



# Terms and Conditions

For the Frankfurt Dragon Boat Festival at Theodor-Stern-Kai in Frankfurt am Main on 24.05.2025.

Races will be held in the following categories:

- Mixed-Fun
- Mixed-Sport

The classification is based on the ranking list (results) achieved during the races. Please transfer the registration fee upon submitting this application. An invoice can be issued upon request. The bank transfer receipt will be accepted as proof of payment. In the event of cancellation by a registered team, the entry fee will be refunded minus a cancellation fee of €50. If a training session has been used or the race schedule has been sent (one week before the event), the entry fee will be retained.

**Registration deadline:** 30 April 2025

1. A registration is only valid if the first page of the application is fully completed and sent by email to the organiser at [info@frankfurt-drachenboot-festival.de](mailto:info@frankfurt-drachenboot-festival.de) before the registration deadline, and the fee has been demonstrably transferred to the organiser. Upon successful registration, the participating team will receive a confirmation email from the organiser.
2. Participation in the cups is limited. Only complete registrations will be considered.
3. The fully completed team list must be signed by all participants and sent by email to [info@frankfurt-drachenboot-festival.de](mailto:info@frankfurt-drachenboot-festival.de) no later than the registration deadline. Any changes to the team list must be reported to the regatta office at least 60 minutes before the first race.
4. If parental consent forms are required, they must also be submitted no later than the registration deadline.
5. A minimum of 18 and a maximum of 20 paddlers must participate in the training session before the festival. The training schedules will be assigned. Requests for specific training times will be accommodated as much as possible. The team captain will receive the training schedule via email.

## **A note on advertising!**

This event is largely financed by our partners. Therefore, any form of advertising must be registered in advance and is subject to an advertising fee. Any team wishing to display advertisements on team clothing, through the team name, or via information provided to the event announcer must declare this in advance in the application and pay the corresponding advertising fee.

For those who do not pay this fee: Advertising on team clothing, through the team name, or via information provided to the event announcer is strictly prohibited. Otherwise, the team will not be permitted to compete. Banner advertising along the shore or on the stage is exclusively reserved for event sponsors.

# Rules

Only the team captain represents the team and acts as the point of contact for the organiser, referees, and event staff. Each team captain must report their team to the regatta management at least 30 minutes before the first race.

Each team consists of a minimum of 18 and a maximum of 20 paddlers in the boat, one drummer, and substitutes (a maximum of 25 people in total). A team without a drummer will not be permitted to race. At least four paddlers in the race must be female. We expressly reserve the right to amend this rule.

Boats, including full equipment and experienced helmsmen, will be provided by the organiser for the races (use of own helmsmen is possible upon agreement). The use of personal dragon boat paddles conforming to IDBF standard 202a is permitted.

During the race, no additional aids for setting the rhythm are allowed other than the voice of the drummer or paddlers. Any additional aids or accessories taken on board require explicit approval from the race management.

The race distance is 250m.

The starting point is at the Friedensbrücke. In case of adverse conditions (e.g., currents or wind), the starter, in coordination with the race management, may decide to conduct a quick start. Teams will always be informed beforehand with the command "Quick Start." In this case, the start signal is shortened to "Attention" + "Go."

## Start signal:

1. "Are you ready?" -> If the team encounters technical difficulties, the drummer and/or the helmsman can signal for a start abort by waving both arms and making eye contact with the starter. The starter will decide whether to abort the start.
2. "Attention!" -> All paddlers must be in position, with paddles above the water surface (ensuring equal conditions on flowing water).
3. "Go!" -> The race begins, and paddling is allowed.

A false start results in a warning. Upon the second warning, there will be a points deduction. After a third warning, the team will be disqualified. A warning remains valid for the rest of the regatta.

The drummer must begin drumming no later than 50m after the start and must continue until the finish line.

After the race, each boat must promptly return to the dock with its complete crew. The race is only considered finished once the entire team has disembarked in the marshalling area.

In case of irregularities during the race, regardless of the nature, the race management will decide on the race outcome or a potential restart. Races will generally be completed unless doing so would endanger other participants.

In case of a violation of the rules or unsportsmanlike behaviour, an individual or the entire team may be issued a warning or a race ban by the race officials. Two warnings during the entire regatta will result in a points deduction, while three warnings will lead to automatic disqualification.

In the event of a dead heat, the placement may be determined by drawing lots.

Any protest against a decision must be submitted to the race officials no later than 15 minutes after the announcement of the official result. The jury will decide on the protest.

If the DLRG (German Life Saving Association) or the Water Police crosses the regatta course with flashing blue lights, the race must be stopped immediately.

Should these rules need to be changed for compelling reasons, all registered teams will be informed of the new rules in due time via email.

## **Notice for All Teams:**

There will be changing tents available for participating teams on the event grounds. These tents will not be supervised. Please do not leave any valuables in the tents.

We kindly ask you to entrust your valuables to a team companion for safekeeping and to take care of your belongings. The organiser accepts no liability for any items on the regatta grounds.

Private tents may only be set up with prior registration. The regulations (e.g. no ground stakes, no damage to trees, etc.) must be observed. Company advertising on tents is only permitted if the advertising fee has been booked.

All storage areas must be left clean.

We trust in your understanding!

# Registration Form



Frankfurt Dragonboat  
Festival

We hereby officially register the following team for participation in the  
**2nd Frankfurt Dragon Boat Festival on 24 May 2025:**

Please tick the appropriate category:

- 250M Mixed Fun
- 250M Mixed Sport

**Team Name:**

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**Team Captain (First and Last Name):**

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**Street Address:**

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**Postcode & City:**

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**Phone:**

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**Mobile:**

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**Email:**

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**Please complete in block letters!**

The registration fee of **€300** has been transferred to the following account:

**Recipient:** MainLoong Sport und Kultur Verein

**IBAN:** DE15 8306 5408 0004 1913 40

**BIC:** GENODEF1SLR

**Bank:** Deutsche Skatbank, Branch of VR-Bank Altenburger Land eG

**Address:** Altenburger Str. 13, 04626 Schmölln

## Participation Terms / Liability Waiver / Safety Instructions

The Team Captain is responsible for informing their team about the participation terms and the contents of the liability waiver. The Team Captain is also responsible for ensuring compliance with safety regulations.

All participants take part in the event at their own risk. The organiser assumes no liability. Failure to comply with the safety instructions and participation terms may result in the exclusion of an individual or the entire team.

By signing this form, I accept the participation terms, rules, safety regulations, and liability waiver on behalf of my registered team and commit to fully informing all team members about these conditions.

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**Place, Date, Signature of Team Captain**

# Liability Waiver / Safety Instructions

1. Dragon boat paddling is both a recreational and competitive sport that requires full-body engagement. Every participant must be able to swim **50 metres** in light clothing/sportswear and must be in a suitable state of health to engage in this type of physical activity.
2. Children and young people under the age of **18** require a **signed parental consent form**, which must be submitted with the registration documents.
3. The **Team Captain** is responsible for their team, ensuring compliance with race rules and safety regulations. The Team Captain commits to informing all team members about the participation terms, the liability waiver, and the safety instructions.
4. The instructions of the **organisers and their appointed officials** (e.g. referees, helms, and DLRG/DRK lifeguards) must be followed without exception.
5. **Each participant takes part in the event, including training and races, at their own risk.**
6. The **organisers, affiliated organisations, and involved persons accept no liability**. This includes the **loss or damage** of any personal belongings. As no storage facilities are available, each team is responsible for securing its own valuables.
7. Failure to comply with the **participation terms, rules, instructions, or safety regulations**, as well as **unsportsmanlike behaviour**, may result in the **disqualification of an individual or the entire team**.
8. **Noticeably intoxicated participants may be banned from starting by the organisers.**
9. The organiser reserves the right to **shorten or cancel the event** in cases of **force majeure** (e.g. thunderstorms, storms, flooding) or **extraordinary circumstances** (e.g. war, terrorism, strikes, official orders, etc.).
10. **Setting up team tents/pavilions on the event grounds is only permitted with prior approval** regarding **size and attachment method**.

By signing below, I confirm that I have read and understood the **liability waiver and safety instructions**:

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**Place, Date, Signature of Team Captain**

# Parental Consent Form



I hereby confirm that my son/daughter:

- **Can swim 50 metres** in light clothing/sportswear
- **Is in good health**
- **Participates in training and races at their own risk**

**Child's Name:**

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**Date of Birth:**

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**Street Address:**

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**Postcode & City:**

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**Phone:**

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**Team Name:**

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By signing below, I confirm that I have read, understood, and fully accepted the **liability waiver and safety instructions**:

**Name of Parent/Guardian:**

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*(Please complete all fields in block letters!)*

**Place, Date, Signature of Parent/Guardian**