

Augusta Regional



**TEAM  
REGISTRATION PACKAGE**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- ◆ Teams are made up of 20 paddlers, a drummer, plus 3 alternate paddlers. No team may have more than 24 members. Alternate paddlers may switch with other team members for the races.
- ◆ Each team will race a minimum of two races. The winner of each heat will race a third time to determine the winner of the division prize.
- ◆ Teams can be all male, all female, all youth (14-18 years old), mixed male and female (must have at least 8 females), plus seniors teams (55 and older).
- ◆ Teams receive one classroom session and two “on water” practice sessions. (Additional “on water” practice sessions can be scheduled for an additional \$30 each.) Each session lasts 1 hour. (Registered members of the ARDBA receive a 20% discount on practice sessions. Contact the ARDBA for membership fees and benefits.)
- ◆ Each team will have the use of a 10x10 tent during the festival. Teams are encouraged to decorate their tents with banners and flags as a prize will be awarded to the most elaborate and fun tent!
- ◆ Each team will have the opportunity to purchase team shirts at a discount from ARDBA with their team name on the back and festival logo on the front. (Contact the ARDBA for information.)
- ◆ Each team will have the opportunity to purchase a team “banner” through ARDBA prior to the festival.
- ◆ Team registration fees are \$750 if paid by the specified date and \$800 after that date. (Registration fees are waived for Corporate sponsors according to their particular sponsorship agreement.)
- ◆ Each team member is required to raise a minimum of \$100 for the designated charity prior to the event. Money can be raised through an individual donation, team member sponsor, or any other way team member feels appropriate. Money will be collected by an ARDBA official 24 hours prior to the festival races. Team members unable to raise the charitable contribution may volunteer charitable hours with the Alzheimer’s Association. **A prize will be awarded to the team that raises the most money.**





**TEAM REGISTRATION**  
**The Augusta Regional Dragon Boat Association**  
*Proudly Presents*  
***The Augusta Regional Dragon Boat Festival***

Name of Corporation/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Team fees are waived for Corporate Sponsors according to their individual sponsorship agreement.*

**Team Fee(s): \$750.00 per team**  
**Number of teams** \_\_\_\_\_  
**X \$750.00**  
**Total Fee(s) Enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to: **Augusta Regional Dragon Boat Association**  
Mail to: **Augusta Regional Dragon Boat Association, P.O. Box 14343, Augusta, GA 30919**  
For Questions, contact the **Augusta Regional Dragon Boat Association at 866-554-1116.**

**Notification**

A team information package will be sent to you with a confirmation letter upon receipt of entry form and fee. This will include rules & regulations, information on practice sessions, waivers for team members, team roster form and publicity information form.

**All waivers must be submitted to the ARDBA Team Coordinator by the first scheduled practice.**

**All fees must be paid by \_\_\_\_\_ Team fees after this date are \$800 each.**

# *Augusta Regional Dragon Boat Festival*

## *TEAM PRACTICES*

After your team has registered for the Augusta Regional Dragon Boat Festival (see registration sheet) contact the team coordinator, Judy Amerson, at the Augusta Regional Dragon Boat Association at **866-554-1116** to book your team's free practice sessions. All participants must sign and submit a waiver by the first practice session. Team Captains will submit all waivers to a festival official. (Please duplicate the waiver in this package as necessary.)

All equipment, including dragon boats, paddles and life vests will be provided by the event organizers. Each participant will be required to wear a life vest or personal flotation device during all practices and races.

All practice sessions are 1 hour. Please ensure your team arrives at the practice site 20 minutes prior to your team practice time, and finishes the hour promptly to ensure schedule efficiency.

Each team will receive one classroom session and two "on water" practices. Scheduled practices with a designated coach and steersperson will start at a specified time prior to race day. The first "classroom" practice will be held at \_\_\_\_\_ . The rest of the practices will be in the boats on the water at Lake Olmstead.

A Minimum of 14 of your team members are required for practice! If there is less than this, we will do our best to place your team members with other practicing teams. Otherwise you will have to reschedule your practice session.

You and your teammates will get a little wet at the "on water" practices so come prepared!

Depending on the availability of boats, additional team practice sessions may be scheduled for \$30 each session. **(Members of ARDBA receive a 20% discount on boat rental. Contact the ARDBA for information regarding membership & benefits.)**



# *Augusta Regional Dragon Boat Festival*

## *Rules and Regulations*

### *Teams & Eligibility*

All Male Teams – any age

All Female Teams – any age

Youth Teams – mixed male/female from ages 14 -17

### Community & Corporate Mixed Division:

Teams in the Mixed Division, must have a minimum of 8 female paddlers for a total race compliment of 20 paddlers and 1 drummer in the race boat. A team roster is allowed to have up to 24 team members, including 1 drummer and 1 steersperson. A team roster does not have to consist of employees of your company. Team members may include spouses, family members, friends, or neighbors. A team may enter more than 1 division. Paddlers may only paddle/enter on one team. There may be no less than 16 members on each team.

A registered team member must be fourteen (14) years of age or older in the year of competition and **no team member under the age of eighteen (18) will be allowed to practice or race without written consent and a waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian.** A final team roster and team profile, along with all team individual waivers must be submitted to the event organizers before any team practices can be scheduled. **Your team will not be able to practice or race if all waivers do not match the team roster.**

**Important: An individual may only register as a paddler for one team and paddle for only that particular team.** Drummers can be either male or female and may participate on other teams in that capacity. They may also participate as a paddler for their team (i.e., switching spots with another registered team member) or may choose to register and participate as a paddler for another team during the event (not both).

All team captains must register the morning of the race. At that time, they may pick up a wrist bracelet for each member on their roster. Bracelets are checked prior to each race.

**Senior Division:** All teams wishing to participate in the Senior division must provide the dates of birth for each participant on the team roster. All paddlers must be 55 or older. The drummer or steersperson can be any age

**Note :** All boats must have drummers who are drumming audibly in an effort to maintain the rich culture and history around dragon boating.

**The Team Captain** shall be responsible for the conduct of his/her team and for the communication and distribution of all practice and race information to the team. The team manager is responsible for collecting and submitting all forms and waivers to the event office before practicing or racing can be scheduled.

### **Safety**

Be aware of forecast weather conditions during practices and on race day. The Practice Supervisor will be responsible for the suspension or cancellation of practices due to hazardous weather or marine conditions. All attempts will be made to re-schedule the practice. In the event that poor weather conditions do not permit races on Saturday, a new race date will be posted on the web site as soon as possible.

**NOTE: TEAMS RACE A MINIMUM OF TWO TIMES. USE OF ALTERNATES IN EACH RACE IS ALLOWED. WINNERS OF EACH “HEAT” RACE AGAIN IN THE FINAL RACE FOR THE DIVISION AWARDS.**

## How to get started CHECK LIST

No.	Check When Completed	Task
1		Designate a team manager (captain/main contact). See team manager's responsibilities below.
2		Recruit 20 paddlers, (men or women or both), a drummer and up to 3 alternates.
3		Complete the registration forms: team information, team registration and profile and team roster.
4		Make a check payable for the amount of \$750.00 per team to Augusta Regional Dragon Boat Association.
5		Mail copies of team registration and one check per team to Augusta Regional Dragon Boat Association, P.O. Box 14343, Augusta, GA 30919
6		Contact Augusta Regional Dragon Boat Association team coordinator, Judy Amerson at (866) 554-1116 or email at <a href="mailto:jamerson@augustadragonboat.org">jamerson@augustadragonboat.org</a> to schedule three practices. ARDBA will provide training and equipment.

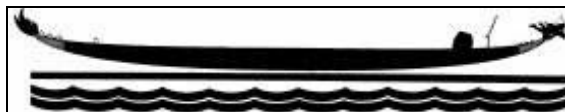
***The team manager** is responsible for recruiting team members (paddlers and drummer) and submitting team registration and payments. S/he also will act as a focal point between your team and Augusta Regional Dragon Boat Association for communications relating to practices, race day and waiver requirements. The team manager also ensures that all team members are present and ready 20 minutes prior to your team's scheduled races.*



# Team Roster

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Wavier)

1. Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ M/F \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
2. Steersperson (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ M/F \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
3. Drummer: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ M/F \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
4. Paddler: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ M/F \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
5. Paddler: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ M/F \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
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# Augusta Regional Dragon Boat Festival Team Profile

*Team Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Team Captain:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Telephone #:* \_\_\_\_\_ *E-Mail:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Please provide some background information on your team the announcer can use during the race, and interesting information we can use in the 'Race Program' to be distributed at the festival.*

Please submit this form to the event promotions P O Box at:

Augusta Regional Dragon Boat Association  
P.O. Box 14343  
Augusta, GA 30919

***REGISTRATION IS NOT COMPLETE WITHOUT THIS FORM!!***

*(i.e. Is your team a corporate or community team? Have any of the members paddled before? Why did your team get together? Any special achievements by your team or members or your team? Please write on back of form if necessary!) This will allow our masters of ceremony to make special announcements specific to your team as you are lining up for the race and while you are racing!!*

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*Proceeds to benefit Augusta Alzheimer's Association*



# ***Augusta Regional Dragon Boat Festival***

## **For Team Practices-Team Races**

### **Augusta Regional Dragon Boat Festival Waiver**

IN CONSIDERATION of being given the opportunity to participate in The “***Augusta Dragon Boat Festival***” hosted by The Augusta Regional Dragon Boat Association Inc.™, I, for myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:

1. ACKNOWLEDGE, agree, and represent that I understand the nature of Paddling Activities, both on water and land based, and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity.
2. FULLY UNDERSTAND that: (a.) PADDLING ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS of serious bodily injury, including permanent disability, paralysis, and death ("Risks"); (b.) these Risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions, or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Activity, the condition in which the Activity takes place, or the negligence of the Releases named below; (c.) there may be other risks and social and economic losses either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I incur as a result of my participation in the Activity.
3. AGREE AND WARRANT that I will examine and inspect each Activity in which I take part as a member of Augusta Regional Dragon Boat Festival Races and that, if I observe and condition which I consider to be unacceptably hazardous or dangerous, I will notify the proper authority in charge of the Activity and will refuse to take part in the Activity until the condition has been corrected to my satisfaction.
4. HEREBY RELEASE, discharge, and covenant not to sue the Augusta Regional Dragon Boat Association Inc., Augusta Regional Dragon Boat Festival or its board members, other participating race organizers, any sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and leasers of premises, on which the Activity takes place, (each considered one of the Releasers herein) from all liability, claims, demands, losses or damages on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the Releasers or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations; and I further agree that if, despite this release and waiver of liability, assumption of risk, and indemnity agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releasers, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the Releasers from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as a result of such claim.

I have read this agreement, fully understand it's terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law, and agree that if any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid, the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect.

**Printed Name of Participant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Legal Guardian if participant is under the age of 18:**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please duplicate this form as required for all team members!)*

**TEAM NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Paddler Number on Roster #** \_\_\_\_\_