

Bulletin No. 1

**2026 Hualien Pacific International Dragon Boat Festival
Liyu Lake, Hualien, Taiwan November 6 to 8, 2026**

I. The Championships

The Hualien County Government cordially invites all crews to participate in the 2026 Hualien Pacific International Dragon Boat Festival in Hualien, Taiwan from November 6th through 8th of 2026.

II. Location and Venue

The 2026 Hualien Pacific International Dragon Boat Festival will be held at Liyu Lake which is located in Shoufeng Township, Hualien County, Taiwan.

In 2016, Liyu Lake became an annual venue for the Hualien Pacific International Dragon Boat Festival, now recognized as one of the region's most significant annual events.

Liyu Lake features calm waters and pleasant weather that make it ideal for various water sports. Spanning an area of approximately 104 hectares, Liyu Lake is an oval-shaped body of water measuring about 1,600 meters in length from north to south and 930 meters in width from east to west, with its deepest point reaching 15 meters. Fed by underground springs, the lake maintains clear and stable water conditions year-round, making it the largest inland lake in the Hualien region. Surrounded by mountains, the scenic beauty and tranquil environment have made it a popular local tourist attraction.

The open water surface and moderate wind conditions provide an excellent racing environment. The race course can accommodate eight (8) lanes with each 13.5 meters wide. Surrounding the lake are viewing platforms and walking trails that provide an estimated spectator capacity of 5,000 to 6,000 people. The race venue offers ample space and well-equipped facilities, capable of accommodating large-scale events.

Located on the north side of Liyu Lake, Hualien Water Sports Training Center was completed in 2021. Ensuring optimal training conditions for competitors, the training center is equipped with a professional paddling pool, a large boathouse, a multifunctional weight training room, washing area and meeting rooms.



Competition Regulations

I. Goals:

To showcase the sport of competitive dragon boat racing, provide opportunities for interactions and friendships among participating teams, and promote local tourism.

II. Organizing Bodies:

1. **Supervising Organizations:** Ministry of Sports, Hualien County Government, Hualien County Council, Hualien & East Rift Valley National Scenic Area Headquarters, Tourism Administration, Ministry of Transportation and Communications, Chinese Taipei Dragon Boat Association.
2. **Organizer:** Hualien County Athletics Federation.
3. **Co-organizers:** Hualien Physical Education Senior High School, Liyu Lake Commercial District Development Association, Dragon Boat Committee of the Hualien County Athletics Federation.

III. Event Dates:

 November 6 (Friday) – November 8 (Sunday)

IV. Race Site:

 Liyu Lake in Hualien, Taiwan

(Huantan North Road, Shoufeng Township, Hualien County – North Side of Liyu Lake)

V. Technical Meeting:

1. **Date:** October 24, 2026 (Saturday) at 15:00 (Online Live Conference)
2. **Location:** Online Conference

***Teams absent from the Technical Meeting waive their right to dispute any decisions made during the meeting.*

VI. Registration Dates & Methods:

1. Registration consists of two phases:
 - Phase 1: Submission of team name, the category they plan to race in and payment

completion.

- Submission period for international teams: From May 1, 2026 (Friday) 09:00 to July 31, 2026 (Friday) 17:00.
- Submission period for domestic teams: From August 1, 2026 (Saturday) 09:00 to August 14, 2025 (Friday) 17:00.
- Phase 2: Submission of team staff and athlete list along with relevant documents.
 - Submission period for all teams: From September 1, 2026 (Tuesday) 09:00 to September 30, 2026 (Wednesday) 17:00.

2. Registration Notes:

- **Registration fees must be completed by 12:00 PM on August 21 (Friday).**
- The roster of team officials and athletes must be completed and submitted by 17:00 on September 30(Wednesday).
- After September 30, 2026 (Wednesday), any request for roster modifications due to special reasons must be submitted by October 16, 2026 (Friday), with a processing fee of 300 NTD for each modification.
- Team staff (including coaches) participating in the race must also register as athletes.
- Each team must bring their own helmsman.
- Cross-team, cross-category or cross-roster participation is not allowed, except for team staff.

3. Registration Website: <https://hldb.utk.com.tw/>

4. Registration Fee: **US\$25 per person.** Teams must complete payment within the specified submission period (see phase 1); failure to do so will be considered forfeiture of eligibility. If a team exceeds the 200-team limit and is not selected via draw, a full refund will be issued.

No refunds will be given for other reasons.

- Beneficiary's account with bank:
Account with Bank: Taiwan Cooperative Bank
Swift Code : TACBTWTPXXX
Beneficiary's A/C English Name : CHINESE TAIPEI DRAGON BOAT ASSOCIATION
Beneficiary's A/C No. : 5333717533353
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VII. Competition Events & Distance:

	22-person Standard Boat	12-person Small Boat
	200m	200m
Open	✓	✓

Mixed	✓	✓
Women's	✓	✓

VIII. Team Composition:

1. 12-person small boat:

Each team consists of 10 paddlers, 1 helmsman, 1 drummer, and 4 substitutes are allowed.

Including the team leader and coach, a total of 18 members.

Note: At least 8 paddlers must be in the boat for a race; otherwise, the team will be disqualified.

2. 22-person standard boat:

Each team consists of 20 paddlers, 1 helmsman, 1 drummer, and 4 substitutes are allowed.

Including the team leader and coach, a total of 28 members.

Note: At least 18 paddlers must be in the boat for a race; otherwise, the team will be disqualified.

IX. Competition Categories & Eligibilities:

1. Open Category: Any unit may freely form teams.
2. Mixed Category: Paddlers for the race, as specified in Explanation 1, with no restriction on seating positions.
3. Women's Category: All paddlers, drummer and helmsman (except the team leader and coach) must be female.

Explanation 1: The composition of participants in the Small Boat Mixed Category must meet one of the following requirements:

5 male + 5 female paddlers	+ drummer & helmsman (gender unrestricted)
5 male + 4 female paddlers	+ drummer & helmsman (gender unrestricted)
4 male + 5 female paddlers	+ drummer & helmsman (gender unrestricted)
4 male + 4 female paddlers	+ drummer & helmsman (gender unrestricted)

The composition of participants in the Standard Boat Mixed Category must meet one of the following requirements:

10 male + 10 female paddlers	+ drummer & helmsman (gender unrestricted)
10 male + 9 female paddlers	+ drummer & helmsman (gender unrestricted)
9 male + 10 female paddlers	+ drummer & helmsman (gender unrestricted)
10 male + 8 female paddlers	+ drummer & helmsman (gender unrestricted)
8 male + 10 female paddlers	+ drummer & helmsman (gender unrestricted)

9 male + 9 female paddlers	+ drummer & helmsman (gender unrestricted)
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X. Awards and Prizes:

1. Finisher Medal: All team members and staff will receive a finisher's commemorative medal upon completing the race.
2. Medals for Top Finishers: The top three teams in each race distance will receive gold, silver, and bronze medals, respectively, including the team leader and coach.
3. Prize money will be awarded in the 12-person Small Dragon Boat category, with the top eight teams receiving prizes.

Prize Money as Follows:

- Prize Money for the 12-person Small Dragon Boat Categories (Unit: 10,000 NTD)

Category/ Rank	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd place	4 th Place	5 th Place	6 th Place	7 th Place	8 th Place
Open	16	8	4	2	2	2	1	1
Mixed	16	8	4	2	2	2	1	1
Women's	16	8	4	2	2	2	1	1

XI. Competition Rules:

1. Based on the latest **2026 International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF) Rules**.
2. Any questions regarding competition rules or schedules must be raised at the Technical Meeting. During the competition, all teams must comply with the competition regulations, and no objections will be accepted.
3. All teams must report to the marshalling area 30 minutes before their race with their athlete IDs.
4. Teams must wait for the starter's gunshot before starting; false starts will be penalized. Two violations will result in disqualification from that race.
5. Teams may choose whether or not to have their paddles in the water at the start.
6. Race time will be based on the time of crossing the finish line. If a crew member intentionally falls overboard during a race, the team will be disqualified from the race.
7. Race outcome determination:
 - Qualification for advancement is based on race results, as per race schedule.
 - The result of each race shall be determined in a single heat.
 - Lanes for the preliminary rounds will be assigned via a computer draw before the Technical Meeting; subsequent race arrangements will be made according to rankings and results. Lane Placement Order will be based on performance ranking in the following order:
4, 5, 3, 6, 2, 7, 1, 8.
 - This competition will be conducted with **8** lanes.
8. A team will be disqualified if crossing a lane during a race that results in interfering or

- colliding with another team. The impacted team will be scheduled to re-race.
9. If impersonation or unauthorized substitution is detected, the team will be disqualified.
 10. All races will follow the official schedule; changes will be based on official announcements.
 11. Life jackets must be worn throughout the competition, from check-in to landing.
 12. Teams may use their own life jackets, but they must be uniform in style and color.
 13. Teams forfeiting or failing to complete a race will not receive completion medals.
 14. If a collision and damage occur due to a steersperson's fault during the competition, the responsible team shall be liable for repairing the damaged equipment.
 15. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to modify competition regulations as necessary.

Tents & Seating

The Organizing Committee will provide one 3-meter tent free of charge for each team. Tent allocation will be arranged collectively after the race schedule and final list of participating teams are confirmed. Teams are not permitted to set up their own tents at the venue. In addition, 3,000 chairs will be available on site for teams to use if needed.

Clubs may also reserve 6-meter private tents (non-smoking area) through the Organizing Committee. For information regarding pricing and availability, please contact the organizer directly.

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Parking

Each team will be issued two (2) free parking permits at the designated parking lot. There is also another parking lot at the south side of the lake. There is free parking available on both sides of the road along the north side of the lake and Transit 9 route. Teams are encouraged to take public transportation or carpool to the race site.

Contact Information

WhatsApp:



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Response time: Monday to Friday, 09:00- 16:00

Important Registration Dates

Details	Dates and Times (Taiwan Standard Time)
International Teams Registration Opens (Only team name, division, and event category are required at this stage.)	May 1, 2026 (Fri) 09:00 - July 31, 2026 (Fri) 17:00
Domestic Teams Registration Opens (Only team name, division, and event category are required at this stage.)	August 1, 2026 (Sat) 09:00 – August 14, 2026 (Fri) 17:00
Teams Payment Deadline	Payment must be completed by August 21, 2026 (Fri) 12:00
Submission of Team Officials and Athletes Information	September 1, 2026 (Tue) 09:00 – September 30, 2026 (Wed) 17:00
Deadline for Manual Roster Changes (A processing fee of NT\$300 will be charged for each change.)	Before October 16, 2026 (Fri) 17:00

Event Schedule

Date	Activity	Location	Notes
October 24 (Saturday)	15:00 Online Technical Meeting		Via online live conference
November 6 (Friday)	09:00 - 16:00 Training at Venue (Online Reservation Required)	Hualien - Liyu Lake (North Water Area)	October 21 (Wed), 10:00 Online Registration Opens
	15:00 - 17:00 Registration	Hualien County Stadium	
	18:00 - 18:30 Welcome Performance		
	18:30 - 19:00 Opening Ceremony		
	19:00 - 20:00 Welcome Party		
November 7 (Saturday)	08:00 - 16:00 Heats & Repechage	Hualien - Liyu Lake	

		(North Water Area)	
November 8 (Sunday)	08:00 - 12:00 Semi-finals & Ranking Races	Hualien - Liyu Lake (North Water Area)	
	13:00 - 15:00 Minor Final & Grand Final		
	13:30 - 16:00 Awards Ceremony for the Top 8 Teams in Each Category		