

2022 Lethbridge Rotary Dragon Boat Festival Policy and Protocols COVID-19

The Lethbridge Rotary Dragon Boat Festival (LRDBF) considers the health and safety of all participants, coaches, staff and volunteers a top priority and will follow the current safety guidelines as outlined by [Dragon Boat Canada](#) and the [Alberta Health Services Guidelines](#).

In partnership with AHS, the Planning Committee has prepared the following Policy and Protocols aimed at preventing and reducing the spread of Covid-19. As is the case with all events, there is an implied risk when gathering in large groups, and we encourage attendees to make personal choices that prioritize their health and wellbeing. Attendees include Participants, Athletes, Spectators, Volunteers & Vendors.

1. In order to mitigate risk, attendees are encouraged to monitor themselves for any symptoms and complete a screening checklist at home before attending the event, using the [AHS list of Covid-19 symptoms](#). Any attendee who is experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms is encouraged to stay home to prevent the possible spread of Covid-19.
2. In the event a team member or event volunteer experiences Covid-19 symptoms or tests positive for Covid-19 during the event, individuals are expected to notify the Volunteer Coordinator or Team Manager. Team Managers are required to report individuals who test positive to the Race Director. Individuals who test positive, and any others who have been in close proximity to the infected individual, are expected to follow the current AHS Guidelines. Rapid Testing Kits will be available at the First Aid stations.
3. Attendees are encouraged to follow basic hygiene procedures. Hand Sani will be available onsite and teams will provide Hand Sani in their tents for team use.
4. Attendees and volunteers are encouraged to wear masks, particularly when in areas where there may be increased close contact with others.
5. Attendees are encouraged to maintain social distancing while in their respective team sites and while walking around the event site.

General Event Site:

1. Hand sanitation stations will be placed in various locations throughout the event site including the Food Vendors, Beer Gardens, Kids Zone and throughout the Festival site.

2. Teams will receive dedicated space in Athlete's Village. Teams who wish to have their own tent may reserve one for an additional fee. Additional information is provided with the team registration.
3. The venue is expansive with ample space for social distancing. The Athlete's Village will be accessible to credentialed Team Members and Team Supporters only. The general public will not have access to this area.

Dragon Boat Teams:

1. Clubs, teams, and member events shall have a symptom screening policy in place which allows participants (at minimum) to self-screen for symptoms of COVID-19 infection and advise on next steps for participants in the event of a failed screening.
2. Masks and Hand-Sani will be available for participants should a participant request it for their own personal safety. Masks are encouraged in the marshalling area and may be removed when the boat has pushed away from the dock.
3. The LRDBF encourages participants to bring their own paddles and PFDs. However, paddles and PFDs will be available on-site for participants to use. Disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer will be available within the marshalling area for use by participants. If teams want their boat to be wiped down before embarking, they can use the disinfectant wipes available in Marshalling to do so. This will not be done by volunteers.
4. Marshalling lanes will be widened to provide additional distance between individual teams and paddlers.
5. There will be a boat loading and unloading sequence to maintain separation between teams.
6. Volunteers in marshaling are expected to have minimal contact with participants. It will be the responsibility of teams to assist their own team members in loading and unloading boats.

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