

ROTARY CLUB OF BROOME INC.

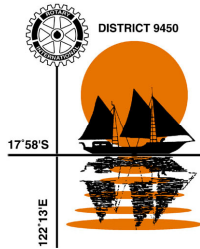
"Port of Pearls" — Western Australia

Dragon Boat Regatta

RACE RULES FOR THE ROTARY DRAGON BOAT REGATTA

- All teams must pay the entry fee** at least four weeks *prior* to the races commencing. Please make cheques out to "Rotary Club of Broome"
- All team members must** have read, agreed to the conditions and signed the race rules and disclaimer form before being eligible to race.
- Teams (boat crew) must consist of:**
 - Maximum number will be 22 on the team with a maximum of 18 in the boat each race.
 - Included must be a **minimum of 4 female members**, a Drummer and a Sweep.
 - A maximum of two children permitted in each boat – refer to Item 22.
- Compulsory safety briefing** will be held for Team Captains at the Commentator's Box before the dragon boat racing starts and Team Captains are responsible for passing on the information to their team members.
- A training/practice** day will be held on prior to the race day. Teams will be expected to make use of the availability of a boat for practice. Only Sweeps that have attended training will be allowed to take control of a boat.
- Teams are to assemble for preliminary Tug of War** events before their *first* Dragon Boat Race. The final Tug of War events are to be held after Dragon Boat Races have concluded.
- Teams are to assemble for other races** in the Marshalling area prior to the completion of the previous race or 10 minutes prior to the starting of the race. Due to time and tide constraints, teams may be disqualified for holding up races, so please listen to the commentator calling for assembly of your team.
- Beach Start Races** will start from the waterline on the beach where Marshals will give instructions as to the positioning of the boats. Beach Start Races will start:
 - When the team members (except the Sweep) are in the boat.
 - When the team is ready, the Team Captain will instruct the Drummer to raise the drumstick.
 - Once all Drummers have raised their drumstick above their heads.
 - All Sweeps will then enter the boats.
- Deep Water Start Races** will start from the designated start line where Marshals will give instructions as to the positioning of the boats. Water Start Races will start:
 - When all boats are in their designated starting position
 - When the team is ready, the Team Captain will instruct the Drummer to raise the drumstick.
 - Once Drummers have raised their drumstick above their heads.
- Race starts will be the following commands: "Ready", "Paddles Up" and "Go".
- Teams will have 3 minutes from when the first boat is in the starting position to get into position – those taking too long to get ready will be disqualified.
- The Sweep will tell the crew when to stop paddling after the boat crosses the finishing line, after which Paddlers should keep their paddles resting on top of the water to steady the boat.





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13. The finish boat officials will confirm the order of teams that cross the finish line.
14. Finish boat judges will decide the placegetters and whether boats have correctly completed the race, and their decisions will be final.
15. Teams **will be disqualified** from their race if they:
 - Deviate from their course and interfere with another boat's safe passage.
 - **Deliberately capsize their boat** and/or opposing team's boat.
 - Start prior to the official start.
16. Time and tide permitting, races may be re-run without the offending team.
17. On returning to the beach, each team will empty all water from their boat and place paddles in their respective positions.
18. Only Team Captains can register protests with onshore judges.
A non refundable protest registration fee of \$50 is required with each protest.
19. Offshore judges decisions shall be final.
20. Points shall be calculated as follows:
 - 1st place 4 points
 - 2nd place 3 points
 - 3rd place 2 points
 - 4th place 1 point
 - Entry to the Semi-Finals will be based on points only.
 - Entry to the Finals will be based on the four highest point scorers.
 - Teams will be chosen on the number of 1st, 2nd and 3rd place wins if points for two or more teams are equal; if still equal, prizes (1st and 2nd, or 2nd and 3rd) to added together and equally split.
21. Any intoxicated person at the Marshalling Point will be refused entry into the boats.
22. Children may participate if:
 - Children must be fourteen years or older.
 - Two adults must accompany each child under 16 years.
 - Children must wear life jackets – Team Captains to enforce.
 - A maximum of two children permitted in each boat.
23. Adults must be able to swim competently. If a non-swimmer, they must be identified and must wear a life jacket.

