

2024 Kamloops Dragonboat Event and Venue Information

Registration and Check-In

Teams can register at Riverside Park starting at **7:15 AM Saturday morning**. Each team **MUST** bring a completed wavier to the registration table at this time. Forms must be submitted between 7:15 to 7:45 am.

Parking and Transportation

Parking at the venue will be very restricted. There will be very limited parking by the Sandman Centre. Alternatively, we suggest that you park in one of the City of Kamloops parkades.

No vehicles are allowed within the park other than those designated by Ribfest or the City of Kamloops.

Venue/Paddlers Village

The venue is located at Riverside Park, which is on the Thompson River in downtown Kamloops. The Village will be in a grassy area on the east side of the park.

The area will be sectioned off and available for tent set-up on **Friday afternoon starting at 5:00 PM and Saturday morning starting at 7 AM.** Individual spaces for team tents will be marked on the grass within the village. Although there is security in the park overnight, the festival is not responsible for tents and other club equipment left unattended overnight. We will have volunteers available to direct and assist you. An aerial map of the park and location of the village can be **seen on our website.**

Race Times/Steers Meeting

There will be a meeting for the steers, coaches and managers at **7:30 AM Saturday** on the beach by the paddler's village. Races will commence at **8:10 AM** and run until approximately 4:30 PM. Marshalling for the first race will begin at **8:00 AM, at this time the first teams will be allowed to get into their boats.**

Races

There will be **three 500 metre races**, subject to weather conditions. There will be 3 or 4 boats in each heat. The first two races will be time trials, with your total time added together to determine what final your team moves into.

Subject to the weather, and at the discretion of the race director, the Endurance race, called the **"Loops"**, will be held on completion of the regular races. It is an optional race and does not go towards final standings in the regular mixed and women's categories. See below for further information

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Practice Times

Practice times on our race course will be available on Friday, August 9th. These one-hour sessions are available on a “first come first serve” basis from **5:30 PM to 7:30 PM** at our village at the park. Please see email details to book.

Race Course

The race course will be on the Thompson River, running downstream from east to west. Teams are reminded that the course will be subject to variations due to the current and depth of the river.

A diagram of the course is on our website

Steers

An Instruction Guide for steers and managers is included at the end of this letter. As our course is quite technical, we want to ensure that all steers and managers are aware of the specific precautions we will be taking to ensure that the races are run as safely as possible. Please read these materials before attending the steers meeting.

The festival reserves the right to substitute a festival steers if, in the opinion of the race director, your team’s steers is encountering difficulties.

We highly encourage your crew and your steers to take advantage of the Friday practice sessions.

The festival will attempt to provide a steers for your crew if you wish.

The Race Grid

The race grid has been prepared by Penticton Paddle Sports. **A copy is attached to this letter** and will be **posted on our website**. Please contact us if you have any concerns.

Types of Boats and Variation in Lane Flow Rates

We will use D2 boats supplied by the Kamloops Dragon Boat Club. These boats are similar to the old style 6-16s.

There is a variation in flow rates between the four racecourse lanes. Lanes 2 and 3 are typically the faster lanes. Lanes 1 and 4 are normally the slower lanes. To maintain consistency, in the two preliminary races, each team will paddle once in one of the faster lanes and once in a slower lane. For the finals, the lane placements are completely randomized to make the process fair for all teams. Where you place in your first races will not dictate your lane placement in the finals.

Mixed Team Composition

A team can have a maximum of 10 male paddlers. A crew may paddle with a minimum of 16 paddlers.

Results

The results will be recorded by **Penticton Paddle Sports**. They will be announced at the end of each race and posted on the results board located by the DJ's tent.

Awards

Medals will be awarded to the top three boats in the Mixed division and the top three boats in the Women's division. They will be presented near the DJ's booth immediately after the completion of the regular races.

The "Loops" Race

The "**Loops**" race will start downstream at the course finish line, go upstream 750 metres and then return to the starting point. The boats will make a **left hand** turn around a centering buoy at the top of the race course.

Composite crews comprised of members of various teams will be allowed if only some of your team's paddlers want to participate.

This race will start approximately 15 minutes after the completion of the regular races. It is the team's responsibility to be marshalled and ready to race 15 minutes after the final scheduled race of the day.

We encourage interested teams to register for this race prior to the day of the festival.

Subject to availability additional teams can register on the morning of the festival. The Loops starting grid will be posted at the same time as Finals lane assignments.

There will not be an additional fee to enter the Loops race.

Ceremony for Survivor Paddlers

We hope participants will join us for the Carnation Ceremony, which we anticipate being around 1:10 PM. All paddlers hopefully can wear something pink. The paddlers will get into boats, paddle a short distance away from shore and then back to the beach. All survivors will remain in their boats on shore during the spoken and musical tribute to those survivors who paddle and those who did not survive. Carnations will be available. This is managed by the Kamloops Spirit Warriors, please let us know if you would like to participate and we will connect you with the appropriate individuals.

Security

The Paddlers Village is located near high-traffic areas of the park. There will be limited security so please guard your valuables carefully. The Kamloops Dragon Boat Festival is not responsible for any equipment and/or valuables that teams may bring to the venue.

First Aid

St. John First Aid attendants will be in attendance. Their station will be located in the south end of the park by Family Funzone.

Coffee/Water/Food and Beer Garden

There will be some coffee provided by Starbucks for participants when teams first arrive at the park on Saturday morning.

Some drinking water will be available as well as riverside has a water refill station but please bring an adequate amount of water to race day as well as re-fillable drinking bottles.

During the course of the day, **Ribfest** will have food and beverages available, along with a beer garden and music.

Sustainability Program

This year we are pleased to advise that we will introduce a sustainability program to deal with litter. Garbage containers will be placed in various places in the park.

Additional Events

Alongside Ribfest (with food, beer gardens, and music) there will also be the “*Hot Nite in the City Show and Shine*” car show and “*Family Funzone*” In other words, there will be a number of exciting events at Riverside Park during the dragon boat festival!

We look forward to seeing all of you on Saturday, August 10th!

Paddles Up!

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Women's Teams

Phoenix
ODBRC Flowriders
SOAR XXX (Spirit of a Renegade XXX)
KDBC Sun City Paddlers
Fraser Spirit
Seraphins
Cultus Lake Dragonflyers
KIDS Kamloops interior
Dragons WOMEN
FLCC Titanium Masters
FLCC River Dragons
Kamodo Lightening
Draggin The Shuswap
Spirit Warriors
Pink Piston Paddlers

Mixed Teams

Thunder Stokers
SOAR (Spirit of a Renegade)
Peach City Dragons
HARRISON WILD
KIDS Kamloops
Interior Dragons
MIXED
Dr'Agonize
KDBC Lift What's
Draggin
Kamodo Thunder
FLCC FORTified
Vernon Dragon
Riders

