



# BRITISH DRAGON BOAT RACING ASSOCIATION

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## EVENT ENTRY FORM National League Competition 2018

Event: ..... Date: .....

Crew: .....

Representing: .....

Crew Manager: .....

Contact Address: .....

..... Post Code: .....

Daytime Telephone No.: ..... Evening Telephone No.: .....

Fax: ..... Email: .....

We wish to enter in the National League Race classes indicated below and the relevant Fee/s are enclosed.

***Cheques should be made payable to the “British Dragon Boat Racing Association” or “BDA”.***

We agree with the Entry Conditions overleaf and enter the Dragon Boat Crew named above for the above Event. As Crew Manager, I Certify that there are no non-swimmers in my Crew and hereby release the BDA, its Agents, Officials, Staff and Volunteers from liability for any injury or loss through our participation in this Competition, We compete entirely at our own risk.

*Please note that payments made for boats used in BDA National Events are laid down by the BDA Executive Committee on an annual basis. See note below on Charges for using Pool Boats.*

Signature (Crew Manager): ..... Date: .....

**Completed Entry Forms and Fees should be sent to:** The BDA Secretary, 13 The Prebend, Northend, Southam, Warwickshire CV47 2TR. Completed forms can also be emailed to [secretary@thebda.org.uk](mailto:secretary@thebda.org.uk), Entry fees can be transferred electronically to the BDA at HSBC Stratford upon Avon, Account No. 51452290, Sort Code 40-43-19 IBAN GB44HBUK40431951452290

**Please endorse your Transfer Request with your Club Name & Event being entered.**

Details of this Event will be published on the BDA Website at [www.dragonboat.org.uk](http://www.dragonboat.org.uk) or can be obtained by telephone on 01295 770734.

<b>Race Entry Fees 2018 – (please indicate numbers of crews being entered against each class)</b>			
x Non BDA Registered Scratch Crew	£375		x BDA Registered Open Crew* £175++
x BDA Registered Mixed Crew*	£175++		x add S14 Ladies to Open or Mixed £ 30
x Junior Crew	£0		
x Pool Boat for the event	£150		
<b>Late Entry Fee - less than 14 days prior to event</b>		<b>£20</b>	<b>Late Entry Fee - less than 7 days prior to event £50</b>
* Only applicable if a Race Entry Fee or Deposit is received by the Closing Date for the event, i.e. 14 days before the Event. Late entry fees will be applied to all entries received after the closing date at the rates shown above.			
++ Exclusive of Pool Boat Charge. Pool boats are not necessarily exclusive and may be shared at events.			

### BDA Officials and Volunteers

Crews are encouraged to assist the Event Organisers by providing at least one Official or Volunteer to help the event management. The volunteer does not have to be a qualified BDA Race Official but if they are, so much the better. You are asked to include the name of at least one volunteer who will be willing to help out at the National League Event which your crew is participating in. The same applies, if you have a qualified helm who is willing to helm a scratch crew boat

Volunteer's Name/s: .....

Helm's Name/s: .....



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## Race Entry Conditions and Race Classes for the BDA National League

**1. The COMPETITIONS.** The Competitions are National Competitions of the British Dragon Boat Racing Association (BDA). They are the Premier, Standard, Ladies and Junior Divisions of the BDA National League which run from April to September and the Qualifying Rounds of the National Cup for the Ladies, Junior, Mixed and Novice Crews, the Finals of which are held in September each year. The National League is open to all BDA Registered Crews who race in either the Premier or Standard Division. Non Registered Crews may enter as many Cup Qualifying Rounds as they like to qualify for the National Cup Final. Races are normally held on Sundays, with practise sessions on Saturdays for Novice Crews. (Check with the Race Organiser). Novice Crews should enter either the Scratch Cup or Charity Challenge Competitions.

**Equipment and Crew.** Fully equipped Dragon Boats and Paddles can be provided and hired to Crews up to 22 Racers (Crews may race with less) but Crews may use their own Dragon Boat provided that it is a BDA recognised boat.

All Crew Members must be water competent and ideally able to swim at least 50 metres in light clothing. **It is the Crew Managers responsibility to ensure that this limitation is complied with and to ensure that weak swimmers wear buoyancy aids. No previous experience of Dragon Boat Racing is necessary to enter the competition but crews compete at their own risk.**

**2. ENTRIES.** There is a tiered entry system based on the level of competition that a Crew wishes to take part in as follows:

National League – **for the serious Dragon Boat Crews in Full Membership of the BDA.**

Scratch Class – **non Member Crews and Novice Crews that are interested in competing on a “come and try” basis should enter the Scratch Class.**

Charity Class – **for Crews irrespective of status or experience whose prime aim is to raise money for charity through the BDA Charity Challenge Competition (Full details available on request).**

Junior/Ladies – **for crews of the appropriate Membership Class status in the League or Cup.**

Mixed Races – **are open to Crews of mixed sexes that have already competed in the Main Racing Classes at the same Regatta. Crews must conform to the Rules shown below.**

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS FOURTEEN DAYS BEFORE THE RACE.

**3. RACING RULES.** Competitions are conducted under the Rules and Regulations of the BDA and the Conditions published in this Entry Form. Non BDA Member Crews will be entered in the Scratch Cup Competition. Junior, Ladies, Mixed and Charity Races will be held, if time permits, as separate races.

**Age Limits.** For Crews racing in the National League, Cup, Mixed or Charity Races, there are no age limits imposed, except for Junior Crews who, with the exception of the Steerer, must be under 18 years old on 1<sup>st</sup> January of the current year.

**Conditions.** All Non Member Crews must pay for BDA Racing Membership before racing. This Fee is included in the Race Entry Fee (See Membership below).

**A Crew cannot take part in the League or National Cup Grand Finals unless they are a Full BDA Member Crew. (See Membership below), and all Crew members must be BDA Individual Members.**

**Open Crews** can include a combination of paddlers of any age and gender.

**Ladies Crews** must be all female including the Steerer.

**Mixed Crews** can have a maximum of 10 paddlers of either gender, excluding the Drummer or Steerer.

**4. ENTRY FEES.** Fees will be accepted on a “first come, first served” basis. No refunds will be given once an Entry has been accepted after the deadline for Entries has passed and there are no reductions for Crews of less than 20.

A Late Entry Fee will be levied on all entries received after this deadline.

**5. BDA MEMBERSHIP.** Crews not already registered with the BDA will receive BDA Affiliated Membership, on payment of their Scratch Crew Fee for the day of racing. Affiliated Membership includes Public Liability Insurance whilst racing. Crews may join the BDA as a Registered Crew by completing a BDA Membership Application Form and enclosing the appropriate Membership Fee. Once registered a Crew will receive a Membership Number, which must be quoted on subsequent Forms to qualify for the BDA Members Race Entry Fee Discount. Registered Crews receive Public Liability Insurance and other Membership benefits.