



Annapolis Dragon Boat Foundation, Inc.

2016 Competition Policy

This memorandum establishes the policy for the Annapolis Dragon Boat Foundation, Inc. (ADBF) and the Annapolis Dragon Boat Club (ADBC) for members competing in dragon boat race competitions (each a "Competition") with ADBC. Members who have signed up to participate in a Competition are committed to supporting the ADBC team in accordance with Article 2a) of ADBF By-Laws, namely to promote, encourage and sustain the challenges of dragon boat paddling and competition, with the following guidelines:

- Each Competition shall have a volunteer Captain. It is the Captain's responsibility to collect from all team members, signed waivers, collect/return a commitment fee, liaise between ADBC coach and team members, attend the Captain's meeting at the Competition, organize warm-up exercises and ensure the team is marshaled promptly.
- Entry fees for Competitions chosen by the Race Committee and approved by ADBC Board will be funded by ADBC. In the event the race fee is not supported by ADBC, each competitor will be responsible for his/her individual entry fee (cost of race entry/number of ADBC racers). This policy remains in effect whether entry fees are funded by ADBC or individual competitors.
- The commitment fee per Competition shall be \$40 per team member, or such other amount as the ADBC Board shall determine, due 30 days prior to the Competition. If a team member is unable to attend the Competition for reasons other than health or emergencies, he/she will forfeit their commitment fee to ADBC. In all other cases the commitment fee will be returned to the team member at the Competition.
- ADBC Competition team shall consist of 25 teammates: 1 steerer, 1 drummer and 23 paddlers. Each paddler is guaranteed participation in at least one race per Competition, subject to last minute changes made by Competition organizers. ADBC coach will determine the seating for each race after consultation with the Captain, with consideration given to representations made by the Captain, the type of race, any changes made by the Competition organizers, team members' commitment to the practice regime and their development of skill and endurance.
- All team members are encouraged to attend all ADBC race practices. Team members who are signed up for a Competition must attend at least the two Thursday night ADBC race practices prior to the Competition barring extenuating circumstances, with the approval of the coach. The two race practices preceding a Competition will be focused specifically on the upcoming Competition where seating will be presented. It is understood that seating may be adjusted during the Competition to provide racing opportunity to all team members at a Competition.
- Race PFDs are the property of ADBC; in the event of loss of a club PFD, the responsible member will reimburse ADBC \$125.00 for replacement.

Print Name of Member: _____

Agreed and by: _____ on _____
Member Signature *Date*