

Portland Rose Festival Dragon Boat Race  
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**FOREWORD**

The Portland Kaohsiung Sister City Association (PKSCA) hosts the Portland Rose Festival Dragon Boat Race as an expression of the ancient Chinese culture. It is an international people-to-people event, as well as a local civic event. Our goal is to conduct a race that can be enjoyed by all members of our community. We intend for it to be fun and fair to new and recreational teams and paddlers, as well as to experienced and world-class teams and paddlers. In the spirit of Sister Cities International and our beautiful city, we will adhere to the principles of fairness and friendliness to all.

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## I. INTRODUCTION AND BASIC COURSE INFORMATION

- A. Under the authority granted by the PKSCA Board, the race directors, who are appointed by the PKSCA Board, will manage the Portland Rose Festival Dragon Boat Race. Responsibility for the race and team practice sessions rests with the PKSCA race directors who, with the PKSCA Board, set policies, rules and regulations governing these activities.
- B. If, for any reason beyond the control of the race directors and the PKSCA, the race must be canceled or curtailed, there will be no refund of the entrance fee. This rule also applies to a possible terrorist threat or action.
- C. Basic course information: the official race course is 535.6 meters in length. The start line is on the east side of the Willamette River just north of the Marquam Bridge. The finish line is on the west side of the Willamette River, just south of the Hawthorne Bridge. The course has been surveyed and marked on the shore. For race weekend, flags are placed at the start and finish lines.

## II. RACE DIVISIONS TEAM COMPOSITION AND SPECIAL SITUATIONS

The race divisions are Mixed, and Women. At the discretion of the race directors, any team may be placed in an alternate division. The only exceptions are sanctioned events such as the International High School Friendship Race, and/or the Gorman Cup.

Each team shall consist of a maximum of 29 members. A crew consists of 23 members on a boat during the race heats: 20 paddlers, 1 caller, 1 flag catcher, and 1 tiller. The minimum age for any team member for all divisions is 14. For Youth Teams all team members must be registered in an accredited middle or high school program, and all team members must be a minimum age of 14 and a maximum age of 19. All Mixed teams are required to race with a minimum of ten (10) female paddlers and a maximum of ten (10) male paddlers. For the Women's division, all 20 paddlers must be female. The flag catcher, caller, and tiller may be either male or female. Each team must have a designated team captain with duties described in Section IV of this document.

Each paddler must be a member of only one team and must be named on only one Final Team Photo Roster (see Section III of this document). Callers, tillers, and flag catchers may be on more than one team but no race heat will be delayed due to the transfer of these team members from one boat to another.

In case of illness or injury of team member(s), a team may compete with 18 or 19 paddlers. All paddlers must be listed on the team's Final Team Photo Roster that was submitted to the race directors. Mixed teams competing with 18 or 19 paddlers may not exceed the maximum of ten (10) male paddlers. If a team is competing with either 18 or 19 paddlers, then the race directors must be notified prior to the heat.

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### III. TEAM PHOTO ROSTER

- A. A team shall consist of a minimum of 23 and a maximum of 29 members. The racing crew for a heat will consist of 23 members all of whom must be included on the team's Team Photo Roster: 20 paddlers, 1 caller, 1 flag catcher and 1 tiller. The Team Photo Roster shall have no more than 29 members and must include 1 caller, 1 flag catcher and 1 tiller.
- B. PKSCA will provide each registered team with two (2) plastic pocket pages into which the team captain will place the following:
1. One team-identification card for each pocket page and individual photo-identification cards for each team member who is eligible to paddle (in alphabetical order by last name).
  2. The team-identification cards will contain the team name (printed), team captain's name (printed), and team captain's signature. This card is to be placed into the bottom right-hand pocket of both of the team's plastic pocket pages.
  3. Each individual photo-identification card will contain the team member's name, team member's signature, and a photo of the team member. Callers, tillers, and flag catchers need to provide photo-identification cards for one team only. If a team is borrowing a caller, tiller, and/or flag catcher from another team's Team Photo Roster, then the team's captain needs to include an individual photo-identification card with only the borrowed-person's name and the team that person is officially rostered on. No picture or signature of that borrowed person is required. **All participants must have an individual photo-identification card with a picture and signature on one Team Photo Roster only. See Team Photo Roster preparation instructions provided in the packet provided to you.**
  4. Photo-identification cards need to be arranged alphabetically by last name in front-to-back order on each team's pocket pages.
  5. The pictures must be current passport-type color photos that closely represent the way participants will appear on race weekend.
- C. Race Officials will examine a team's Photo Roster, typed roster and waivers to determine if there is a Photo ID Card and waiver for each team member on the typed team list. When the Team Photo Roster is complete it will be sealed.
- D. If, during race weekend, a team has an emergency and needs to borrow a caller, tiller, or flag catcher, then approval must be obtained from the Race Director.
- E. At the discretion of the race directors, Team Photo Rosters will be used on race weekend to verify paddlers immediately after heats.

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#### IV. TEAM CAPTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Ensure that each team member has read and is knowledgeable of the contents of the official rules and regulations, and that each team member and participant abides by them at all times while on the water, on the land, and on the dock.
- B. Maintain a file of completed and signed waivers in alphabetical order by last name for any team members, including all coaches, guests, chaperones, and volunteers for the practice season and race weekend. Captains do not have to maintain paper waivers for those team members registered on Bonzi Team.
- C. Submit the following to the race directors prior to a team's first practice; completed and signed waivers in alphabetical order by last name, and three registered Volunteers (for local-area teams only). The completed waivers must include a minimum of ten (10) paddlers, 1 caller, and 1 experienced tiller. Captains may submit a Bonzi Roster for those team members registered on Bonzi Team instead of paper waivers.
- D. Provide the race directors, at each monthly team captain's meeting, with waivers for all new team members. Ensure the waivers are completed and signed, and are in alphabetical order by last name. Captains may submit an updated Bonzi Roster for those team members registered on Bonzi Team instead of paper waivers.
- E. For In-town teams have required three Volunteers registered on-line with PKSCA prior to the start of practices. At least one volunteer must be registered to work on Sunday.
- F. Attend each of the monthly team captain's meetings (see the calendar located at <http://www.pkscanet.net> for dates) or to arrange for a representative to attend. It is required for the team captain or a representative and the tiller(s) to attend the March team captain's meeting for the U.S. Coast Guard's safety presentation.
- G. Attend, or arrange for a representative to attend the final Wednesday team captain's meeting prior to race weekend, as well as the 7:30 AM team captain's meetings held on both Saturday and Sunday of race weekend. **Out-of-area** team captains are not required to attend either the March or the final Wednesday team captain's meetings. However, team captains of **out-of-area** teams are required to attend both of the team captain's meetings at 7:30 AM on Saturday and Sunday of race weekend.
- H. Provide the following documents to the race directors on or before the Wednesday prior to race weekend. Local-area team captains should submit these documents at the final Wednesday team captain's meeting prior to race weekend. **Out-of-area** team captains should send the required forms by U.S. Post. These documents **must be received on or before the Wednesday prior to race weekend.** Send to PKSCA, PO Box 80404, Portland, OR 97280. Documents to be submitted are the following:
  1. Final Team Photo Roster: in alphabetical order by last name, must contain all team members who are eligible to paddle on that team. Caller, tiller, and flag catcher must appear on only one (1) team's Final Team Photo Roster. Submit a typed, alphabetical list (by last name) of all team members.

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2. Completed and signed waivers in alphabetical order by last name for any team members) for which completed and signed waivers have not previously been submitted. For team members registered on Bonzi Team, Captains may submit a Bonzi Roster instead of paper waivers.
3. All other waivers for persons not listed on the Final Team Photo Roster and who have boarded a PKSCA boat, including all coaches, guests, chaperones, volunteers, etc.

**Local teams only:** no additions to the Final Team Photo Roster and no new waivers will be accepted after the final Wednesday team captain's meeting which is prior to race weekend.

**Out-of-area teams only:** no additions to the Final Team Photo Roster and no new waivers will be accepted after having been received by the race directors. **These documents must be received on or before the final Wednesday team captains meeting prior to race weekend.**

## V. CALLER AND TILLER RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Caller and tiller shall have control of the team and the boat at all times during the race, especially at the start line.
- B. On the water, the caller/coach shares the same responsibilities as the captain.
- C. Each team is required to participate with an experienced tiller.
- D. At all times while in the boat, the caller is considered to be the captain of the boat and the crew. The caller/captain has the sole responsibility to enforce safety policies and rules. In emergency situations, the tiller may override the caller/captain and command a maneuver, or halt the boat.
- E. Tillers have the sole responsibility to ensure that the boat is in the proper racing lane at all times.

## VI. TEAM PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS:

As a condition of entry to the Portland Rose Festival Dragon Boat Race, each team and participant agrees to all of the following:

- A. Know and abide by the Portland Rose Festival Dragon Boat Race Rules.
- B. Conduct oneself so as to maintain the highest integrity and dignity for oneself and the team with good sporting behavior, friendship, and respect for the traditions of the dragon boat race and the cultures of the participating countries, organizations, and individuals.
- C. Have a team captain who performs all of the team captain responsibilities as listed in Section IV of these Race Rules.
- D. Provide three (3) volunteers (**out-of-area teams** located beyond 65 miles from Portland are not required to provide volunteers). Provide a replacement volunteer(s) if the team's volunteer(s) is/are unable to meet the team's obligations. One volunteer must be registered to work on Sunday.

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## VII. TEAM REGISTRATION

- A. In order to participate, teams must register by submitting a completed Team Application and the appropriate registration fee paid in full. Upon acceptance of the application, additional documents are required as stated in Section VII, E of this document.
- B. The race directors will process Team Applications in the order in which they are received.
- C. The race directors, with the PKSCA Board, have the authority to accept or reject a team's application.
- D. Race directors will assign teams to the requested divisions in the order of acceptance.
- E. Registered teams will not be eligible to race until they provide all of the following documents on or before the final Wednesday team captains meeting prior to race weekend:
  1. The Final Team Photo Roster. Must contain in alphabetical order by last name all team members who are eligible to paddle on that team. The caller, tiller, and flag catcher must appear on only one (1) team's Final Team Photo Roster. Submit a typed, alphabetical list (by last name) of all team members.
  2. Completed and signed waivers in alphabetical order by last name for any team members for which completed and signed waivers have not previously been submitted.
  3. All other waivers for persons not listed on the Final Team Photo Roster and who have boarded a PKSCA boat, including all coaches, guests, chaperones, volunteers, etc.

**Local Teams Only:** No additions to the Final Photo Team Roster and no new waivers will be accepted after the final Wednesday team captain's meeting which is prior to race weekend.

**Out-of-Area Teams Only:** No additions to the Final Photo Team Roster and no new waivers will be accepted after having been received by the race directors. **These documents must be received on or prior to the final Wednesday team captain's meeting which is the Wednesday prior to race weekend.**

- F. Eligible local-area teams may practice in PKSCA boats during the official practice season. The following rules apply:
  1. Teams making application prior to the March team captains' meeting will be assigned tentative practice times in the order that each team's application and full payment are received.
  2. Registered teams may begin practicing in PKSCA boats only after having submitted the following required documents:
    - a. Completed and signed waivers in alphabetical order by last name for a minimum of ten(10) paddlers, 1 caller, and 1 experienced tiller.
    - b. Have three volunteers registered with at least one registered to work on Sunday (local-area teams only).
  3. If practice requirements (see No. 2 above) are not met on or before the March team captain's meeting, then the tentatively-assigned practice times will be forfeited. New practice times will be assigned after the requirements have been met.



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4. Teams registering after the March team captain's meeting must meet practice requirements (see No. 2 above) before practice times will be assigned.
- G. The race directors may choose to expand a division that has filled and/or to reduce the size of a division that has not filled, regardless of previously published division sizes. The race directors may also assign a team to a division other than the division requested on the team application, but only after consultation with the team captain.
- H. Submission of a signed Team Application and full registration fee constitutes agreement that the captain and all team members will adhere to the Practice and Safety Rules as well as the Race Rules. If, in the judgment of the race directors and the PKSCA Board, a team has not followed or will not adhere to these rules, then the team may be ejected from the event and the team's registration fee will be refunded according to the Refund Policy.
- I. Race directors will use email to communicate with team captains. These communications include, but are not limited to, notifications that Team Applications have been accepted, the division in which the team will compete, and the team's tentative and/or actual assigned practice times.

## VIII. RACE STRUCTURE, TIME TABLE, AND AWARDS

- A. The race directors will determine contest structure, race schedule, and competition program taking into account such factors as the number of teams, minimum number of teams needed to establish a division or subdivision, time limitations, safety, and other practical considerations.
- B. All teams will have an opportunity to race a minimum of three (3) times, including the two (2) qualifying heats on Saturday and the Quarterfinal heat on Sunday. The two qualifying heats on Saturday will determine each team's trophy category within their division. Advancement to the Semifinals and Finals will be determined by results in the Quarterfinal and Semifinal heats.
- C. Points earned in the qualifying heats determine into which trophy group a team will advance. Fewer points are better. For those teams who have an equal number of accumulated points, seeding is based on accumulated official qualifying heat times. Teams with lower accumulated heat times will be seeded higher.
- D. Trophies and awards will be given to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams in each division's trophy group.

## IX. EQUIPMENT

- A. Paddlers may use personally-owned, unmodified Sawyer Special paddles, model #SP8. Decals, paint, or tape are permitted. Wax, wax-type materials and sticky substances may not be used on any equipment taken aboard a PKSCA boat.
- B. Use of knee pads, seat pads, and gloves is permitted
- C. Competitors may use personally-owned U.S. Coast Guard-approved vest-style PFDs worn over all clothing. Ski-belt-style PFDs are not allowed.
- D. Electronic communication is not permitted during race heats.
- E. Noise-making and/or megaphone devices are not permitted on the boats during race heats.

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## X. BASIC SAFETY ON RACE WEEKEND

- A. The caller/captain shall take charge during an incident or mishap on the water. The caller/captain should conduct a headcount of the team to ensure that all team members are accounted for and that they remain together until an official rescue boat arrives, or until the boat is brought safely to shore. If a certified rescue boat arrives, (e.g., U.S. Coast Guard, river patrol, etc.), then the caller/captain shall surrender command to the rescue personnel.
- B. If a paddle breaks or is dropped during a heat, do not attempt to rescue it. Report the lost equipment to the Finish Line officials.
- C. If a lightning storm, flood, or another dangerous condition occurs during race heats, then a signal consisting of a repeated sequence of five (5) short blasts from an air horn will be sounded along with announcements over the public-address system. All boats must then immediately return to the dock. After the boat is secured, the crew must immediately proceed to the land and shelter. When it is safe to resume the races, it will be announced over the public-address system.
- D. The caller/captain is responsible for the conduct of team members on the land, on the dock, and on the water. Violations on and off the water must be reported to the race officials.
- E. If, for any reason beyond the control of the race directors and the PKSCA, the race must be canceled or curtailed, then there will be no refund of registration fees. This rule also applies to a possible terrorist threat or action.
- F. Each team member is solely responsible for his or her own safety at all times while engaging in activities related to practicing and racing PKSCA boats. Crew members, particularly callers and tillers, must be aware that they have responsibilities for the safe control of the boat and should never go on the water if they or any person is in any way impaired by alcohol, controlled or illegal substances, or performance-enhancing drugs. **No alcohol, controlled or illegal substances, or performance-enhancing drugs are permitted on the boats at any time.**

## XI. RACE FORMAT

1. MARSHALING AND PREPARATION FOR THE RACE
  - A. Scheduled start times are published in the Portland Rose Festival Dragon Boat Race program bracketing packet, as well as on the Results Board which is located near the Command Tent.
  - B. Each team should be ready and available for marshaling 30 minutes prior to its scheduled heat. Teams will be called by the race officials over the public-address system as much as 30 minutes before the team's scheduled heat. However, teams must not rely on this announcement. Failure to report in a timely manner may result in a severe penalty.
  - C. No heat will be delayed due to a team's failure to report to the marshaling area on time or for any team member transferring between boats.
  - D. Teams will line up by lane number and will be checked by the Marshal for composition and completeness. The Escort will then carry a matching-colored lane flag and lead teams down to the dock. Team membership may be verified according to the Final Photo Team Roster.
  - E. No animals or pets, other than certified service animals are permitted on PKSCA boats at any time.



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2. ARRIVAL AT THE DOCK

- A. Upon arrival at the dock, the dock manager will direct the team to its assigned boat. Load quickly.
- B. The team captain/caller will ensure that all members have properly adjusted and secured vest-style PFDs, that each paddler has one paddle, that the caller has a drum and drumsticks, that the flag catcher has stirrups in working order, and that two extra paddles are aboard the dragon boat in case of breakage. No personal belongings, water, or drinks may be brought to the dock.
- C. The team captain/caller must report any equipment violations to the dock manager. It is especially important that the team captain look for wax on hands and paddles. Also, the team captain should look for other modifications to paddles prior to boarding a boat.
- D. A dock monitor will examine paddles and other equipment for wax-type materials, other modifications, and damage. This applies to both PKSCA-provided as well as personally-owned equipment.
- E. The caller and flag catcher both must be forward of the drum at all times.
- F. While still in the dock area, all crews come under the authority of the dock management. When clear of the dock, all crews then come under the authority of the race officials. Crews must comply with the instructions of dock management and race officials.

3. PADDLE TO STAGING AREA

- A. Paddle to the staging area behind the start line in a timely manner. Boats failing to arrive at the staging area in a timely manner may be disqualified. No protests will be accepted.
- B. Once at the staging area, boats must immediately follow the directions of the race officials. The team must remain quiet so that directions given by the race officials can be heard and followed.

4. START PROCEDURE

- A. Race lanes: there will be no marked lanes in the Willamette River. Tillers are to aim for the finish line and to avoid collision with other dragon boats. Each lane has a designated number. Lane 1 is closest to the start boat. The race distance is 535.6 meters.
- B. Start line: a surveyed line indicated by markers (flags) on the shore. Note: other buoys and markers are not official start-line indicators.
- C. Remain quiet so that directions from the race official at the start can be heard and followed. The race official at the start will start the heat when all boats are relatively lined up in the race official's opinion, under the best possible conditions for a fair start. No protest will be accepted.
- D. The race official at the start will call boats from the staging area to the start line. Boats will remain in the assigned lanes allowing for wind, current, tides, and wakes. Boats not moving promptly and directly to the start line may be penalized, up to and including disqualification. No protests will be accepted.
- E. The line-up procedure is generally as follows:
  - 1. All boats forward (or the one boat that needs to move forward).
  - 2. All boats back-paddle until your lane is directed to hold.
  - 3. Be watchful of spacing while back paddling.

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4. When the race official gives the command to 'hold', that means to keep the boat steady in that one position. In other words, prevent the boat from drifting in any direction.
5. When the final lane is given the command to 'hold', the race official will announce the words to the effect of 'good, ok' and will then begin the race-start sequence.
- F. All boats must be stationary at the start of the heat. No part of a boat may cross the start line until the start signal has sounded or else it may be deemed a "false start". The heat will continue and be completed regardless of a "false start". The team or teams deemed by the race officials to have "false started" will be assessed a 20-second penalty. Race starts and finishes will be videotaped. No protest will be accepted.
- G. When all boats are ready, the race official at the start will give the following commands:
  6. "Paddlers prepare to start"
  7. "Attention" or "Attention please"
  8. Audible sound (horn, gun, or other)
- H. The caller and tiller shall have control of the team at all times during the heat, especially at the start line.

5. CONDUCT DURING RACE HEAT

- A. The race directors reserve the right to penalize any team at any time for cause.
- B. Teams deliberately jeopardizing the safety of crews, boats, or others will be disqualified. No protest will be accepted.
- C. The correct course for each boat is from its starting lane to the corresponding finish-line flag.
- D. Each boat must remain in its assigned lane keeping clear of and not interfering with the other boats, and generally must keep a distance from other boats located in adjacent lanes.
- E. If one boat is overtaking another boat during the heat, then it is the duty of the overtaking boat to keep clear of the boat being passed. Similarly, a boat being passed or overtaken may not alter its course to cause difficulties for the passing boat.
- F. The caller and tiller shall be responsible for taking all actions necessary to avoid a collision. Tillers must be able to command the boat effectively and send effective signals to the caller.
- G. The flag catcher must have both ankles securely strapped into the Portland Rose Festival Dragon Boat Race-provided ankle restraints during race heats.
- H. The flag catcher will pull the flag from the buoy in the designated lane. The flag catcher is the only team member allowed to pull the flag. This action constitutes the successful finish of the race. The flag catcher must demonstrate possession and then immediately drop the flag into the water to be picked up by the race officials.
- I. If the flag catcher falls off the boat in the process of pulling the flag, then the team will be penalized.
- J. All team members must remain in the boat from dock to dock.
- K. No one is allowed to stand on the head of the dragon at any time.
- L. Paddlers must remain seated in the boat from dock to dock.
- M. In the event a team member falls out of a boat, then the team must stop paddling and must immediately recover the person. Safety boats may assist.
- N. Paddlers must paddle in a seated position.
- O. If, in the opinion of the race directors, a team has deliberately swamped or capsized a boat, or has attempted to do so, then the team may be penalized, up to disqualification.
- P. If, in the opinion of the race directors, a boat or its equipment has been deliberately damaged by team members, then the team may receive a financial and/or disciplinary penalty.

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- Q. Immediately upon completion of a heat, all teams must promptly return to the assigned area at the dock.
- R. Follow dock management instructions when returning to the dock and unloading boats.
- S. Do not step on boat benches (seats) at any time. Always step between the benches (seats).
- T. When unloading from the boat, dock management will inspect each paddle for wax, damage, etc., and will also inspect the boat. Once the inspection and verification of the Final Photo Team Roster have been completed, the team will then be released to depart the dock immediately.

6. RESULTS

- A. The end of the heat for each team occurs when the flag catcher pulls the flag out of the team's assigned-lane buoy.
- B. The race official at the finish line shall declare the official order and time of finish for each team that properly pulls the flag. The decision is final and may not be protested. Unsolicited videos, photos or verbal accounts pertaining to any disputed finish, course fouls, or other matters have no official status or bearing on a disputed finish.
- C. The team captains must check the official posted heat results immediately after each of the teams' heats to confirm the order of finish.

7. PROTESTS/DISPUTES

- A. Protests must be filed at the Command Tent immediately following the heat. The team captain must submit a written protest and include the fee to the race directors within the 10 minutes immediately following the completion of the heat. The protest fee is \$25.00 USD. The protesting team captain is responsible for notifying all other teams in that heat that a protest has been filed.
- B. The race directors will decide on the protest in a timely manner. The team captain will be informed of the decision. If a decision is made in favor of the protesting/disputing team, then that team will be refunded the protest/dispute fee.
- C. Only the team captain or one team representative may approach the Command Tent to file a protest and then the team captain or the one team representative must move away from the Command Tent. The race directors may consult with the representative. Do not disturb the race directors during the time of deliberation. After the race directors make a determination, the team captain or the representative will be called to the Command Tent.

8. PENALTIES

- I. The race directors, at their discretion, may impose a penalty for any unsporting behavior or conduct by a team, team member, or team representative whether or not it is listed as an official infraction.
  - A. A team will be disqualified from the event if a paddler's photo-identification card is not contained in the team's Final Photo Team roster which is on file with the race directors.
  - B. At the discretion of the race directors, the comparison of all paddlers to the Final Photo Team Roster will be made immediately after completion of the heat.

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- II. Teams will receive four (4) points, will be assigned fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) place in that heat, and will receive a time equal to the slowest recorded time in that heat plus 15 seconds for any of the following:
- A. A complete team fails to report to the marshaling area in a timely manner.
  - B. Possession of signaling devices, including radio communications, personal intercoms, or other electronic items and any noise-making devices on the boat during the heats.
  - C. Boats not promptly moving from the staging area to the start line.
  - D. Flag catcher is not properly strapped in during the heat.
  - E. Flag catcher falls off of a boat while catching the flag.
- III. A team member or an entire team may be penalized up to ejection from the entire event (Race) for:
- A. Deliberately jeopardizing the safety of race participants, spectators, race officials, PKSCA Officers, and/or volunteers.
  - B. Deliberate misuse and/or damage to boat or equipment.
  - C. Unsporting conduct.
  - D. Deliberate gross lane change violation.
  - E. Having a paddler on two or more Final Photo Team Rosters and/or who paddles on two or more teams.
  - F. Verbal or physical abuse to any race official or volunteer.
  - G. Violation of rules regarding equipment modification.

OTHER PENALTIES

- A. Boats failing to move from the dock to the staging area in a timely manner may be penalized or disqualified from that heat. No protest will be accepted.
- B. If a team or teams “false start” as determined by the race officials, then the heat will continue and a 20-second penalty will be added to the “false-starting” team or teams. No protest will be accepted.
- C. If the flag catcher misses the flag, then the team will receive a time equal to its approximate finish time, plus 20 seconds to determine the finishing place and the finishing time in that heat. The finish line official(s) will determine the team’s official finish time.
- D. All PKSCA boats, paddles, PFDs, and any other PKSCA-supplied equipment used during the race must be returned to the PKSCA undamaged and must be in serviceable condition. Replacement or repair costs of such equipment will be charged to the responsible team should the race directors determine negligence.

**XII. EVENT SITE RULES**

A. TENT ASSIGNMENTS

Tent assignments are made by the race directors. Teams who switch tents without approval from the race directors may be penalized, up to disqualification from the race. No protest will be accepted.

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B. SPONSORSHIP IDENTITY

1. PKSCA retains all rights to advertising, sponsorship, commercial representation, and activities for the Portland Rose Festival Dragon Boat Race event and site. PKSCA recognizes and acknowledges board-approved, official Portland Rose Festival Dragon Boat Race event supporters, sponsors, and contributors. Team sponsors who are supporters of individual teams are not sponsors for the Portland Rose Festival Dragon Boat Race. PKSCA is not obligated to individual team sponsors, and PKSCA limits any commercial representation on the race event site and on-the-water venue to the following:
  - a. Representations of the organization responsible for the team and its sponsor(s) shall be limited to clothing such as team uniforms, hats, headbands, pins, etc.
  - b. A flag or banner not to exceed 20 square feet located at the front of the team's assigned tent space.
  - c. No flag, banner or sign shall face the street or sidewalk.
  - d. Individual teams, team members, and team sponsors are not permitted to distribute commercial materials or services.
2. When the involvement of an individual team sponsor is determined to not be in the best interest of the PKSCA, the City of Portland, or the Portland Rose Festival Foundation, then the PKSCA may refuse entry of the supported team to the race event unless an alternative team sponsor is acceptable to the PKSCA.
  - A. It is not required that a team be supported by a team sponsor.

C. FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES

1. Individual teams, team members, and team sponsors are not permitted to have fundraising activities or sales on the race event site or the water venue.
2. Solicitation and other unauthorized fund-raising activities are not permitted at the race event site or the water venue.
3. Report any vendors or persons claiming to be authorized to take photographs or video of teams racing in order to sell them.

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B. COMMERCIAL VIDEO TAPING AND FILMING

No video taping/filming of Portland Rose Festival Dragon Boat Race events, practices, and related activities for commercial purposes, broadcast, any other public distribution, or sale of images is permitted without written permission of the PKSCA Board. Direct any inquiries to the PKSCA Board President. See PKSCA's web site ([www.pkscanet.net](http://www.pkscanet.net)) for contact information.

C. LOST, STOLEN, OR DAMAGED ARTICLES

The PKSCA, its officers, Board members, volunteers, and staff are not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged property that occurs at any activity related to the Portland Rose Festival Dragon Boat Race event and practices.

D. ALCOHOL

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the dragon boats, race and event site and the tent village area at any time.

E. FIRE:

No fires, stoves, barbecues, or other cooking/heating devices are permitted on the dragon boats, race event site and the tent village area.

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