

TEAM RULES AND REGULATIONS

See the Youth Team Registration Form for Youth Team Rules and Regulations

FEES

\$1,500 per team of 20 paddlers, 1 drummer and 3 alternates. \$1,100 per (non profit) team of 20 paddlers, 1 drummer and 3 alternates. Fee includes one practice with a coach to include safety measures, paddle techniques and tips to move the boat efficiently. Fee (for race team and \$1,100 non profit teams) also includes a 10 x 10 team tent and sign to be located on the Orton Field at the Lewes Little League Complex and one parking pass for the Lewes Little League Complex Parking Lot.

ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

PADDLER AND ALTERNATES

Adult teams may race with anyone age 12 and up. Only 3 alternates are allowed per team. Alternates must sign the required waiver. Using additional alternates, or those who did not sign the waiver, will cause your team to forfeit. Each team must have at minimum 8 (eight) female paddlers. Teams will have 3 seconds added to their race time for each female they are short, unless the female spot is left unfilled. A female drummer does NOT count toward the eight female requirement.

Youth teams may race with anyone between the ages of 12-18. Only 3 alternates are allowed per team. Alternates must sign the required waiver. Using additional alternates, or those who did not sign the waiver, will cause your team to forfeit. Each team must have 2 (two) paddlers over the age of 18.

TEAM CAPTAINS

Team Captains will assume the responsibility of (1) communicating and distributing information to all team members (2) gathering and submitting necessary forms, and (3) acting as a liaison with race officials and event organizers before and during the race.

TEAMS

Team participation is base on acceptance of event organizers. Management has the right to refuse applications.

TEAM SPONSORSHIP

Management retains all rights to advertising, sponsorship and commercial representation for the event. Management is under no obligation to individual team sponsors and may refuse any commercial representation at the Lewes Dragon Boat Festival. Management will not be responsible for the Team and its sponsor(s) shall be limited to payment for the boat, uniforms and other items deemed appropriate by management.

WAIVERS

Every team member must sign an insurance waiver before getting on a boat. The waiver must be signed by a parent/guardian for paddlers under 18. Waivers will be made available during team practice. Each team member agrees to waive any claims against the Lewes Dragon Boat Festival Organizers and Volunteers, Sussex Academy Foundation, Sussex Academy, City of Lewes, City of Lewes Docks, Lewes Canalfront Park, Friends of the Lewes

Canalfront Park, Canalfront Park Marina, Dynamic Dragon Boat Racing, LLC, the Overfalls Lightship, Lewes Little League, and the Lewes Historical Society that may arise from personal injury, death, or damage to personal property caused by participation in Dragon Boat races or practices.

FULFILLMENT OF CONTRACT

Race is a rain or shine event. Should the event have to be cancelled due to extreme weather conditions, Management will not be obligated to refund payment to participate in the Race. Should a practice be cancelled, management will make every attempt to re-schedule, however, this is not a guarantee.

RACE CONDUCT

All team members agree to follow the race conduct of rules set forth in team packets by Management. Management has the right to prohibit participation due to intoxication. Please be mindful to take care of the Lewes Canalfront Park, the Lewes Little League Complex and its surroundings.

RIGHT TO LIKENESS

Management has the right to use your likeness in any video, photo, newsprint, social media or other media to promote the race.

EQUIPMENT

Team will be provided access to one Dragon Boat, paddles, life floatation devices and one coach/steersperson for practices prior to race day and on race day. Except for floatation devices, teams may only use equipment provided by management.

BELONGINGS

Teams shall take full responsibility for any and all personal belongings. Management is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged articles.

TENTS

Tents and team signs will be placed for each team on the Orton Field in the Lewes Little League Complex. Grill and/or open flames are not permitted. Trash must be cleared before leaving for the day. **ALCOHOL CANNOT BE BROUGHT INTO THE LEWES LITTLE LEAGUE COMPLEX.** Beer and wine can be purchased from Friends of the Lewes Canalfront Park.

LEWES CANALFRONT PARK

Please remember to respect our park. Avoid walking on gardens and properly dispose of all trash.

OPTIONAL STEERSMEN AUCTION

An optional Steersman Auction will take place prior to the semi-final round of the Race with the top 12 teams being eligible to bid on a steersman of choice. Each team must have a representative present at the auction either to bid or to express intent not to bid. Representation is required to ensure that the auction doesn't mistakenly exclude a team from participating in the bid process. The auction is **NOT** mandatory and in no way prohibits a team from competing in the final rounds.

LEWES DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL LOGO

The Festival logo is owned by the Sussex Academy Foundation and cannot be used on team shirts.

DELAWARE LAW

This agreement shall be governed by and be construed according to the laws of the State of Delaware. Teams agree that if any legal action is taken to enforce any of the regulations included in this agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reimbursement of reasonable attorney fees.

Title 14, DE Code, Section 8.2.2

The Sussex Academy is a public school. Contributions and gifts are not required for admission to school and in no way affect or improve a student's opportunity for admission.

Please note that your race fees are not tax deductible-they are Race Fees