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***The 2008 Canadian Cancer Society Manitoba  
Dragon Boat Festival  
September 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008***

In Support Of



Canadian Cancer Society  
Société canadienne  
du cancer

MANITOBA DIVISION

**Forks National Historic Site  
Racing on the Red**

Shaw presents The 2008 Canadian Cancer Society Manitoba Dragon Boat Festival will be celebrating its 13<sup>th</sup> year of Dragon Boating in Manitoba. With over 150 corporate and community teams anticipated to challenge one another throughout the event weekend of September 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 it is a guaranteed good time.

Dragon Boat racing is now the fastest growing water sport in the world, with every major city in North America able to boast that it has a Dragon Boat Festival as part of their summer event schedule.

We invite your corporation or group of friends to enter a team into this exciting and multi-cultural event. Come see how dragon boating can make this summer better than the last. Dragon Boating is extremely user friendly and anyone, young or old can quickly adapt to and develop a passion for this sport.

Attached is 'How to Organize a Dragon Boat Team' which is helpful in recruiting team members and answer common questions asked. Also attached is the Team Registration form for the Shaw presents The 2008 Canadian Cancer Society Manitoba Dragon Boat Festival. If you have any questions or would like more information please call us at (204) 982-1830 or toll free 1-888-679-4222.

Paddles Up!!!



## How to Organize a Dragon Boat Team

### Team Details:

**A Dragon Boat Team:** A full team (crew) is 25 members (20 paddlers, 1 drummer, 1 steerperson and 3 trained alternates). One team member is selected to obtain the position of team manager; this person is responsible for distributing team information to all 25 team members. **Each mixed dragon boat team must have a minimum of 8 female and 8 male paddlers.**

**Age requirement:** A registered team member must be fourteen (14) years of age or older in the year of competition (unless otherwise approved by race management) 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.

**Safety:** Each team member is responsible for their own safety at all times while engaging in activities related to practicing and racing in Dragon Boats. Each team member should be able to swim 100 metres while wearing a Personal Floatation Device (PFD). All registered Dragon Boat Participants must wear the PFD supplied (or one approved by FMG Road Crew) at all practices and races.

**Waiver/Roster Form:** Prior to the practices a package containing the waiver/roster form will be mailed to the team manager. Each team manager is responsible for submitting the team Waiver/Roster that has been signed by all team members. This form is to be submitted at your teams' first practice. **NO signature on the waiver form, NO entry into Dragon Boats.** Team members may only be on ONE waiver/roster form. The Team Marshall/ Race Committee reserves the right to check the team members in the boat and the names recorded on the team roster form prior to all races.

**Dragon Boat Equipment:** All Dragon boats, paddles, drums, and PFD's will be provided. Each dragon boat is fully equipped with a dragonhead and tail constructed of solid teak. All equipment used during practices and races shall be returned intact. Replacement costs or repair of such equipment will be charged to the responsible team, should negligence be determined.

**Team Sponsorship and Apparel:** FMG Dragon Boat retains all rights to advertising, sponsorship and commercial representation for the event. FMG Dragon Boat is under no obligation to individual Team Sponsors, and may refuse any commercial representation on the Dragon Boat Festival site and on the water venue. Representation of the organization responsible for the Team and its Sponsor (s) shall be limited to:

- a) Clothing such as team uniforms (T-shirts, sweat suits, hats, head bands, athletic bags).
- b) One team flag not exceeding six feet in any direction (Team flags are not allowed in Dragon Boats)
- c) Other items deemed appropriate by FMG Dragon Boat

**Dragon Boat Practices and Races:** Your team registration includes three practice sessions. ***Each team participant must practice at least 2 out of the 3 scheduled team practices. The steerperson must be at all three practices.*** The first practice should be **considered** mandatory; this is with a coach who gives specifics about safety, technique and the course. Each Dragon Boat team will practice and race with a full team of twenty-two (22) participants per boat (including 1 drummer & 1 steerperson). A team may practice or race with a minimum of sixteen (16) paddlers per boat plus 1 steerperson. All participating teams will be guaranteed three races (weather permitting) throughout the event weekend, over a 500m race course with trophies awarded based on timed events.

**\*\*\*Note:** The cancellation, change or adjustments in the date of the festival is at the sole discretion of FMG Dragon Boat and the respective directors. \*\*\*

**More information will be sent to team managers upon registration and leading up to the event.**





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Come join the fun and excitement of dragon boating!!

Registration form fields: Team Name, Sponsor, Team Manager, Address, City, Prov, Postal Code, Email, Phone, Fax, Alternate Contact, Phone, Email

Team Divisions:

- Mixed Competitive, Mixed Recreational, All Female (Mixed team must have minimum 8 female & 8 male paddlers)

Registration Fee enclosed: \$ All categories: \$900.00 \*NO REFUNDS\* (\$857.14 + \$42.86 GST # 136996659)

- Make cheque payable to: Manitoba Dragon Boat Festival
Entries are accepted on a first come first served basis
Event occurs rain or shine

Please return completed registration form and registration fee to:

Manitoba Dragon Boat Festival
C/O FMG Dragon Boat
Suite #392
23-845 Dakota St.,
Winnipeg, MB. R2M 5M3

\*\*\*A complete outline of event, safety and participation rules are available and must be clearly understood before registering and paying of fees. The cancellation, change, postponement, or any other adjustments in the festival or practice dates are at the sole discretion of the festival organizers, FMG Dragon Boat and or K.D.K.S. Facility Marketing Group Inc.\*\*\*

