

Malayalee Association of Central Florida, Inc (MACF)

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Rules and Regulations: The Champions Trophy Vallamkali November 13th, 2010

For the purpose of these rules and regulations, the following terms will be used: 'EVENT OPERATOR' shall mean the Malayalee Association of Central Florida Inc, (MACF) 'Race officials' 'Judges' 'Starter' shall mean those officials appointed by the Event operator to sanction and officiate in the races. The interpretation of any of the following rules and regulations shall be final decision of the Event operator.

1. GENERAL

1.1 'Registered Crew Member' is any person who is listed on race roster and is referred to herein as crew member.

1.2 Any crew that fails to observe the rules and regulations herein may be disqualified.

1.3 Each crew must have a Team Manager (a member of the team) who must be present in the crew assembly area during the time that the crew is under the control of race officials. The Team Manager or captain will be responsible for liaison with race officials and represent the crew at ceremonies.

1.4 Each team must submit a completed team registration form to the Event Operator by November 1, 2010.

1.5 There is an entry fee of \$250.00/team for the race.

1.6 The Event Operator reserves right to refuse entry to any crew in the race at its sole discretion.

1.7 All matters not specifically addressed in this 'Rules and Regulations' will be determined, at its sole discretion by the Event Operator.

1.8 Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and the Event Operator may suspend team from competition.

1.9 Event Operator reserves the right to seek legal action against a team or crew member for damages caused by failing to follow the rules and regulations, negligent actions or omissions.

1.10 Event Operator reserves the right to waive, amend and add to any of the rules and regulations.

1.11 Crew members are not allowed to consume alcoholic beverages during the event.

1.12 Crew members shall carry their photo ID at all times during the boat race and Event operator reserves the right to check photo ID s during the event.

- 1.13 The drum provided on each boat is the only instrument to be used on the boat for keeping the pace. Whistles, air horns or any other items are prohibited and the use of these could cause disqualification from the race.

2. SAFETY

- 2.1 Crew members must be able to swim at least 100 meters wearing light clothing. It is the responsibility of the organization or individual entering a crew to make sure that all members of the crew comply with this rule.
- 2.2 Each crew member is solely responsible for his or her safety during official practice sessions and during races.
- 2.3 Personal Flotation Device (PFD) will be provided to all crew members and must be worn in the proper manner at all times while in the boat.
- 2.4 These rules concerning safety should not be construed as authority over and above requirements necessitated by regulated agencies.
- 2.5 In the event of a swamped boat, all crew members must stay with the boat, report any missing person to the steersperson and wait for further instructions from the safety official.

3. WAIVERS

- 3.1 Registered Crew Member must sign a waiver /release/assumption/ indemnity and must be aware of the risks associated with dragon boat racing, and accept and thus waive any right or course of action they may have against the Event Operator, sponsors, organizations connected with the event for injury or death to person(s) or loss or damage to personal property. Crew members who are under the age of eighteen years must have the waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian prior to participating in the boat activities. Minimum age to participate in race is 14 years.
- 3.2 All crew members must sign and return a waiver provided by the event operator to the event operator prior to any practice sessions, and race activities.
- 3.3 Event Operator may require signing more than one waiver.

4. CREW AND CREW COMPOSITION

- 4.1 Malayalee Association of Central Florida (MACF) is conducting the dragon boat race separately for men and women. Each team should have a maximum of 25 registered members comprising of one drummer. A team may have 26 members if the team manager is not a paddler or drummer. Maximum capacity of the boat is only 22 people including the drummer and the steersperson.
- 4.2 At the time of entry each team shall have a crew of minimum 16 paddlers.
- 4.3 Event operator specifically reserves the right to waive or amend Rule 4.1 or 4.2

4.4 Each paddler shall only be registered under the name of one team and may not compete for any other team. In no case shall any crew members paddle for more than one team unless specially permitted by the organizers. In the event that a crew member is found to have competed in a team he or she was not originally registered under, the team that included him illegally could be disqualified.

4.5 Each crew is entirely responsible for its conduct and for complying with the race rules.

4.6 Each crew must wear uniform, distinctive singlets or shorts while under the control of race officials.

4.7 Steersperson for each team will be provided by the Event Operator.

4.8 Teams should consist of people of Indian origin.

5. MARSHALING, EMBARKING, AND PROCEEDING TO START

5.1 A crew must assemble in the crew assembly area and be ready to board 30 minutes before the time of its race.

5.2 Crew must follow the directions of the race officials at all times.

5.3 Tossing/drawing will be done prior to each race to assign a boat to a team. Each boat will be assigned with one steer person and track before the drawing/tossing occurs. Final decision on this will be vested on the Event operator.

5.4 A crew must race in their assigned lane. In the event of a boat failing to keep its proper course and thereby interfering with the course of another boat which is on its proper course, or in the event of a collision between two or more boats, the race official may, after consultation with other race officials, disqualify the offending boat or boats or order one or more boats to re-race the race. Final decisions on the race is reserved by the Event Operator and race officials.

6. STARTING PROCEDURE

6.1 A crew in the starting area must obey the instructions of the starter, judges and other race officials.

6.2 A crew must take up its correct position in the starting area in the lane assigned to it.

6.3 When the starter is satisfied that the crews are correctly aligned, the starter will alert all crews by raising the horn and will give the verbal warning 'Paddles Up', 'Attention Please'. After a 3-4 second pause a horn will then be sounded to signify the start of the race. It is the responsibility of the team captain to make sure that each crewmember is familiar with the starting procedure.

6.4 In the event that the starter considers that any crew has started before the horn is sounded, a second horn will be sounded to signify a false start and all crews must stop and return to the starting point. The race will be restarted. The starter will issue a warning to any crew that causes a false start.

6.5 Any crew that fails to return after a false start or that causes two false starts may be disqualified.

6.6 Team manager is responsible for the team conduct, communication and distribution of information to the team, communication with Event Operator, and attendance at the meetings at event location.

7. RACE CONDUCTING METHOD/ORDER

7.1 The race will be conducted in the following manner:

(a) QUALIFYING HEATS: This race will be conducted exclusively on time basis. Each team’s race time will be displayed on the results board. Incase of odd number of teams, a team might be asked to race without an opponent - for time or against a team provided by the event operator.

(b) SEMI FINAL: The four fastest teams from the qualifying heats in each division will be selected for semi finals. The second and third best teams will race in the first semi final race and the first and fourth best teams race in the second semi final race. Winner of each heat will advance to the final.

(c) FINAL: The winner of the final race will receive ‘THE CHAMPIONS TROPHY’.

(d) If there is only one team registered for the race in one division (men/women), that team will race against a team provided by the Event Operator to record time. The registered team will receive the Champions Trophy, not cash award. This team is not required to pay a registration fee. If there are only two teams in a division, the amount of the cash prize will be decided by the Event Operator.

8. PROTESTS

8.1 Only the team captain or manager may file a protest. Protests must be filed with the protest committee within 10 minutes after the completion of the disputed race. The protest committee shall consist of race course officials, starter and finish line judge. Their decisions are final.

TEAM CERTIFICATION

The under signed acknowledges that he/she has read and understands the foregoing rules and regulations and will distribute them to each registered crew member with instructions to read and understand the rules and regulations prior to any training or race activities.

Signature-----
(Captain)

Signature-----
(Manager)

Date:-----