

Pink Champagne Breast Cancer Survivors' Dragon Boat Team



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Team Details

1. Teams may register up to 20 people in their team, but a maximum crew of 16 people plus a drummer will be permitted to enter each race. In the opinion of the boat's helm if the weight of the team or conditions on the day may effect boat handling and increase the risk of the boat capsizing, he or she has the absolute authority to require the crew to reduce the number of paddlers. No refunds or reductions will be offered for crews competing or entering with less than the prescribed number.
2. Every team **must** have a drummer for each race.
3. Teams can be made up of all male, all female, or mixed
4. No previous experience is necessary in order to compete and all teams compete at their own risk.
5. The minimum age of sixteen years old is set for competitors and fourteen years old for the drummer.
6. Dragon boat races are run throughout the day over a distance of 200 metres – which works out to around 1- 1½ minutes of hard aerobic paddling.
7. Each team in the Festival is guaranteed, if the weather conditions are permitting, a minimum of three timed races.
8. Your average **time** over three races is then used to qualify the fastest teams into the grand final using all of the available dragon boats.
9. In the unlikely event the festival is cancelled due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances, the event will be rescheduled to another date.

Safety

1. Qualified instructors will provide a safety briefing for each team prior to their first race and buoyancy aids will be issued to everyone before going on the water. They will also provide the training, helm the dragon boats, and ensure the safety of all teams at the event.
2. Each race will have safety boats on stand-by, ready to rescue teams in the unfortunate event of a capsized.
3. All able-bodied crew members must be declared competent in deep water and capable of swimming 50 metres with the aid of an approved personal flotation device (buoyancy aid).
4. In circumstances where any team member(s) are, in the opinion of the organisers, deliberately trying to capsize the boat or behaving in such a way that could result in either damage, to the boats, or a danger to the team, then those officials have the authority to disqualify the team member(s) from further participation in the day. Where such person(s) are disqualified but refuse to leave the team, it is the responsibility of the Team Captain to remove the disqualified person(s). If the disqualified person(s) still refuses to leave, then the whole team will be disqualified from further participation in the day. No refund will be due to any person / team disqualified.
5. Where any team member(s) is either disabled or 'having special needs', then for safety reasons **they must inform the boat's helm prior to each race**. Such persons identified to the helm will then be given a 'high visibility' tabard, which must be worn over their buoyancy aid, whilst in the boat, and must be handed back to the boat's helm, or event marshal, when the team member(s) disembark the boat.
6. **All** team members are required to partake in the team **safety brief** before the start of their first race. The safety brief will cover:
 - a. How to hold the paddle correctly
 - b. The various commands you will hear from the Helm and what each one means
 - c. How to move the boat forward and how to stop the boat,

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- d. How to stop the boat capsizing
 - e. The “Buddy” system and what to do in the event of a capsize.
 - f. On completion of the safety brief, all team members present, will be issued with a coloured wrist band, and only people wearing these wrist bands, will be permitted into the boats during the event.
7. Although Dragon Boating is not dangerous, safety is something the event organisers take very seriously. All team members are required to agree to the event terms and conditions before the team is allowed on the water.
 8. Pink Champagne Breast Cancer Survivors' Dragon Boat Team Charity Fundraising Event is being organised jointly by the team themselves, the team coach from the GB dragon boat team and the Centre Manager and staff at the Hengistbury Head centre.
 9. **Challenge Races:** For companies or organisations that have two or more teams entering, we will endeavour to organise (where possible) a Challenge Race in Round 3 and seed the teams in such a way so they do not meet during rounds one & two. This then gives the teams the opportunity to experience several ‘training’ rounds before their big event.

We recommend that any company, or organisation, with teams competing in a Challenge Race, get trophy shields organised for their teams. At the award ceremony, we will then invite the most senior member of the company in attendance, to come up and present the shield to their winning team, which would make a great photo opportunity for the company website / newsletter.