



# ILOILO RIVER DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

September 5 to 7, 2025

Iloilo River, Iloilo City, Province of Iloilo, Philippines

## INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 1

This is to formally invite all dragon boat teams to participate in the **Iloilo River Dragon Boat Festival** on September 5 to 7, 2025 at the Iloilo River, Iloilo City, Province of Iloilo. Local and international teams are welcome to participate, regardless of federation affiliation or non-affiliation.

### RACE INFORMATION

- Race Distance:** 200 meters straight course
- Race Categories:** Premier Open Standard Boat (DB22)  
Premier Mixed Standard Boat Elite (DB22)  
Premier Women Small Boat (DB12)  
Senior-A Mixed Small Boat (DB12)

<b>Premier Open – DB22</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ten (10) pairs maximum, nine (9) pairs minimum, two (2) pairs reserve, one (1) drummer, one (1) helm</li><li>- Premier Open DB22 - two (2) pairs of uniformed personnel paddlers may be allowed</li><li>- Premier Mixed DB22 – full team of uniformed personnel may be allowed; also open to civilian club teams</li></ul>
<b>Premier Mixed Elite – DB22</b>	
<b>Premier Women – DB12</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Five (5) pairs maximum, four (4) pairs minimum, one (1) pair reserve, one (1) drummer, one (1) helm</li><li>- One (1) pair of uniformed personnel paddlers may be allowed</li></ul>
<b>Senior-A Mixed – DB12</b>	

- Entry Fee:** P1,500.00 / racer
- Team Registration:** P2,000.00 / team

### PRIZES AND AWARDS

The top three (3) teams in each competition class will be awarded trophies, medals and cash prize, while the 3<sup>rd</sup> runner up will receive a trophy and cash prize (subject to tax). All participating teams will receive a certificate of participation. Singlets and race ID will be provided to each registered racer.

Event	Champion			1 <sup>st</sup> RU			2 <sup>nd</sup> RU			3 <sup>rd</sup> RU	
	Trophy	Medal	Cash	Trophy	Medal	Cash	Trophy	Medal	Cash	Trophy	Cash
Premier Open-DB22	1	28	TBD <sup>1</sup>	1	28	TBD	1	28	TBD	1	TBD
Premier Mixed-DB22	1	28	TBD	1	28	TBD	1	28	TBD	1	TBD
Premier Women-DB12	1	16	TBD	1	16	TBD	1	16	TBD	1	TBD
Senior Mixed-DB12	1	16	TBD	1	16	TBD	1	16	TBD	1	TBD
	4	90		4	90		4	90		4	

<sup>1</sup> To be determined

**CREW COMPOSITION**

Premier Open & Mixed Elite Standard Boat

Ten (10) pairs maximum, nine (9) pairs minimum, two (2) pairs reserve, one (1) drummer, one (1) helm. No age restriction, except that all crew members must be 12 years old and up. Those under 18 years of age need to have a signed parent’s consent with waiver to join the race.

Strict compliance with the IDBF Rule on the requirement of minimum of 8 and maximum of 10 of each gender to load the boat will be observed in the Mixed Standard Category. Thus, to satisfy the minimum crew composition requirement, the following must compose a mixed crew:

Male	Female
10	10
10	9
10	8
9	9
9	10
8	10

No gender restriction with respect to drummer and helm.

Premier Women Small Boat

Five (5) pairs of paddlers, one (1) pair reserve, one (1) drummer – all must be biologically female, and one (1) helm - any gender. No age restriction, except that all crew members must be 12 years old and up. Those under 18 years of age need to have a signed parent’s consent with waiver to join the race.

Maximum of five (5) pairs and minimum of four (4) pairs to load, except when water conditions require exactly five (5) pairs to load. No gender restriction with respect to helm.

Senior A Mixed Small Boat

Maximum of five (5) pairs and minimum of four (4) pairs to load, except when water conditions require exactly five (5) pairs to load. Strict compliance with the IDBF Rule on the requirement of minimum of 8 and maximum of 10 of each gender to load the boat will be observed in the Mixed Standard Category. Thus, to satisfy the minimum crew composition requirement, the following must compose a mixed crew:

Male	Female
5	5
5	4
4	4
4	5

Except for the drummer and helm, all crew members must be at least 40 years old in 2025. To clarify, paddlers, must have been born in the year 1985 or earlier to qualify as paddler in the Senior-A Mixed Small Boat event.

Uniformed Personnel

For the Open Standard, Premier Women Small Boat, and Senior-A Mixed Small Boat categories, only civilian club teams are allowed to join. However, they may include in their crew list paddlers who are currently in the active service in the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), including the Navy, Marines, Air Force, Army; the Philippine National Police; the Philippine Coast Guard; the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology; the Bureau of Fire Protection; and any of their services, units, offices or subdivisions for up to a maximum of four (4) paddlers for the standard event and a maximum of two (2) paddlers for the small boat events.

For the Mixed Standard Elite category, any team is welcome join, without any restriction on the number of uniformed personnel included in the team. A full team of racers in active service in the Armed Forces of the Philippines (Navy, Marines, Air Force, Army), the Philippine National Police, the Philippine Coast Guard, the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, the Bureau of Fire Protection, and any of their services, units, offices or subdivisions are allowed to field in their crew in this particular racing class. This event is likewise open to civilian club teams.

For the purpose of this information bulletin, retired, resigned, and dismissed personnel from service, as well as reservists are not considered athletes in active service in the AFP, PNP, PCG, BJMP, BFP and other allied services.

## REGULATIONS AND RULES

The race will apply PDBF Rules and Regulations, which are based on the IDBF Competition Rules and the IDBF Rules of Racing. Other matters not covered by the PDBF Rules and Regulations will be covered by the IDBF Rules suppletorily. Race will be conducted by PDBF race officials and local volunteers from Iloilo City.

## REQUIRED FORMS (as attached)

- A. Fill out online registration form (LINK: <https://forms.gle/1rwXMYSfeQJZfC6f6>) on or before July 5, 2025.
- B. Please email accomplished race forms to [velocity5000.ph@gmail.com](mailto:velocity5000.ph@gmail.com) on or before August 15, 2025.
- C. CREW LIST will be used for marshalling and loading. Electronic copy of the crew list need not be signed. However, hard copies must be duly signed by the competitors, crew manager, and the team captain. The crew manager shall represent the crew in all matters pertaining to the racing competition. The crew manager is not allowed to compete / race with the crew on boat. Crew list may be used at the marshalling in conjunction with the crew gallery and race ID.
- D. CREW GALLERY may also be used to identify and check members who will be racing. Gallery should contain clear photographs of crew members: without head dress, without sun glasses.
- E. SUMMARY OF CREW- required for administrative reference.

## SCHEDULES AND DEADLINES

- **July 5, 2025** – Team Confirmation (online registration)
- **July 15, 2025** – Payment of race fees; final confirmation entries
- **August 15, 2025** – Email soft copy of race forms
- **September 4 to 5, 2025** – Arrival of teams. Submit hard copy of race forms to the race secretariat. Race IDs may also be claimed from the secretariat office. Venue to be announced.
- **September 5, 2025** –
  - 0600H to 1545H - Test water. Teams who intend to do a test water must inform the organizers of their preferred schedule by filling out the slot on the online test water schedule form <https://forms.gle/VMgCQwRxDX9GCyb9>. Slots will be on a first come, first served basis.

- Team managers' meeting is on September 5, 2025 in Iloilo City. Time and venue will be confirmed in the succeeding information bulletin.
- 1600H – Opening ceremony at 4:00 PM at the Iloilo City Freedom Grandstand, Muelle Loney Street, Iloilo City.

➤ **DAY 1 - September 6, 2025 (Saturday) –**

- Call time for racers: 6:00 AM
- Last minute briefing for team managers, steersmen and drummers: 6:30 AM
- First call for Race No. 1: 6:45 AM
- Race No. 1: 7:00 AM
- Estimated end of last race for the day: 4:00 PM

➤ **DAY 2 - September 7, 2025 (Sunday) –**

- Call time for racers: 6:00 AM
- Last minute briefing for team managers, steersmen and drummers: 6:30 AM
- First call for Race No. 1: 6:45 AM
- Race No. 1: 7:00 AM
- Estimated end of last race for the day: 4:00 PM
- Awarding & Closing Party: 7:00 PM

## **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

### **1. Team Confirmation**

Due to the limited number of teams that may be accommodated, the organizers will accept expression of interest to join the race on a first come, first served basis. The first 25 teams to register will receive an official invitation from the organizers. Said invitation will confirm a team's participation in the race. Subject to availability of slots, a maximum of five waitlisted teams may be considered in excess of 25 teams. Please wait for the invitation / confirmation of participation of your team before paying or booking your accommodation and transportation arrangements in Iloilo.

### **2. Race Fee**

Race fee is one thousand five hundred (P1,500.00) per person regardless of number of entries where the racer is lined up. Team entry fee is two thousand pesos (P2,000.00) regardless of number of entries. Check payments or bank deposits may also be made to the **VELOCITY 5000 MANAGEMENT INC.** Those making bank deposits or transfers may do so using the following bank details:

Bank: Asia United Bank  
Account number: 222010001401  
Account name: VELOCITY 5000 MANAGEMENT INC.

E-mail screenshot of bank transfer or deposit slip to [velocity5000.ph@gmail.com](mailto:velocity5000.ph@gmail.com). Please note that if a team later on decides not to participate in the race, **NO refund** shall be made to those who have paid their race fee partially or in full, for whatever reason.

Payments for hotel and transportation may be paid directly to the service providers. A list of accredited hotels and transportation groups will be provided in the next information bulletin.

### **3. Uniform**

Crews may use their respective team's uniform. One team uniform with the same color and design is recommended for easier identification, except the drummer who may use a different colored uniform or jersey.

### **4. Crew Waiver Form**

Please be reminded that when signing a crew list and crew waiver form, the person signing is confirming that all competitors on the list are "fit to race." This means that race participants are not only physically able to take part in the race, but also do not possess any medical conditions that could jeopardize their health and the general conduct of the race. These conditions include but are not limited to COVID-19 infection, consumption of alcohol and illegal substance, or a known medical condition that make the participant unfit



to participate in the competition. Also, by signing the crew waiver form, the participants give their express consent to the sharing, use and storing of their personal information for the purpose of this race.

### 5. Use of Personal Floatation Device

To ensure safety of participating players, everyone is required to wear personal floatation device (PFD) / life vest during all water activities. Vests must be wearable over the shoulders with straps across the body. Belt-type and bracelet type vests are not allowed. No PFD will be provided by the organizers. Teams must bring own PFDs. No paddler shall be allowed to load the boat and race without a PFD securely worn. Teams are advised to read carefully and brief their members on the PDBF water safety guidelines which is available at the PDBF website (<https://pdbfsport.com>).

### 6. Cleanliness

Cleanliness and environmentally-sound practices will strictly be enforced to maintain proper sanitation and waste disposal in the race venue. Teams are **STRONGLY ADVISED** and encouraged to keep their respective tents clean and orderly at all times. Use trash bags. Single-use plastic materials are prohibited. Bring personal canisters or cups and mesh kits. Observe proper waste segregation and dispose all garbage before leaving the race site. Keep the entire area clean at all times. Failure to do so shall be dealt with accordingly.

### 7. Fellowship Night

Awarding and fellowship night will follow after the last race of Day 2. Venue of the awarding will be announced in the next bulletin. Food and drinks will be served for free to all registered racers. Food restrictions may please be coordinated to the organizers through the entry confirmation Google form. Bring race IDs during the fellowship night to gain access to the awarding and fellowship night.

### 8. Hotel and Other Accommodations

Iloilo City hosts a number of hotels, inns and transients that fit every budget, from five-star hotel experience to AirBnB's. Accommodation options will be provided in Information Bulletin No. 2, including discounted rates from our hotel partner.

### 9. Transportation

Iloilo City is accessible via daily flights from various Philippine airports to the Iloilo International Airport, which is roughly 24 kilometers (15 minutes) away from Iloilo City. Buses and shuttle vans are available at the airport to Iloilo City. More information about transportation options will be sent in the next information bulletin.

Other details and/or additional information shall be posted on the Facebook page of the Iloilo River Dragon Boat Festival Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61560345757513>, or their email: [velocity5000.ph@gmail.com](mailto:velocity5000.ph@gmail.com), as well as on the PDBF Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ePDBF>, the PDBF website <https://pdbfsport.com> or via email at [phidbfed@gmail.com](mailto:phidbfed@gmail.com).