

2026 Tainan International Dragon Boat Championships – Athlete Pre-Race Practice Notice

1. **Event Purpose:** In order to provide a good dragon boat practice venue, and to maintain order during the practice period and cultivate the team coordination of participating teams.
2. **Practice Dates:** From June 6, 2026 (Saturday) to June 14, 2026 (Sunday), every day from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (on June 6, 7, 13, and 14 the afternoon practice time is changed to 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.). The open practice time may be flexibly adjusted by the organizer in consideration of the schedule of related activities, weather conditions, and water conditions.
3. **Practice Location:** Tainan Canal (section between Anyi Bridge and Chengtian Bridge).
4. **Practice Registration Procedures:**
 - (1) Reservation Method: Practice reservations shall uniformly adopt an online reservation system; on-site registration will not be accepted.
 - (2) Practice Instructions:
 - (a) Registration time: From 8:00 a.m., May 18, 2026 (Monday) to 5:00 p.m., May 22, 2026 (Friday).
 - (b) Each team practice session shall be one time slot of one hour. Each team may reserve a maximum of two time slots. Reservations shall follow the order of online registration; once the quota is full, applications will no longer be accepted. Practice time will not accept coordination adjustments.
 - (c) For each time slot: three places for large dragon boats and two places for small dragon boats.
 - (d) Large dragon boats must have at least 14 paddlers; small dragon boats must have at least 8 paddlers. The organizer will provide a steersperson on site, or teams may bring their own steersperson who has passed the steersperson

training course for this event. If the number is odd or insufficient, boarding the boat for practice will not be permitted; if the drummer is unable to attend, practice may still proceed.

5. Other Matters:

- a. Practice reservations do not accept telephone registration or on-site registration. Each team shall complete online reservation or cancellation of practice time slots before the practice registration deadline. Except in cases of natural weather factors, if a team registers but does not arrive on the day of practice, its subsequent practice qualification will be cancelled.
- b. During the practice period, life jackets will be provided on site for athletes to use. Before entering the water, please ensure that all buckles are fastened. After finishing practice and coming ashore, please also hang the life jackets neatly to dry so that other athletes may use them.
- c. If there are any matters not fully provided for in this plan, the official website of the 'Tainan International Dragon Boat Championships' and on-site announcements shall prevail.