

Terms and Conditions for entry in Dragon Boats 2024 (the “Event”)

By registering for the Event, I understand [St Catherine's Hospice's Fundraising Promise](#) to me and in return, commit to St Catherine's Hospice that I will:

Registration and withdrawal

1. Pay a non-refundable and non-transferable team registration fee of £800 and commit to a team target of raising a further £800 by 8 August 2024. St Catherine's Hospice reserves the right to withdraw your team if reasonable steps are not taken to raise this sponsorship.
2. Inform the St Catherine's Hospice Corporate Fundraising Team immediately if my team is unable to take part in the event for any reason. Boats are non-transferable, though your final team members can change up until the safety briefing on the day of the Event.

Fundraising

3. Keep details of the names and addresses of, and amounts donated or pledged by, all donors and provide such details to St Catherine's Hospice on request.
4. Regularly pay in all money collected by;
 - Using an online fundraising website, we recommend www.justgiving.com
 - Paying online with your credit or debit card
 - Call St Catherine's Hospice on 01293 477333
 - Making a payment online at www.stch.org.uk
 - Sending cheques made payable to “St Catherine's Hospice” to: Supporter Services, St Catherine's Hospice, Grace Holland Avenue, Pease Pottage, RH11 9SL
 - Dropping off cash donations to the address above.
5. Reference ‘Dragon Boats’ and your company name on all payments.
6. Comply with any fundraising guidance or advice issued by St Catherine's Hospice
7. Collect money only on behalf of St Catherine's Hospice in connection with the Event.
8. Use only lawful means to fundraise and ensure my fundraising does not include;
 - Raising funds by carrying out door-to-door or unsolicited collections
 - Collecting in any public place without first obtaining authorisation from the local authority and any other licences or consent that St Catherine's Hospice require me to obtain
 - Collecting on private property (including shops, pubs etc) without first obtaining permission of the owner of the private property
 - Conducting any raffle or lottery or putting on any public event without first contacting St Catherine's Hospice and taking any steps which St Catherine's Hospice require

Personal data and images

9. Give permission for the free use of my first name, picture, image, feedback and comments in any future publicity, advertising, fundraising materials and/or promotion. I understand I can revoke this permission any time before the event by contacting corporate@stch.org.uk
10. Give consent for my personal information to be stored and used by St Catherine's Hospice in connection with the organisation, promotion and administration of the Event.
11. Understand that I may amend my contact preferences or withdraw my consent at any time by contacting Supporter Services on 01293 447333.

The full privacy statement can be read here: <https://www.stch.org.uk/privacy-statement/>

Reputation and branding

12. Not do anything that harms or is likely to harm the reputation of St Catherine's Hospice.
13. Not use the St Catherine's Hospice logo without permission and obtain all fundraising materials from St Catherine's Hospice.

Health, safety and fitness

14. Take part in the Event at my own risk and will not hold St Catherine's Hospice or any connected persons responsible for any accident, injury or illness sustained.
15. Fully prepare myself for the physical challenge of the Event and, If I have any known medical issues, I will check with my doctor to ensure that I am medically fit to participate in the Event.
16. Comply with any health and safety and other rules or guidelines issued by St Catherine's Hospice or any Event organisers.
17. I will provide the details of an Emergency Contact (immediate family member, partner, spouse) that is not taking part in the Event

The Event

St Catherine's Hospice will take all reasonable steps to arrange the Event at the venue specified on this entry form. In the event of the Event being cancelled due to adverse weather conditions St Catherine's Hospice will take all reasonable steps to notify the team captains at the earliest opportunity.

St Catherine's Hospice relies on the sponsorship money that each team raises to fund care and support for people in need of Hospice care. Should you fail to raise the minimum sponsorship amount by the date outlined at section 4 above, St Catherine's Hospice will work with your team to agree a reasonable time frame and terms eg instalments, by which the remaining sponsorship monies will be paid. In the event of the Dragon Boat Festival being cancelled we will contact you within five working days to determine the best way to manage any funds that your team have already raised towards this event.

St Catherine's Hospice only uses companies who have shown themselves to be reputable and to have the requisite capability and skill to provide dragon boat racing and the training thereof. Accordingly, no representations or warranties of any kind are made by St Catherine's Hospice as to the suitability, capability, quality of training or operation of any dragon boat racing by such a company. Any queries or complaints with regards to these aspects should be referred to the dragon boat racing company, Race The Dragon Ltd. (RTD)

Crew Numbers: Teams may be up to 11 people in size, with a maximum 10 paddles plus a drummer competing in each race and up to three reserves on standby. Every team must have a drummer for each race, who can be borrowed from another team.

Overweight team: The helm (steers person) has the absolute authority to move / remove paddlers if the total weight or balance of the crew is such that boat handling becomes a safety issue. Such action will only be taken in exceptional circumstances and no refund will be given to any crew member removed from a team.

Footwear & Clothing: Footwear needs to be water suitable. Crocks, Soggs, sandals or just old trainers you don't mind them getting wet are fine. No bare feet, flip flops or wellington boots please and especially, no high heels. Paddling is best done in lightweight clothing appropriate for the weather. On cold days multiple layers of lightweight clothing are far better than a thick jumper or similar.

Sun safety: Please remember that sunlight will reflect off the water and that UV rays will penetrate clouds, so make sure you have a sufficiently high factor sunscreen and bring a hat if necessary.

Event safety – swimming: All able-bodied crew members must be declared competent in deep water and capable of swimming 50 metres with the aid of an approved personal flotation device (buoyancy aid). Such buoyancy aids will be provided by Race the Dragon Ltd. for competitors use whilst on the water.

Disqualification and race time cancellation: In circumstances where any team member(s) are, in the opinion of any official from Race the Dragon (RTD), under the influence of either drugs or excess alcohol, deliberately trying to capsize the boat or behaving in such a way that could result in either damage to the boats or a danger to the crew or RTD staff, then those officials can ask the Event Director to either cancel the time of the race concerned or disqualify the team member(s) from further participation in the day. The times of any races cancelled will not count towards Grand Final qualification. Where such person(s) are disqualified but refuse to leave the crew, it is the responsibility of the Team Captain to remove the disqualified person(s). If the disqualified person(s) still refuses to leave, then the whole team may be disqualified from further participation in the day. No refund will be due to any person or team disqualified and the Event Director's decision is final.

Special Needs / Disabled: Where any team member(s) is either disabled or 'having special needs', then for safety reasons they must inform the boat's helm prior to each race. Persons such identified to the helm will then be given a fluorescent tabard which must be worn over their buoyancy aid whilst in the boat, which must be handed back to the boat's helm or beach marshal when the crew member(s) disembark the boat.

Safety Brief: All team members are required to partake in the team safety brief before the start of their first race. Your safety brief will cover:

- How to hold the paddle correctly

- The various commands you will hear from the Helm and what each one means,
- How to move the boat forward and how to stop the boat,
- How to stop the boat capsizing
- The “Buddy Buddy” system and what to do in the event of a capsize.

At the end of the safety brief, all team members present will be issued with a coloured wrist band and only people wearing these wrist bands will be permitted into the dragon boats.

Previous experience: No previous experience is necessary to take part and all crews compete at their own risk.

Participant Consent Forms & General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR):. As part of the Adventure Activities Licensing Authority (AALA) requirements, all team Captains will be required to hand in to Registration, a completed team Participant Consent Form prior to taking part in this event. These forms will then be held by Race The Dragon after the event in accordance with AALA requirements & GDPR rules. The data in the Participant Consent Forms will not be sold, passed on or otherwise made available to any third party unless requested by an authorised party to provide evidence in the event of an incident or insurance claim.

Crew Information and Waiver

IMPORTANT! For insurances purposes, all team members intending to race must complete and sign the Participant Consent Form before being allowed into a dragon boat.

CREW INFORMATION & WAIVER:

In signing this waiver, each team member listed below agrees to the conditions of entry as listed above. Notwithstanding any of these conditions, the crew’s statutory rights are not affected.

The crew certifies that:

(a) All crew members are confident in water and can swim unaided for a minimum distance of 50 metres whilst wearing a personal flotation device (buoyancy aid supplied by the ‘Company’).

(b) Crew members with disabilities have signed a separate waiver and have satisfied the promoter this has been done.

(c) That they are able to sit unaided in the boat, be capable of communicating with and or obeying instructions given by the Company’s representatives both on and off the water and are confident in water whilst wearing a personal flotation device. There is no absolute requirement for such people to be able to swim 50 metres. In all cases a person with disabilities must be escorted by an able-bodied helper (buddy) who will be briefed as to their duties whilst on the water. In the event no buddy can be organised from within the team, an additional charge may be levied for the supply of a trained member of the event team to act as a personal buddy.

(d) The crew accepts that in the interests of safety, the Company has the absolute right to remove a whole crew or individuals within that crew from a race or races, if he/she or they are deemed to be unfit to race, or if weather conditions or other safety factors affecting the water conditions warrant such action.

(c) There will be no reduction or reimbursement of fees for crews of less than a full team, or in the case of a crew member or members being removed from a race or races for any reason.

(e) The crew undertakes to abide by the Terms & Conditions.

(f) **DECLARATION OF FITNESS TO COMPETE** – crew members are required to declare to the helm on the day if they are a weak swimmer, non-swimmer, or have a medical condition that might affect their safety or performance on the water. Such conditions might include but are not limited to: **This form will be sent out for completion prior to the event to allow you time to build your team.**

(a) They suffer from chest pains or shortness of breath

(b) They have been told by their Doctor that they have heart trouble

(c) They have been told that their blood pressure is too high or too low

(d) They have had fainting or dizzy spells

(e) They have undergone a recent operation

(f) They suffer from bone or joint problems i.e. arthritis, spinal injury etc.

(g) There is any other reason why they should not participate in an exercise programme, which in the case of Dragon Boat Racing should not exceed 2 minutes of active aerobic exercise per race.

This list is not exhaustive. If you are in any doubt about your fitness to compete, you must ask the Company's representative prior to undertaking the training and race programme.

Declaration

I confirm that I will be at least 18 years old on the day of the event and I accept all the points stated in these terms and conditions.

I agree that St Catherine's Hospice may terminate this agreement and my authority to fundraise on their behalf at any time by providing written notice sent to the address listed in my registration.

This agreement will be valid from the date on which I register for Dragon Boats until 7th October 2024, until all monies have been received, or until the agreement is terminated by St Catherine's Hospice.