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1. **Event:** 2026 SJM Macao International Dragon Boat Races
2. **Race Date:** June 13, 14 and 19, 2026
3. **Organizers:** Sports Bureau of Macao SAR Government
SJM Resorts, S.A.
Dragon Boat Association of Macao, China
4. **Co-organizers:** Municipal Affairs Bureau of Macao SAR Government
Public Administration and Civil Service Bureau of Macao SAR Government
5. **Objective:** Promoting of the sport of dragon boat, strengthening of relationships amongst teams and promoting the development of sports in Macao.
6. **Venue:** Nam Van Lake Nautical Centre
7. **Categories:**

Date	Category (Registration Quota)	Distance	Remarks
June 13	Macao Small Dragon Boat Race – Open Category (60 teams)	200m	Local teams only
	Macao Small Dragon Boat Race – Women’s Category (24 teams)		
	Macao Government Departments Small Dragon Boat Race (18 teams)		
	Macao University Student Small Dragon Boat Race – Open Category (12 teams)		
June 14	Macao Standard Dragon Boat Race – Open Category (36 teams)	500m	Local teams only
	Macao Standard Dragon Boat Race – Women’s Category (18 teams)		
	Macao Standard Dragon Boat Race – Mixed Category (18 teams)		
June 19	Macao International Invitation Standard Dragon Boat Race – Open Category	500m	Team quota: 36 Local teams by qualification will not be fewer than 18, and remaining quota will depend on the number of non-local teams participating in the race.
	Macao International Invitation Standard Dragon Boat Race – Women’s Category		Team quota: 18 Local teams by qualification will not be fewer than 6, and remaining quota will depend on the number of non-local teams participating in the race.
	Macao University Student Invitation Standard Dragon Boat Race – Open Category		Local & non-local teams

Notes:

- a. Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until all places are filled for categories with quota.
- b. Macao International Invitation Standard Dragon Boat Races (Open and Women’s) are limited to non-local teams, Macao Selection Team and local teams qualified from the Macao Standard Dragon Boat Races.
- c. The category will be cancelled if there are fewer than four participating teams.
- d. The top-twelve ranked teams in the Open Category and the top-six ranked teams in Women's Category of the Macao Small Dragon Boat Race in 2025, plus the top-six ranked teams in the Open Category and the top-three ranked teams in Women's Category of the Macao Standard Dragon Boat Race in 2025 are given priority to register for the corresponding category of the 2026 Macao International Dragon Boat Races.



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8. Eligibility:

- a) All participating athletes must be able to swim at least 100m.
- b) There are no restrictions on the team composition in the Open categories, but only female athletes may participate in the Women's categories.
- c) Restrictions on participating in additional races are stipulated in point 9 of the Regulations.

8.1 Macao Small Dragon Boat Races - Open and Women's Categories (200m);

Macao Standard Dragon Boat Races – Open, Women's and Mixed Categories (500m):

- a) Open to sports associations and legally constituted organizations that are registered with the Sports Bureau or the Macao Government;
- b) Open to government departments;
- c) Open to teams representing private companies and commercial entities. A copy of legal commercial certificate should be submitted for team entry;
- d) Open to all individuals of all nationalities that hold an identification document issued by the Macao SAR such as BIR or legal resident/worker document;
- e) For local races, each team must include a minimum number of athletes who are Macao SAR Resident Identity Card (BIR) holders - 14 for the Standard Dragon Boat Races, and 8 for the Small Dragon Boat Races;
- f) Athletes must submit a recent health certificate signed by a Macao-registered doctor;
- g) Athletes must be at least 15 years old (on the day of the race). For those under 18 years old they must submit a document of consent signed by their legal guardian.
- h) Macao Standard Dragon Boat Race - Mixed Category combination - Minimum of 8 to a maximum of 10 paddlers of either gender.
- i) For teams in these categories, each team may include a maximum of 12 athletes from the Macao Dragon Boat Training Team for the Standard Dragon Boat Races, and a maximum of 6 athletes from the Macao Dragon Boat Training Team for the Small Dragon Boat Races.

8.2 Macao Government Departments Small Dragon Boat Race (200m):

- a) Teams comprised of staff from departments and agencies of the Macao Special Administrative Region Government;
- b) Participating teams may comprise of staff of the same government department or agency, or comprise of team members from other government department or agency (except for steersman). A document of consent signed by the leader of government department or agency that the participating team represents must be submitted during registration;
- c) Each participant can only join one team and must submit a copy of staff ID during registration.
- d) Open to all individuals of all nationalities that hold an identification document issued by the Macao SAR such as BIR or legal resident/worker document;
- e) Each team must have a staff member of the supervisory level, and at least two female team members in the race;
- f) Athletes must submit a recent health certificate signed by a Macao-registered doctor;
- g) Athletes from the current Macao Dragon Boat Training Team cannot participate in this race.

8.3 Macao University Student Small Dragon Boat Race - Open Category (200m):

- a) Athletes must submit a copy of their current year's student card upon registration;
- b) Open to all individuals of all nationalities that hold an identification document issued by the Macao SAR such as BIR or legal resident/worker document;
- c) Athletes must submit a recent health certificate signed by a Macao-registered doctor.



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8.4 Macao International Invitation Standard Dragon Boat Races – Open and Women’s Categories (500m):

- a) Open to invited or self-sponsored non-local teams and the Macao Selection Team;
- b) Local teams quota:
During the Macao Standard Dragon Boat Race, a minimum of 18 teams of the Open category and 6 teams of the Women’s category will be eligible to participate in the Macao International Invitation Standard Dragon Boat Race on June 19, with accordance to the following priorities:
 - b1) The ranking in the Finals (first 6 teams);
 - b2) The ranking in the Semi-Finals (from 7th place, according to best time results);
 - b3) Best time results in the Repechages.
- c) In the case that some athletes of a local team have to join the Macao Selection Team, the local team is entitled to replace these athletes with athletes from other teams which did not qualify for Macao International Invitation Dragon Boat Races or non-registered athletes (provided that they meet the requirements of this Regulations). The substitution should be done prior to the Macao International Invitation Standard Dragon Boat Race, and according to guidelines provided by the Organizing Committee;
- d) Athletes of the non-local teams should submit their valid identification documents;
- e) Respective non-local team’s Team Manager should submit a Health Declaration for non-local team to confirm that the athletes’ health conditions are fit for this race.

8.5 Macao University Student Invitation Standard Dragon Boat Race – Open Category (500m):

- a) Athletes of the local teams should submit a copy of their current year’s student card upon registration;
- b) Open to all individuals, without any nationality discrimination, holder of an identification document issued by the Macao SAR such as BIR, or legal resident document;
- c) Athletes must submit latest health certificate signed by Macao registered doctor;
- d) Athletes of the non-local teams should submit their valid identification documents;
- e) Respective non-local team’s Team Manager should submit a Health Declaration for non-local Team to confirm the athletes’ health conditions are fit for this race.

9. Restriction:

- 9.1 To avoid race delays due to athletes competing in other categories, all athletes (including drummers, steersmen and paddlers) can only participate in one race category on the same day. Athletes who participate in the mixed category are excepted.
- 9.2 No allowance will be made in the program or races delayed, to allow a competitor to participate in more than one competition category.

10. Online registration procedures and phases:

- 10.1 All teams must submit entries and register online at the following website: www.cmdragonboat.org.mo;
- 10.2 Team entries: teams are required to upload certification documents in the name of the company/commercial organization/association and the relevant required information, in order to obtain an online account and password for registration upon approval.
- 10.3 Registration phases: register using the assigned online account and password.

Phase	Date	Procedure
Team Entries	From 10:00 February 23 to 22:00 March 7	Teams are required to upload relevant information online, in order to obtain an online account and password for registration upon approval.
Registration - 1 st Phase	From 10:00 March 9 to 22:00 March 15	Online registration for race categories. Late registrations will not be accepted.
Registration – 2 nd Phase	From 10:00 March 18 to 22:00 April 24	Teams which failed to submit the team list together with all documents stated in point 8 of the Regulations will be disqualified.
Registration – 3 rd Phase	From 10:00 April 27 to 22:00 May 6	Teams can only make one change of a maximum of four athletes registered in the 2 nd phase.



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11. Formalities:

Submit all the following documents of the team members through online registration:

- 11.1 Macao Resident: BIR copy;
- 11.2 Non-Macao Resident: Copy of legal resident/worker document;
- 11.3 Health Certificate;
- 11.4 Clear, recent color photo (200dpi);
- 11.5 For those under 18 years old they must submit a document of consent signed by their legal guardian;
- 11.6 All contents must be clear and accurate.

12. Registration fee: Free**13. Technical meeting and draw:**

Venue: Dragon Boat Association of Macao, China (Nam Van Lake Nautical Centre)

Local Races: 18:30 on June 5 (Friday)

Macao International Invitation Standard Dragon Boat Races & Macao University Student Invitation Standard Boat Race: 18:30 on June 18 (Thursday)

14. Registration enquiries:

Venue: Dragon Boat Association of Macao, China (Nam Van Lake Nautical Centre)

Opening Hours: Monday to Saturday, from 11:00 to 19:00 (except public holidays)

Phone no.: (853) 2896 7515

Fax no.: (853) 2896 6040

Email address: 2026midbr@gmail.com

Website: www.cmdragonboat.org.mo

15. Training:

The Organizing Committee will arrange a training timetable and necessary facilities and equipment at the venue for the teams.

15.1 Training Timetable:

Period	Teams
From March 18 to June 11	Local teams
June 15 to June 17	Local teams and non-local teams
June 18 (09:00-13:00)	Non-local teams

15.2 If teams wish to train during the period not occupied in the timetable, they must contact the staff at the venue for arrangement;

15.3 Should teams fail to register and be on board the boat for training 15 minutes after the scheduled time, this training session will be considered forfeited; staff at the venue have the right to release this training session to other teams; however the concerned teams can re-register for training in another session;

15.4 Each team should comprise the minimum number of athletes in each training session (9 for standard dragon boat and 5 for small dragon boat, including steersman).

16. Prize money:

The following prize money will be awarded to the winning teams of the Macao International Invitational Standard Dragon Boat Race 500m – Open and Women's categories:

1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 3,000



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17. Prizes:

Position Prizes:			
Macao Small Dragon Boat Race (200m)			
Open Category	Grand Final	The top three teams will each be awarded a trophy and a silk banner, as well as medals for every athlete.	The 4 th to 12 th placed teams will each be awarded a trophy.
Women's Category	Grand Final	The top three teams will each be awarded a trophy and a silk banner, as well as medals for every athlete.	The 4 th to 6 th placed teams will each be awarded a trophy.
Macao Government Departments Small Dragon Boat Race (200m)			
Grand Final		The top three teams will each be awarded a trophy and a silk banner, as well as medals for every athlete.	The 4 th to 6 th placed teams will each be awarded a trophy.
Macao University Students Small Dragon Boat Race (200m)			
Open Category	Grand Final	The top three teams will each be awarded a trophy and a silk banner, as well as medals for every athlete.	The 4 th to 6 th placed teams will each be awarded a trophy.
Macao Standard Dragon Boat Race (500m)			
Open Category	Grand Final	The top three teams will each be awarded a trophy and a silk banner, as well as medals for every athlete.	The 4 th to 12 th placed teams will each be awarded a trophy.
Women's Category	Grand Final	The top three teams will each be awarded a trophy and a silk banner, as well as medals for every athlete.	The 4 th to 6 th placed teams will each be awarded a trophy.
Mixed Category	Grand Final	The top three teams will each be awarded a trophy and a silk banner, as well as medals for every athlete.	The 4 th to 6 th placed teams will each be awarded a trophy.
Macao International Invitation Standard Dragon Boat Race (500m)			
Open Category	Grand Final	The top three teams will each be awarded a trophy and a silk banner, as well as medals for every athlete.	The 4 th to 6 th placed teams will each be awarded a trophy.
	B Final	The top six teams will each be awarded a trophy.	
	C Final	The top six teams will each be awarded a trophy.	
	D Final	The top six teams will each be awarded a trophy.	
Women's Category	Grand Final	The top three teams will each be awarded a trophy and a silk banner, as well as medals for every athlete.	The 4 th to 6 th placed teams will each be awarded a trophy.
	B Final	The top six teams will each be awarded a trophy.	
Macao University Student Invitation Standard Dragon Boat Race (500m)			
Open Category	Grand Final	The top three teams will each be awarded a trophy and a silk banner, as well as medals for every athlete.	The 4 th to 12 th placed teams will each be awarded a trophy.
Special Prizes:			
Record-breaking prize	Macao International Invitation Standard Dragon Boat Race – Open Category (500m)		Trophy
	Macao International Invitation Standard Dragon Boat Race – Women's Category (500m)		Trophy
Best Drummer, Best Steersman			Trophy

Remarks:

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18. Team sponsors:

18.1 Should teams have any sponsors, they must declare upon registration;

18.2 All advertisements must not contain social public opinions, tobacco, pornography or gambling promotion contents.

In addition, the promotional contents of any advertisements regarding the races must be approved in written form by the Organizing Committee before use.



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19. Safety measures:

The Organizing Committee will endeavor to provide safety measures for the participants (including but not limited to providing life jackets; athletes under the age of 18 must wear life jackets). However, the participants are responsible for any accident that may happen during practices and races.

20. Supplementary information:

All supplementary information supplied by the Organizing Committee about the races will be considered, for all effects, as integral parts of the respective official regulations of the races.

21. Rules:

- 21.1 Rules of Racing of this event;
- 21.2 The International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF) Competition Regulations.

Note: The Organizing Committee reserves the right of final explanation of the Regulations.