female substitutes are permitted, and there are no gender restrictions for the drummer or the helmsman.
 - 2. Women's Group: All team members must be female. The team leader,

manager or director may serve as the drummer, and there are no gender restrictions for the drummer or the helmsman.

(3) Junior High School Division: All domestic public and private junior high school students (including foreigners who have entered), are eligible to compete, and schools must provide identification documents (such as student ID cards) at registration. (Students from different schools are not permitted to play on the same team.)

1. Men's Group: When there are not enough team members, female substitutes are permitted, and there are no gender restrictions for the drummer or the helmsman.

2. Women's Group: All team members must be female. The team leader, manager or director may serve as the drummer, and there are no gender restrictions for the drummer or the helmsman.

(4) College and University Division: All domestic public and private college and university students (including foreigners who have entered and completed home isolation examinations), are eligible to compete, and schools must provide identification documents (such as student ID cards) at registration. (Students from different schools are not permitted to play on the same team.)

(5) Industrial and Commercial Organizations Division:

1. Industrial Organization:

Legally registered company numbers for profit-making organizations, including foreigners who have entered the country but do not have the authority to establish cross-unit teams. When registering, include your firm name and any required supporting documentation. Proof of labor and health insurance coverage. (Continuous insurance coverage will be estimated beginning three months prior to the registration deadline.)

2. Commercial Organizations:

Current employees of organizations registered with government agencies,

including foreigners who entered the country but do not have the authority to establish cross-unit teams. When registering, use the society's name and provide any necessary supporting paperwork. The association accepts a paper verifying membership as proof of proper authority.

(6)Public and Teaching Division:

The team members are mixed gender with at least 4 female members. Participants must belong to school's affiliated with the Tainan City Government and can participate in the competition as a joint team.

13. Rules on Number of Competitors:

- (1) Large dragon boats: Each team should have 18 paddles and 1 drummer for 19 people in total; 7 back-up competitors can be added, so a total of 26 people can register. (There is no limitation on the number of teams a helmsman can be in.)
- (2) Small dragon boats: Each team should have 12 paddles and 1 flag grabber for 13 people in total; 7 back-up competitors can be added, so a total of 20 people can register. (There is no limitation on the number of teams a helmsman can be in.)
- (3) Each team shall appoint one person each as a leader, a director, a manager and a captain; if the leader, director, or manager will be in the race, they must be listed on the competitors' registration form; otherwise, they cannot join the competition arbitrarily.
- (4) For junior high and high school teams, the team leader, manager or director may serve as the drummer.

14. Racing System:

- (1) The preliminary races for both large and small dragon boats will be scheduled by drawing lots, and all divisions (open division: men's and

women's groups; senior high school division: men's and women's groups; junior high school division: boys' and girls' groups; and college and university division) will select the best teams based on time performance to enter the preliminary races. A single-elimination system is used in the preliminary and final races for both large and small dragon boats.

(2) The number of place winners for each division is as below:

No.	Race Division	Number of Teams	Prelim Number of Place Winners	Final Number of Place Winners		Note
Large Dragon Boats						
1	Open Division Men's	40	24	6	Time Trial	The 2023 champion and first runner-up teams are guaranteed participation this year, and these teams are included in the number of teams.
2	Open Division Women's	12	6	6		
3	Senior High School Men's	10	5	5		
4	Senior High School Women's	5	3	3		
5	Junior High School Boys'	6	3	3		
6	Junior High School Girls'	5	3	3		
7	College and University	10	5	5		
8	Industrial and Commercial Organizations					
	1. Industrial Organizations	12	6	6		
	2. Commercial Organizations	24	12	6		

9	Public and Teaching Division	12	6	6		
Small Dragon Boats						
1	Open Division Men's	28	16	6	Flag Grabbing	The 2024 champion and first runner-up teams are guaranteed participation this year, and these teams are included in the number of teams.
2	Open Division Women's	10	6	6		
Notes: 1. When there are fewer than 3 teams participating, races for the division will be canceled. 2. Numbers of place winners for the final races will be adjusted based on the actual numbers of participating teams. 3. See Annex3 for the champion and first runner-up performance records in the 2023 Tainan City International Dragon Boat Championships.						

- (3) To enhance the racing performances, the host guarantees the participation of the champion and first runner-up teams last time (2023) in the open division (men's and women's) of both large and small dragon boats this year (as in Annex 3), but these teams must participate in the same division, use the same team names and consist of at least a third of members from last year, and they should also complete related procedures within the specified period.
- (4) The host may adjust the racing system based on the number of teams registering to participate.

15. Meetings: (The race schedule will be determined after drawing lots.)

- (1) Lots-drawing meeting: Lots will be drawn in the Conference Room I , Bureau of Sports, Tainan City Government at 9 a.m. on May 8, 2025 (Thursday). Address: No. 10, Tiyu Road, South District, Tainan City. No additional notice will be given for the meeting, and all teams must send representatives to participate. The host will draw the lots on behalf of any

teams without representatives on the day, and those teams cannot object to decision items determined at the meeting.

- (2) Team leader meeting: Held at 9 a.m. on May 15, 2025 (Thursday) in the Conference Room I , Bureau of Sports, Tainan City Government
Address: No. 10 Tiyu Rd., South District, Tainan City. No additional notice will be given for the meeting. The championship programs and participant ID cards will be distributed on-site, and all teams are required to send representatives.

16. Awards:

- (1) In addition to one trophy, the winners of each group will also be awarded a certificate of award. Except for the open division for large dragon boats, the amount of money awarded to all groups is the same. All award money will be subjected to withholdings under the Income Tax Act, and the amount distribution is as below:

Currency unit: NTD

Number of Teams	Number of Place Winners	Trophy	Prize money					
			1 st Place	2 nd place	3 rd place	4 th place	5 th place	6 th place
3	1	1	3,000					
4-6	3	1	6,000	3,000	trophy certificate of award			
7-10	5	1	10,000	5,000	3,000	trophy certificate of award	trophy certificate of award	
11-14	6	1	12,000	8,000	5,000	3,000	certificate of award	trophy certificate of award
15-17	6	1	20,000	12,000	8,000	5,000	3,000	trophy certificate of award
18 and above	6	1	50,000	30,000	20,000	10,000	8,000	5,000
Large Open Division 14 teams and above	6	1	100,000	50,000	20,000	10,000	trophy certificate of award	trophy certificate of award
Large Open division: If the number of teams is above 15 (including 15), for every additional team the 1 st place winner will be awarded an additional NT\$20,000, the 2 nd place winner will be awarded an additional NT\$10,000, the 3 rd place winner will be awarded an additional NT\$2,000, and the additional prize money can be up to NT\$300,000 (24 teams or above).								

(2) According to the National Taxation Bureau's regulations, the prize money to foreigners in Taiwan must be withheld at 20% for taxes. Also, please submit identification documents (including copies of passport and resident certificate) and sign the receipt and related forms when receiving the prize money.

17. Pre-Race Practices:

- (1) All teams finishing registration must practice properly before the races. Each team gets 3 time slots for prerace practice, and the practice period is from May 17, 2025 (Saturday) to May 18, 2025 (Sunday), May 22, 2025 (Thursday) to May 25, 2025 (Sunday) when the Tainan Canal's Anyi Bridge to Chengtian Bridge section will be open to competitors for practice from 8a.m. to 12p.m. and from 3p.m. to 7p.m. every day. **(Practice time on May 25 is from 2 to 5 p.m.)**(Please fill out 3 practice time slots at online registration. Each time slot can accommodate **4 large dragon boat teams and 2 small dragon boat teams**, and time slots will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis.) Should any other relevant information arise, it will be announced on the Tainan International Dragon Boat Championships official website (https://dragonboat.tainan.gov.tw/message/news_list) and Facebook "Tainan International Dragon Boat Championships" fan page and other online platforms
- (2) In terms of the number of people entering the water during practice, there should be at least 12 paddlers for large dragon boats and 10 paddlers for small dragon boats. If there is an odd or insufficient number of people, the team cannot do the practice; if the drummer is unable to attend, the team may still go down to the boat to practice.
- (3) The dragon boats provided by the organizer must be used during the

practice period .

- (4) All practices must be reserved online, and the reservation period is from 8 a.m. on May 9, 2025 (Friday) to 5 p.m. on May 12, 2025 (Monday). No onsite reservations will be accepted. Teams having completed the registration procedures may go to the event webpage (<https://dragonboat.tainan.gov.tw/contest/reservation>) to reserve their practice times.
- (5) For matters needing competitors' attention and information regarding prerace practices, please refer to Annex 4.

18. Insurance:

The event will insure every competitor with public liability insurance of NT\$5 million (details are based on the contract provided by the insurance company). Competitors are advised to get sufficient practice, sleep and energy before the races, and not to overexert themselves based on their body condition during the races. Although the host has the necessary emergency medical equipment set up onsite, illness due to competitors' preexisting conditions will not be covered by the insurance, as the public liability insurance only compensates for accidental injuries from the races. If competitors need other forms of insurance (such as travel insurance), they are advised to obtain those additionally by themselves.

Note: Coverage scope of public liability insurance:

1. When the insured person has the following accidents during the insurance coverage period that lead to third-party injuries, deaths or property damages that he is legally liable for and is requested to compensate for, the insurance company for this event is liable for the insured person as follows:

(1) The insured person or his employer; accidents that happen within the range

of the races specified on the insurance policy.

(2) Accidents the insured person has around buildings, passageways, machinery or other objects on the racing courses.

2. Special situations not insured:

(1) Sports injuries caused by preexisting conditions.

(2) Illness due to personal physical or cardiovascular conditions, such as shock, heart attack, heat exhaustion, heatstroke, altitude sickness, epilepsy, dehydration, etc.

19. Should there be any natural disaster of force majeure, the host has the right to cancel or delay the event, and relevant information will be announced on websites such as the Tainan City International Dragon Boat Championships website (dragonboat.tainan.gov.tw). Please make sure to monitor online updates.

20. If the Regulations fails to cover any matter, it could be amended by the host, announced and implemented.