

GENERAL INFORMATION



TEAM MEMBERS

Every team will consist of 21 team members - 20 paddlers and 1 drummer. Paddlers must be age 15 or older. Each team must have a minimum of 8 female paddlers. A female drummer does not count toward the 8 female requirement. Your drummer needs to be one of your smaller team members. In addition, the drummer will compete in the day during the drummers' parade so drummers are often dressed exuberantly. There will be an award for the best drummer.

Team members can be determined up until the time of the race, so if you have someone who is unable to make it, you can make substitutions even on race day.

TEAM SPIRIT

An additional award will go to the team judged to have the best Team Spirit. These factors will be used in determination of the winner:

- Team outfits/uniforms
- Tent decorations (you can decorate your tent however you like - get creative)
- Team enthusiasm

Teams are encouraged to dress similarly, but it is certainly not required.

TENTS

Most of our teams come and set up their own tents (this can be done the day before the races.) On race day there will be several food vendors, but you are also welcome to bring your own snacks, food, coolers etc. In fact, many business even bring lawn games to play when not racing. Encourage other members of your business/family/friends to attend to help cheer you on.

WAIVERS

Each team member will be required to sign a waiver prior to your team's practice. Each team will receive at least one practice time on the week of the race. Practice times generally run Tuesday - Friday for one hour at 5:00, 6:00 and 7:00. We will contact the team captain to arrange practice times. In the event of a substitution on race day, a waiver can be signed at the registration tent. Also, on the day of the event, your team will receive wristbands signaling to the steerers that everyone has signed a waiver.

STEERER'S AUCTION

During your team's practice AND on race day, you will work with a professional steerer given to you at random. However, the final 4 teams have a chance to bid on your steerer. Having the steerer that works best with your team can often be a HUGE advantage. The final four teams will have a chance to bid on who you want as your steerer in the finals. This is often quite competitive so come with a plan to bid on who you want if you are in the final 4.

RACES

On race day you are guaranteed three races. The first two heats will determine where you rank on the bracket. Then once the tournament starts, you are guaranteed one race. If you win, you move on in the bracket. If you lose, you are out of the competition.

DRUMMERS' PARADE

Around lunchtime, your drummer will participate in a drummer's parade. A live band will play as your drummer performs and collects donations from the crowd. Make sure you have a drummer with lots of personality. There will be an award for the best drummer.

GROUP PHOTO

Before your team races the first time, we will take a group photo of your team. If you wish to purchase a photo, you will do that directly with the photographer and photos will be mailed out after the event.

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AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

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