

Pan American Dragon Boat Federation

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Purpose

The purpose of Pan American Dragon Boat Federation is to be the international organization for the general conduct of the Sport of Dragon Boat Racing and the development of Dragon Boat Racing as a recognized sport within the region of The Americas and to represent the interests of its member Governing Dragon Boat Association and groups with other organizations entities within the Americans. Pan American Dragon Boat Federation is a not-for-profit sport organization, free from all economic, political, and religious ties, for the purpose of organizing, supervising and controlling in the Western Hemisphere, on the basis of friendship and co-operation, the amateur activity of the sport Dragon Boat Racing. The Pan American Dragon Boat Federations shall be divided into four zones:

- (i) SOUTH AMERICA
- (ii) MEXICO, CENTRAL AMERICA, THE ANTILLES AND BERMUDA
- (iii) UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
- (iv) CANADA

Objectives

The objectives of the Pan American Dragon Boat Federation shall be to obey and enforce the existing By-Laws and statutes of the organization. It shall organize and control the Pan American Championships in the sport of Dragon Boat Racing, in any other competitions between the zone bodies. It shall endeavor by all means at its command to promote the interest of and instil respect for the International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF) and shall require its members to become members of the IDBF.

Requirements to Become a Member

The requirements of becoming a member of the Pan American Dragon Boat Federation are:

- (a) That the country or territory be located in the Western Hemisphere and that it shall be:
 - (i) A member of a zone body
 - (ii) A member of the IDBF or with pending application for such membership
 - (iii) An organization which represents and controls the sport of Dragon Boat Racing in that country or territory
 - (iv) It must not belong in the sport of Dragon Boat Racing to any other international regional federation or organization
 - (v) It must submit an application for membership and pay the membership fee together with documents testifying to its compliance with the above-mentioned requirements, in order to be provisionally accepted by the Executive Committee and for final acceptance by the congress as a member.

Obligations and Privileges of a Member

Members of the Dragon Boat Federation must:

- (a) Comply with the provisions of these statutes as well as those of the IDBF, the zone bodies and other group By-Laws. The members shall provide the President and the Secretary-Treasurer with up to date copies of all constitutions and By-Laws.
- (b) The Zone Bodies shall exercise effective control over the majority of all nations, territories and athletes engaged in all forms of the sport of Dragon Boat Racing in the geographic area under their jurisdiction and shall be responsible for supervision and control of the Championships within their zones. At the same time, these Zone Bodies shall cooperate in support of any international competition with each zone.
- (c) The members shall cooperate with the Pan American Dragon Boat Federation in promoting the development and extension of all dragon boat activities within the area of the Western Hemisphere.
- (d) The Zone bodies shall formulate and support an annual program of activities in the sport of Dragon Boat Racing and advise the Pan American Dragon Boat Federation of such plans.

- (e) The Zone Bodies shall send to the Pan American Dragon Boat Federation an annual report of their activities.
- (f) Pan American Dragon Boat Federation members shall pay their Pan American Dragon boat Federation dues promptly.
- (g) The member shall advise the Pan American Dragon Boat Federation promptly of any change in the names or addresses of their Directors.
- (h) The members shall promptly notify the Pan American Dragon Boat Federation of any punitive action taken against their athletes or clubs.
- (i) For competitions in the Western Hemisphere between clubs/crews/teams that represent the Zones, notification must be made to the Pan American Dragon Boat Federation in advance to assure that such competitions will be held between members and only those entitled to represent the Zones. The Pan American Dragon Boat Federation reserves the right to nominate a representative to such competition to ensure that all Pan American Dragon Boat Federation and IDBF rules will be observed.
- (j) In the event that a member shall hold a Pan American Dragon Boat or an international competition between two or more Zone bodies, it will be required to assume travelling and living expense of at least one representative of the Pan American Dragon Boat Federation who will be designated by the Executive Committee to act as the Pan American Dragon Boat Federation authority at such event and ensure that all Pan American Dragon Boat Federation and IDBF rules are complied.
- (k) The members shall comply with the decisions and penalties which the Executive Committee or the Congress shall impose.

The Zone bodies and the members shall have the following privileges:

- (a) They will be considered as the supreme authority within their territorial limits in all matters concerning the organization and promotion of the sport of Dragon Boat Racing
- (b) So long as the Zone bodies or a federation or organization complies with these By-Laws, no other organization representing Dragon Boat Racing in its territory will be admitted membership in the Pan American Dragon Boat Federation.
- (c) Only athletes forming part of a national organization through membership in their clubs or teams will be permitted to participate in local, national or international championships.
- (d) The Zone bodies shall be authorized to make public announcements of the Zone Championships, and the federations or affiliated groups shall have the same authorization in relation to their own National Championships. In each case, the representative organization shall control the competition in accordance with its announcement and entry information.
- (e) The Zone bodies shall have the right to select their Zone Teams to be represented in inter-zone competition.

Dues

Each federation or member of the Pan American Dragon Boat Federation shall pay annual dues as set by the Congress, in addition to such extra assessments as may be levied by the Congress or the Executive Committee. Dues shall be paid no later than March 31st of each year. Any member in arrears in payment of dues shall not be eligible to vote and will be held in suspension of its membership rights until it has made full payment.

Pan American Dragon Boat Federation annual dues per country shall be as followed:

- (a) Zone 1(SOUTH AMERICA): \$100.00 USD for the first year and \$200.00 USD the second year
- (b) Zone 2 (MEXICO, CENTRAL AMERICA, THE ANTILLES, BERMUDA): \$100.00 USD
- (c) Zone 3&4 (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA & CANADA) : \$500.00 USD

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

New Applicants for Pan American Dragon Boat Federation (PADBF) Membership are to complete this Application Form. Applications for membership will be considered by The Executive of the PADBF who then may grant Membership as per the PADBF By-Laws.

The

(Federation Name)

Hereby applies for Membership of the Pan American Dragon Boat Federation (PADBF) and agrees to abide by the PADBF Constitution, on the express understanding that such Membership, if offered by the PADBF Executive Committee will be on a preliminary basis until such time as the conditions for PADBF membership are fully complied with and is approved by the Congress of the PADBF.

Signature (for the organisation named above)

Name (of individual signatory)

Role with organisation

Date

Contact/Association Postal Address:

Contact/Association Phone Number:

Contact/Association Email Address:

When completed, return this Application Form to Mr. Franco Siu Chong fsiuchong@gmail.com

PADBF Membership Assessment Questionnaire

1. Have you previously been a member of PADBF? **YES/NO**

If YES- What was the last year you were a member?

2. Have you ever been refused membership? **YES/NO**

If YES- Why? Please explain lapse in membership

3. Has your organization been formally recognized as the Governing Body for the sport of Dragon Boat Racing, in your country or territory, by the competent authority for such recognition? (For example, a federation of independent sports bodies or a government agency with a responsibility for sports (See IDBF Bye-Law 12.5 AND if you are already a Basic Member see Bye-Law 12.3.4). **YES / NO**

a. **If YES** - Please detail below the name and address of the organization concerned and the person to whom the IDBF should contact to confirm your status. (If you have documentary proof of recognition, please attach to this Questionnaire).

Organization:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

b. **If NO** - Is your organization a Regional (e.g. State) based Governing Body for Dragon Boat Racing in your own country or territory? **YES / NO**

c. **If NO** - Is your organization mainly a non-Dragon Boat Racing organization, (For example, a Festival Organizer, Cultural Group, Business Group?) **YES / NO**

d. **If YES** - please state the type of organization

4. Does your organization organize Regattas? **YES / NO**

If YES Please provide details:

Number of crews participating: _____

Total Budget: _____

Number of Staff involved: _____

Number of Spectators: _____

5. Please give an estimate of the numbers of people taking part in the sport and recreation of dragon boating, in your country as follows:

(1) Juniors, Under 18

Males _____ Females _____

(2) Adults aged 18-40

Males _____ Females _____

(3) Adults aged over 40

Males _____ Females _____

PAN AMERICAN DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION

Application for Formal Membership

The

hereby applies for Membership of the Pan American Dragon Boat Federation (PADBF) as a **FULL** member. **This is a FIRST / RENEWAL Application.**

Submitted with this application is a PADBF Membership Assessment Questionnaire, completed in compliance with the PADBF Statutes, Articles 10 - 14 and PADBF Bye-Law 12. I understand that this Questionnaire will be used to determine which category of PADBF Membership will be recommended by the PADBF Executive Committee and Council to the Congress. (The decision of the PADBF Congress is final).

FULL MEMBER CERTIFICATION

It is certified that the organisation applying for FULL Membership represents the majority of Dragon Boat Clubs in its own country or territory, as defined in PADBF Bye-Law 12, and is the controlling association for Dragon Boat Racing and recognized as such by a competent authority for sport as defined in the Bye-Laws and that its own Statutes are consistent with those of the PADBF. **Please enter the name of the competent authority below. (NOT applicable to Basic Members applying for Full Membership after 5 years as a PADBF Basic Member – Bye-Law 12.3.4 refers).**

Name:

Position Held:

Address:

BASIC MEMBERS CERTIFICATION

It is certified that the conditions for Basic Membership of the PADBF as laid down in Articles 12 & 13 of the Statutes have been fully complied with and that this application is supported by a recognized PADBF Continental Federation, where one exists.

ALL APPLICANTS: The undersigned, on behalf of the organisation applying for PADBF Membership, hereby formally undertakes to observe and conform to the Statutes, Bye-Laws, Regulations, Rules and Directives of the PADBF, its officers and representatives. It is also understood that the PADBF Council and Congress have the absolute right to accept or reject any application for PADBF Membership, as determine by a vote of the Council or Congress.

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____
