



BEDFORD
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BEDFORD RIVER FESTIVAL

Bedford River Festival Dragonboat Racing

Saturday 23rd July 2022

In association with Bedford Borough Council, NewWave Events will be organising the Dragonboat Races as part of the 2022 Bedford River Festival

Dragonboat racing is an ancient Chinese tradition and a fast-growing water activity. Over twenty crews are expected to battle it out on an exciting new 200 metre course along the picturesque River Ouse flanked on the south side by St Marys Gardens and the Riverside Square on the north side.

Ten people paddle each boat, with a drummer at the front and a helm at the tail steering. No previous experience is required just plenty of team spirit!

Each team will be asked to provide ten paddlers and a drummer. NewWave Events will provide a professional helm to steer the boat. No previous experience is required, just plenty of team spirit! St Mary's Gardens is a superb venue for the racing and a fantastic day is guaranteed with bankside entertainment, music, food and activities for the whole family.

To enter, please complete, sign and return your entry form below to the address overleaf. The entry fee is £350 per team. Following receipt of your completed entry form an acknowledgment and an invoice for the entry fee of £350 per team will be sent to you together with further information.



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Times

Saturday 23rd July 2022. Heats from 10.30am to 3pm. Final to be held at 6pm (all times are approximate).

We provide...

Dragon boats, helm and all racing equipment, at least 3 races per crew, trophies for winning crew and runner up, top mixed crew (minimum 7 ladies) and best dressed crew.

Crews...

Each team must comprise of ten paddlers plus a drummer, but we recommend a minimum crew of at least 16. Crews can be mixed; all female or all male, organisations can enter more than one crew. Crew members must be 16 or over. All crew members must be able to swim in light clothing, in moving water and compete entirely at their own risk. Qualified helms, buoyancy aids and water safety cover are provided by the organisers.

Rules...

'NewWave Events' is an approved operator of the British Dragonboat Racing Association (BDA) and the event will be run under BDA rules and hold a BDA race permit. All crews accepted for entry must abide with the competition rules of the BDA and the entry details shown on this form. Each crew is guaranteed a minimum of 3 races (subject to weather conditions).

Entry & Entry Fees...

£350 entry fee per team. Teams may have less than 16 people but there are no fee reductions for teams of less than 16. All entries will be accepted on a first come first served basis. No refunds will be given once an entry has been accepted. Payment is to be made as detailed on the invoice provided by Bedford Borough Council on acceptance of your entry.

Charity Sponsorship...

All crews can raise sponsorship for one of the Mayor's chosen charities, or a charity of your choice.

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Team Name:

Representing (Organisation):

Team Manager:

Address:

Postcode:

Mobile Phone Number:

Email:

We agree with the entry conditions above. As crew manager I certify that there will be no non swimmers in my crew and I hereby release Bedford Borough Council and NewWave Events, their agents, officials, officers and volunteers for any loss caused through our participation in this competition.

We compete entirely at our own risk.

Signed:

(Team Manager, on behalf of the team)

Date:



Please save the fully completed form & return via email to events@bedford.gov.uk as an attachment.