

2026 Implementation Plan for the Tainan International Dragon Boat Championships

1. Purpose

In order to integrate traditional folk culture with sports promotion, promote nationwide participation in sports activities, and enhance the physical and mental health of citizens, this event is hereby organized.

2. Supervising Authority

Ministry of Sports

3. Organizer

Tainan City Government

4. Executing Agency

Sports Bureau, Tainan City Government

5. Co-Organizers

Tainan City Sports Federation; Rowing Committee of the Tainan City Sports Federation; Canoe Committee of the Tainan City Sports Federation; Water Rescue Committee of the Tainan City Sports Federation; Anping Kaitai Tianhou Temple; Anping Guanyin Pavilion; Transportation Bureau, Tainan City Government; Police Department, Tainan City Government; Water Resources Bureau, Tainan City Government; Environmental Protection Bureau, Tainan City Government; Health Bureau, Tainan City

Government; Fire Bureau, Tainan City Government; Public Works Bureau, Tainan City Government; Cultural Affairs Bureau, Tainan City Government; Tourism Bureau, Tainan City Government; Civil Affairs Bureau, Tainan City Government; Social Affairs Bureau, Tainan City Government; Labor Affairs Bureau, Tainan City Government; Finance and Taxation Bureau, Tainan City Government; Department of Information and International Relations, Tainan City Government; Market Administration Office, Tainan City Government; Anping District Office; Tainan Municipal Tucheng Senior High School; Tainan Municipal Jianxing Junior High School; Tainan Municipal Haidian Junior High School; Tainan Municipal Jincheng Junior High School; Yonghua Elementary School, South District, Tainan City.

6. Event Dates

June 17, 2026 (Wednesday) to June 21, 2026 (Sunday), for a total of five (5) days.

7. Competition Venue

Tainan Canal (from Anyi Bridge to Chengtian Bridge section).

8. Race Distance

300 meters.

9. Registration Procedures

1. Registration shall be conducted exclusively through the online registration system.

Participants shall register via the official website of the “Tainan International Dragon Boat Championships” at:

<https://dragonboat.tainan.gov.tw/>

2. Registration Process

a. **Registration Period**

From 9:00 a.m., March 16, 2026 (Monday) to 5:00 p.m., April 17, 2026 (Friday).

Late submissions will not be accepted.

b. **Registration Method**

- i. After completing online registration, applicants shall carefully verify all submitted information. The following documents must be printed and submitted with the appropriate seals: (1)Registration summary form (2) Personal Data Consent Form (Appendix 1) (3)Parental Consent Form (Appendix 2, if applicable) Official seals shall be affixed as follows: Open Division: team leader seal Government agencies or organizations: official seal Corporations or businesses: company seal (with supporting proof of labor and health insurance enrollment covering three consecutive months prior to the registration deadline) The documents must be sent by registered mail before **April 17, 2026** to: (Sports Bureau, Tainan City Government No. 10, Tiyu Rd., South District Tainan City 70242, Taiwan) The postmark date shall be regarded as proof of submission. The envelope shall clearly indicate: “2026 Dragon Boat Race Registration Documents.” Late submissions will not be accepted.
- ii. In-person submission of registration documents will not be accepted.
- iii. Applications failing to meet the eligibility requirements specified in Article 12 of this Plan will not be accepted.
- iv. Team names in the Open Division shall not contain vulgar, offensive, or discriminatory wording.

3. Teams must complete all registration information on the online system within the registration period, including English information. A **Personal Data Consent Form** must be completed. Competitors under the age of eighteen (18) must also submit a **Legal Guardian Consent Form**. For athlete identification cards, a **passport-style photo taken within the past three months** must be uploaded for each participant. Once the online registration period closes, **no**

additions, deletions, or modifications to registration information will be accepted.

Incomplete submissions shall be deemed incomplete registrations.

4. Teams shall complete all relevant information during online registration, including team information and staff information, and shall register for practice time slots within the designated schedule.
5. Each team shall provide a **team profile (maximum 300 words)** describing team characteristics, previous competition achievements, or organizational features, for use in official publicity materials.

10. Competition Categories and Divisions:

1. Large Dragon Boat Race Categories:
 - a. Open Division:
 - i. Men's Division
 - ii. Women's Division
 - iii. Mixed Division
 - b. Senior High School (Vocational High School) Division:
 - i. Boys' Division
 - ii. Girls' Division
 - c. Junior High School Division:
 - i. Boys' Division
 - ii. Girls' Division
 - d. College and University Mixed Division
 - e. Industry and Commercial Group Division:
 - i. Corporate Mixed Division
 - ii. Club Mixed Division
 - f. Government Agency Mixed Division
 - g. International Division

2. Small Dragon Boat Race Categories:

- a. Open Men's Division
- b. Open Women's Division

11. Eligibility and Team Composition Regulations for Competition

Personnel:

1. **Open Division:** Domestic members of the general public and agencies or organizations (including foreign nationals who have already entered Taiwan) may all form teams to participate.

➤ **Large Dragon Boat Category:**

- i. **Men's Division:** Where the number of team members is insufficient, women may serve as substitutes. The gender of the drummer and steerer is unrestricted.
- ii. **Women's Division:** All paddlers and the drummer must be female. The gender of the steerer is unrestricted.
- iii. **Mixed Division:** Team members shall be composed of both men and women, and the number of female paddlers shall be at least 6. The gender of the drummer and steerer is unrestricted.

➤ **Small Dragon Boat Category:**

- iv. **Men's Division:** Where the number of team members is insufficient, women may serve as substitutes. The gender of the drummer and steerer is unrestricted.
- v. **Women's Division:** All paddlers and the flag catcher must be female. The gender of the steerer is unrestricted.

2. **Senior High School Division:** Students currently enrolled in public or private senior high schools (including foreign nationals who have already entered Taiwan) may participate.

Relevant supporting documents (such as student ID cards) must be submitted together at the time of registration. (Cross-school teams are not permitted.)

➤ **Large Dragon Boat:**

- i. **Boys' Division:** Where the number of team members is insufficient, women may serve as substitutes. The gender of the drummer and steerer is unrestricted.
- ii. **Girls' Division:** All team members must be female. The drummer may be served by one of the team leader, manager, or coach; however, the gender of the steerer is unrestricted.

3. **Junior High School Division:** Students currently enrolled in domestic junior high schools (including foreign nationals who have already entered Taiwan) may participate. Relevant supporting documents (such as student ID cards) must be submitted together at the time of registration. (Cross-school teams are not permitted.)

➤ **Large Dragon Boat:**

1. **Boys' Division:** Where the number of team members is insufficient, women may serve as substitutes. The gender of the drummer and steerer is unrestricted.
2. **Girls' Division:** All team members must be female. The drummer may be served by one of the team leader, manager, or coach; however, the gender of the steerer is unrestricted.

4. **College and University Division:** Students of domestic public or private colleges and universities (including foreign nationals who have already entered Taiwan) may participate. Relevant supporting documents (such as student ID cards) must be submitted together at the time of registration. (Mixed gender is permitted, but cross-school teams are not permitted.)

➤ **Large Dragon Boat:**

- i. **Mixed Division:** Team members shall be composed of both men and women, and the number of female paddlers shall be at least 6. The gender of the drummer and steerer is unrestricted.

5. Industry and Commercial Group Division:

Corporate Group:

Legally registered profit-seeking enterprises, companies, and business entities (including foreign nationals who have already entered Taiwan, and cross-entity team formation is not permitted) shall register under the name of the company or business entity, or may register under a creative name incorporating the company or business entity name, and shall submit relevant supporting documents together at the time of registration (proof of enrollment in Labor Insurance and National Health Insurance, calculated from continuous enrollment beginning three months prior to the registration deadline). (Cross-registration in the club Group is not permitted.)

Club Group:

Current employees belonging to clubs duly registered with government agencies (including foreign nationals who have already entered Taiwan) shall register under the name of the club, or may register under a creative name incorporating the club name, and shall submit relevant supporting documents together at the time of registration (documents sufficient to prove membership in such club). (Cross-registration in the Corporate Group is not permitted.)

➤ **Large Dragon Boat:**

- i. **Corporate Mixed Division:** Team members shall be composed of both men and women, and the number of female paddlers shall be at least 6. The gender of the drummer and steerer is unrestricted.
- ii. **Club Mixed Division:** Team members shall be composed of both men and women, and the number of female paddlers shall be at least 6. The gender of the drummer and steerer is unrestricted.

6. **Government Agency Division:** Participating personnel must belong to state-owned enterprises, the national armed forces (excluding alternative service), Tainan City Council, or agencies and schools subordinate to Tainan City Government. Registration shall be made under the name of the government unit, or under a creative name incorporating the name of

such unit, and relevant supporting documents (identification card or proof of employment) shall be submitted together at the time of registration. Participating teams may be formed as joint teams, provided that the number of constituent units shall be limited to three.

➤ **Large Dragon Boat:**

Mixed Division: Team members shall be composed of both men and women, and the number of female paddlers shall be at least 6. The gender of the drummer and steerer is unrestricted.

(7) **International Division:** This division is by invitation only. Participating teams must be diplomatic representatives stationed in this country or international representative teams from this city's sister cities, and the races shall be conducted in the form of exhibition races.

➤ Large Dragon Boat:

Mixed Division: No gender restrictions shall apply to team members, and teams may be freely formed.

12. Number of Participants:

1. **Large Dragon Boat:** Each team shall have 18 paddlers and 1 drummer, for a total of 19 persons, with an additional 9 alternate athletes, allowing registration of up to 28 persons in total (there is no restriction on the number of teams in which a steerer may participate).
2. **Small Dragon Boat:** Each team shall have 12 paddlers and 1 flag catcher, for a total of 13 persons, with an additional 7 alternate athletes, allowing registration of up to 20 persons in total (there is no restriction on the number of teams in which a steerer may participate).
3. Each team shall have one team leader, one coach, one manager, and one captain. If the team leader, coach, or manager is to board the boat and participate in the competition, such person

must be included on the athlete registration roster and may not participate temporarily or ad hoc.

4. In the junior high school and senior high school student divisions, the drummer may be served by one of the team leader, coach, or manager.

13. Competition System:

1. Race Format:

- a. The competition shall be divided into stages including group preliminary heats, repechage, group semifinals, semifinals, and finals. The race schedule is as follows:
 - i. Group Preliminary Heats: The first-place team in each group advances to the “Group Semifinals”; all remaining teams proceed to the “Repechage.”
 - ii. Repechage: The first-place team in each group advances to the “Group Semifinals”; all remaining teams are eliminated.
 - iii. Group Semifinals: The race schedule shall be arranged according to the actual number of participating teams.
 - iv. Semifinals: The race schedule shall be arranged according to the actual number of participating teams.
 - v. Finals: The race schedule shall be arranged according to the actual number of participating teams.
- b. A double-elimination system shall be adopted.
- c. Under either of the above two race systems, each team shall compete in at least two races; the actual race system to be adopted shall be separately determined according to the number of registered teams.
- d. The race schedule shall assign bracket placement according to competition ranking and results, and lane assignments shall be determined by drawing lots on the day of the race.

- e. The organizer reserves the right to adjust the race system according to the actual number of participating teams and scheduling needs, and shall give separate notice by public announcement.
2. Where fewer than four teams are entered in any division, no race shall be formed for that division; this provision shall not apply to the International Friends Division.
3. Restrictions on athlete registration:
- a. Each person may register for a maximum of three divisions.
 - b. For Large Dragon Boat “Non-Open Divisions,” each person is limited to registering for one division only, and may not cross-register in any other “Non-Open Division.”
 - c. A person who has already registered in a Large Dragon Boat “Non-Open Division” may only additionally register in one Large Dragon Boat “Open Division” and one Small Dragon Boat “Open Division.”
 - d. For Large Dragon Boat “Open Divisions,” each person is limited to registering for one division only, and may not cross-register in any other Large Dragon Boat “Open Division.”
 - e. If race schedule conflicts arise due to participation across divisions, the organizer shall not provide schedule adjustment services.
 - f. The categories of Open Divisions and Non-Open Divisions are as shown in the following table:

Large Competitive Dragon Boat	Open Divisions	Open Division – Men’s Division
		Open Division – Women’s Division
		Open Division – Mixed Division
	Non-Open Divisions	Senior High School (Vocational High School) Division – Boys’ Division
		Senior High School

		(Vocational High School) Division – Girls’ Division
		Junior High School Division – Boys’ Division
		Junior High School Division – Girls’ Division
		College and University Division – Mixed Division
		Industry and Commercial Group Division – Corporate Mixed Division
		Industry and Commercial Group Division – Club Mixed Division
		Government Agency Division – Mixed Division
		International Division – Mixed Division
Small Competitive Dragon Boat	Open Divisions	Open Division – Men’s Division
		Open Division – Women’s Division

14. Meetings: (The race schedule shall be compiled after the drawing of lots.)

1. Drawing Meeting: At 9:00 a.m. on May 22, 2026 (Friday), the drawing shall take place in the 3rd Floor Conference Room of the Sports Bureau, Tainan City Government (No. 10, Tiyu Road, South District, Tainan City). No separate notice of the meeting shall be given. Each team is requested to be sure to send personnel to attend. If a team does not attend the drawing on that day, the organizer shall conduct the draw on its behalf, and after the meeting no objection may be raised to the race schedule results drawn by the organizer on behalf of that team or to any resolutions made at the meeting.

2. Team Leaders' Meeting: At 9:00 a.m. on June 15, 2026 (Monday), the meeting shall be held in the 3rd Floor Conference Room of the Sports Bureau, Tainan City Government (No. 10, Tiyu Road, South District, Tainan City). No separate notice of the meeting shall be given. Athlete identification cards shall be issued on that day. Each team is requested to be sure to send personnel to attend.

15. Awards:

1. The number of award-winning places in each division shall be determined according to the number of participating teams. The trophies, certificates, and prize money to be awarded for each placing are as shown in the table below:

Placement	1st			2nd			3rd			4th			5th			6th		
	T*	C	P	T	C	P	T	C	P	T	C	P	T	C	P	T	C	P
≥12	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V		V	V		V	V	
9~11	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V		V	V				
7~8	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V							
4~6	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V									

*T: Trophy C: Certificate P: Prize(NTD)

2. Because the International Friends Division is in the nature of an exhibition race, only one commemorative medal shall be awarded to each participant.
3. Additional excellence award prize money shall be awarded to the top three places in each division. All prize money shall be withheld in accordance with the Income Tax Act and relevant stamp tax regulations. The allocation amounts are as shown in the table below:

Unit: New Taiwan Dollar(NTD)

Division	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	Remarks
Large Competitive Dragon Boat				
Open Men's Division	300,000	70,000	40,000	
Open Women's Division	300,000	70,000	40,000	
Open Mixed Division	100,000	50,000	25,000	
Senior High/Vocational High Boys' Division	30,000	20,000	10,000	
Senior High/Vocational High Girls' Division	30,000	20,000	10,000	
Junior High Boys' Division	30,000	20,000	10,000	
Junior High Girls' Division	30,000	20,000	10,000	
College and University Mixed Division	30,000	20,000	10,000	
Industry and Commercial Group (Corporate Mixed Division)	50,000	30,000	15,000	
Industry and Commercial Group (Club Mixed Division)	50,000	30,000	15,000	
Government Agency Mixed Division	50,000	30,000	15,000	
Small Competitive Dragon Boat				
Open Men's Division	70,000	40,000	20,000	
Open Women's Division	70,000	40,000	20,000	

4. According to National Taxation Bureau regulations, prize income received by international persons in Taiwan shall be subject to 20% tax withholding. In addition, when claiming prize money, the recipient shall simultaneously submit a receipt and a signed payment roster (including photocopies of passport and residence permit).

16. Pre-Race Practice:

1. All teams that have completed registration to participate in the competition shall undertake appropriate practice before the race. Each team may have up to two pre-race practice sessions. The practice period shall be from June 6, 2026 (Saturday) to June 14, 2026 (Sunday), from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon each morning and from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. each afternoon (on June 6, 7, 13, and 14, afternoon practice time shall be changed to 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.). The section of the Tainan Canal from Anyi Bridge to Chengtian Bridge shall be open for athletes to practice. Teams shall fill in two practice time slots during the reservation period themselves. For each time slot, there shall be 3 spots for large dragon boats and 2 spots for small dragon boats, to be allocated in order of registration until full. If there are any other related matters, they shall be separately announced on the official website of the Tainan International Dragon Boat Championships / Announcement Area (https://dragonboat.tainan.gov.tw/message/news_list), and on online platforms such as the Facebook fan page “Tainan International Dragon Boat Championships.”
2. During the practice period, the number of persons boarding the water shall be no fewer than 14 paddlers for a large dragon boat and no fewer than 8 paddlers for a small dragon boat. If the number is odd or insufficient, practice aboard the boat shall not be permitted. If the drummer is unable to attend, practice aboard the boat may still proceed.
3. During the practice period, the dragon boats and paddles provided by the 大会 shall be used.
4. Practice reservations shall uniformly adopt an online reservation system. The practice reservation period shall be from 8:00 a.m. on May 18, 2026 (Monday) to 5:00 p.m. on May

22, 2026 (Friday). On-site registration shall not be available. Teams that have completed the registration procedures may register for practice time slots on the event webpage at <https://dragonboat.tainan.gov.tw/contest/reservation>

5. For relevant precautions and instructions concerning pre-race practice, please refer to Appendix 4.

17. Insurance:

This event will provide participating athletes with public accident liability insurance of NT\$5,000,000 per person (details shall be subject to the insurance contract of the underwriting insurance company). However, athletes are especially reminded to ensure sufficient training before the competition, adequate sleep before the race, and appropriate energy replenishment, and when participating in the race they should act according to their physical condition and must not force themselves.

Although the organizer has arranged necessary emergency medical services at the venue, illnesses caused by a participant's own medical conditions are not within the scope of coverage. Public accident liability insurance only covers compensation for injuries suffered as a result of accidents occurring during the race.

In addition, if participating athletes require other insurance (such as travel accident insurance), it is recommended that they obtain such insurance on their own.

Note: Scope of coverage of public accident liability insurance:

1. If, during the insurance period, the insured causes bodily injury, death, or property damage to a third party as a result of the following accidental incidents and bears legal liability for compensation, and a claim for compensation is made, the insurance company underwriting this event shall bear liability for compensation on behalf of the insured:
 - a. Accidental incidents occurring within the competition scope specified in the insurance policy for this competition, caused by the insured or the insured's employees.

- b. Accidental incidents occurring in buildings, passages, machinery, or other works along the competition route for which the insured is responsible.
- 2. Special exclusions:
 - a. Sports injuries caused by personal illness.
 - b. Symptoms caused by individual physical condition or personal cardiovascular conditions, such as shock, heart disease, heat exhaustion, heatstroke, altitude sickness, epilepsy, dehydration, etc.

18. Unforeseen Events

In the event of force majeure natural disasters, the organizer has the right to announce the suspension or postponement of the event depending on circumstances. Relevant information will be announced on the Tainan International Dragon Boat Championships website (dragonboat.tainan.gov.tw) and other websites. Please check the website at any time.

19. Revisions

If there are any matters not fully provided for in this plan, they shall be revised and announced by the organizer before implementation.