



5TH SAGWANAN FESTIVAL: 2024 OCCIDENTAL MINDORO INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT RACE

INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 1

The Isla de Oro Hotel, in cooperation with the Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro and the Philippine Dragon Boat Federation, formally invites all dragon boat teams to participate in the “**2024 International Dragon Boat Race**” as part of the 5th Sagwanan Festival 2024 to be held on November 16, 2024 at the scenic Isla de Oro Eco Park, Mamburao, Province of Occidental Mindoro.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

The race is open to all dragon boat club teams, whether members or non-members of the Philippine Dragon Boat Federation (PDBF) and International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF). International teams are likewise invited to join and experience Mindoreño hospitality.

RACE CATEGORIES

The race distance for all categories is two hundred meters (200m) straight course.

- Premier Open Standard Boat (DB22)
- Premiere Mixed Small Boat (DB12)
- Premiere Women Small Boat (DB12)
- Senior-A Mixed Small Boat (DB12)

COMPETITION REGULATIONS AND RACING RULES

The event shall be conducted by IDBF-licensed race officials of the PDBF and race volunteers, using PDBF Rules of racing based on the International Dragon Boat Federation and Asian Dragon Boat Federation (ADBF) Competition Regulation and Rules of Racing.

CREW COMPOSITION

Open Standard Boat (DB22):

(Standard Boat) Ten (10) pairs maximum, nine (9) pairs minimum, two (2) pairs reserve, one (1) drummer, one (1) helm. No gender restriction on any crew member.

Women’s Small Boat Category (DB12):

Five (5) pairs maximum, four (4) pairs minimum, one (1) pair reserve, one (1) drummer, one (1) helm. Drummer and all paddlers must be biologically female. No gender restriction with respect to helm.

Mixed Small Boat Categories (DB12):

Five (5) pairs maximum, four (4) pairs minimum, one (1) pair reserve, one (1) drummer, one (1) helm. No gender restriction with respect to drummer and helm. For the paddlers, each gender must not be lower than 4 and must not exceed 5 pax, *i.e.* 50% of the total number of paddlers allowed inside the boat. For clarity, the allowable permutation of paddlers is given below:

| MALE | FEMALE |
|------|--------|
| 5 | 5 |
| 5 | 4 |
| 4 | 4 |
| 4 | 5 |

PRIZES AND AWARDS

The top three (3) teams in each event will be awarded trophies and medals. Subject to confirmation, top three (3) teams will likewise receive cash prizes. All participating teams will receive a certificate of participation, and the members of each participating team will receive race kits. Optional special tour package available to all international and local participants.

REQUIRED FORMS (as attached)

- A. ONLINE CONFIRMATION FORM. Confirm your team's participation online by clicking this link:

<https://forms.gle/9c7kgB1i3vYuZnEY6>
- B. CREW LIST and GROUP WAIVER FORM must be duly signed by the competitors and the crew manager. 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.
- C. CREW GALLERY will 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.
- D. SUMMARY OF CREW- required for administrative reference.
- E. PARENT'S CONSENT FORM – required for participants below 18 years old.

KEY DATES AND PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

| Dates | Schedule | Venue / Submission |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Aug 15, 2024 | Last day of accomplishing online confirmation & test water sched | https://forms.gle/9c7kgB1i3vYuZnEY6 |
| Aug 31, 2024 | Deadline for early bird registration | Pay to: PDBF bank account |
| Sept 15, 2024 | Submission of soft copy of race forms | e-mail to sagwanan@gmail.com |
| Sept 30, 2024 | Deadline for race fee payment | Pay to: PDBF bank account |
| Nov 14 to 15, 2024 | Arrival of teams | |
| Nov 15, 2024 | Test water | Isla de Oro Eco-Park Lagoon |
| Nov 15, 2024, 3PM | Team Managers' Meeting / Submission of hard copy of race forms | Isla de Oro Hotel Convention Hall |
| Nov 16, 2024 | Race day all day | Isla de Oro Eco-Park |
| Nov 16, 2024, 5PM | Awarding | Isla de Oro Eco-Park |
| Nov 16, 2024, 6PM | Closing Party | Isla de Oro Hotel |
| Nov 17, 2024 | Optional tour & Departure of teams | |

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Payment of Race Fee

Race fee is ONE THOUSAND PESOS (P1,000.00) or TWENTY US DOLLARS (USD20) per person, whichever is higher. Check payments or bank deposits may also be made to the PDBF bank account with a copy of the deposit slip furnished to the PDBF:

BDO Estrada Taft Branch

Account number: 0005 – 0013 – 8656

Account name: Philippine Dragon Boat Federation Inc.

Swift Code: BNORPHMM

If a team 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.

2. Tour Guide

Each international team will be assigned one (1) tour guide from the Provincial Tourism Office of the Province of Occidental Mindoro, for the entire duration of the race.

3. Uniform

Crews may use their respective team's uniform. One team uniform with the same color and design is recommended for easier identification. Race singlets provided by the organizers may likewise be used during the race.

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 or a known medical condition that make the participant unfit to participate in the competition. By signing the crew waiver form, the team representative is also confirming that all participants are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. No unvaccinated individual will be allowed entry into the premises, none more so, participate in whatever capacity in the event. 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

Consistent with the requirement to ensure safety of participating players, everyone is required to wear personal floatation device (PFD) / life vest during all water activities. 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

The event is at an eco-park. Cleanliness and environmentally-sound practices will strictly be enforced to maintain proper sanitation and waste disposal in the area. 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.

7. Hotel and Other Accommodations

Accommodations are available depending on the preference of the participants. Below are the following hotel and alternative accommodations offered by the organizers for a fee:

- Isla de Oro Hotel (★ ★ ★ ★ ★)
 - Mindoro West Coastal Rd, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro
 - Contact: 0917.803.2665 or email at isladeorohotel@gmail.com
 - You may also check them out at Agoda and their Facebook page



Isla De Oro Hotel offers discounted rates for participating dragon boat teams for as low as P300/head/night (conference rooms converted into dorm rooms with mattress only) to P750/head/night, depending on the package chosen by the team. Please contact Isla De Oro Hotel directly for booking inquiries.

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The hotel partner is committed to ensuring participants have a pleasant stay in Mamburao. They are giving priority booking to Sagwanan Dragon Boat Festival participants. However, considering that the event coincides with the Province's Arawatan Festival, room reservations are expected to quickly fill up. Teams are strongly advised to book their accommodation the soonest.

Isla De Oro Hotel is conveniently located along the national highway and is just walking distance from the race site.

- For other hotels, resorts and accommodations, please refer to attached list of alternative available accommodation options.

8. Transportation

Currently, direct bus routes from Cubao to Mamburao are available daily. From the Batangas Port, participants may also take the Montenegro Shipping Lines RORO going to Abra de Ilog Port, Occidental Mindoro. This is available whether commuting via bus, taking their own car or commuting as passenger. Discounted RORO rates for participants are being arranged. Adjusted trip rates will be updated on the next information bulletin.

International teams have the option to be picked up and dropped off to and from the NAIA airport terminals, for a minimal fee. Kindly coordinate with the organizers as regards this transportation option.

9. Parking and Park Entrance Fees

Those bringing their own vehicles may use the Isla de Oro Eco-Park designated parking areas for free. No entrance fees will be required from participants and supporters.

10. Tourist Destinations

Optional guided tours may likewise be arranged by the organizers in coordination with the Provincial Tourism Office of Occidental Mindoro. Occidental Mindoro prides itself of beautiful beaches, dive sites, exciting waterfalls and trails, and the heartwarming hospitality of the locals. The Apo Reef is among the most popular destinations in the area.

Other details and/or additional information shall be posted on the 2024 Sagwanan Festival Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/sagwananfestival>, the PDBF Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ePDBF>, the PDBF website <https://pdbfsport.com> or via email at sagwanan@gmail.com or phidbfed@gmail.com.

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