



Mercer County Dragon Boat Festival

PRICING:

Category	# of Races	Before Jan 1st	Before June 1st	After June 1st
Sport Division Mixed/Women's/Open/ACP/BCP/Paradragons (2 x 200m, 2 x 500m, 1 x 2k*)	5	\$1,095	\$1,195	\$1,395
Community Division Mixed/Women's/Open (3 x 500m)	3	\$945	\$1,045	\$1,245
Practice Session			\$100	
ERDBA Regional Championships			\$100	

Prices are in USD.

Payment Methods: We accept Visa, MasterCard, or Check.

Paying by check: You will receive a **discount of \$25 USD**. This discount will be automatically applied during the registration process.

*Top teams in each Sport Mixed, Women's, Open and BCS divisions will qualify for the 2000m race.

For more information (i.e. refund policy, multi-event discount, etc), please visit our [FAQ page](#).

To ensure races run smoothly, smaller divisions may be combined in heats but will race independently of each other.

Registration Add-Ons

Each team registered at the festival will get a 20 x 20 team site (footprint, not tent rental) within the Athletes' Village. Teams have the option to bring their own tent or

rent one from GWN. In addition to tents, chairs and tables are also available. For more information, please refer to the "Athletes' Village" tab below. Teams may also order practice sessions, for more information please refer to the "Practice" tab.

LOCATION:

Address: The event will be held at Mercer County Park, east of the Marina at 334 S Post Rd, West Windsor Twp, NJ 08691.

Event Site Map: [Click here](#) for a map to the event site.

Site Map: The 2022 site map will be posted 1 week before event day.

Directions:

From US Route 1: Cross toll bridge into New Jersey on US Route 1. Take first right past Quakerbridge Road. Travel almost 2 ½ miles and turn left onto Hughes Drive. Proceed on Hughes Drive for ½ mile to the entrance of Mercer County Park on the left.

From NJ Turnpike: Take Turnpike South to Exit 8 at Highstown. Follow Route 33 West and turn right on 571. Travel on 571 for 2 ½ miles to Route 535 and proceed 4 miles to the entrance of Mercer County Park on the right. Once you arrive in the park, make your way to the Boathouse/Marina and follow the signs to event parking. The event site is east of the Marina.

Park Rules: We're committed to creating a safe, comfortable, and enjoyable experience for participants and spectators. Before heading out to the races, there are some things you should know:

- Pets are welcome at Mercer County Park but should be leashed at all times.
- No grills are allowed on park grounds.
- Teams are responsible for picking up their waste within their team sites. In addition to handing out waste bags during team check-in, there will be wastebaskets located throughout the Athletes' Village to maintain the park's cleanliness. Let's all work together to keep Mercer County Park clean and green.

Medical Services: Medical services and first aid will be available on site. If you're in need of medical attention, please report to the medical tent for immediate assistance.

SCHEDULE:

The 2022 race schedule will be posted on Monday, September 12th, 2022.

Please note, teams noted with an (E) are teams contesting for the ERDBA Regional Championships in their respective divisions.

Schedule Advancement

Sport Divisions

Teams will race up to five times over three distances: 2 x 500m, 2 x 200m, 1 x 2,000m*. Teams will be ranked overall based on time, in the Qualifying Round. The 500m Qualifier will seed teams into the 500m Final. The 500m Final will seed teams into the 2,000m race. The 200m Qualifier will seed teams into the 200m Final.

Only the top teams in each division (i.e., Mixed, Women's, BCS, Open, ACS) will compete in the 2,000m race. Points for each distance will be awarded to each team based on overall placement in the Final round.

Teams not qualified for the 2,000m will receive points only for the 500m Final and 200m Final.

Community Divisions

Teams will race 3 x 500m.

To download the Festival Ranking and Points Breakdown, [click here](#).

To download the 2K Rules, [click here](#).

Race Marshaling

Marshaling for races will begin promptly half an hour before the first race on Saturday. Teams must be in the Marshaling area 30 minutes before their scheduled race throughout the day.

Race Day Check-In

Every Team Captain must check-in their team at Race Headquarters on race day. Registration will be open from **6:30AM** to **9:30AM**. All waivers must be completed

prior to check-in. Please visit the [FAQ](#) section for more information on how to check in on race day.

For a speedy check-in, ensure that all waivers for your team are completed. The electronic waiver deadline is **11:59AM EST on Wednesday, September 14th**. Online access to waivers will be restricted after the deadline, after which only paper copies will be accepted on Saturday morning.

Rules of Racing

[Download](#) the MLDB Rules of Racing.

Team Captain's Meeting

There will be a Team Captain's meeting on Saturday morning, 1 hour before the first race, at the Awards Stage to discuss race day rules and address any questions.

AWARDS:

Sport Division: Medals will be awarded to the top three teams in each Division, based on points overall in the Division.

Community Division: Medals will be awarded to the top three teams in each Grand Final and the top team in each Consolation Final.

Consolation Finals

First-place teams will receive a trophy and gold medals.

Grand Finals

Third and second-place teams will receive bronze and silver medals, respectively. First-place teams will receive a trophy and medals.

Awards Ceremonies

Community Division

Ceremonies will take place after each Consolation Race and Grand Final Race. Volunteers will gather the gold medal-winning team as they come off the water. They will be escorted directly to the award stage. Bronze and silver medal-winning teams will receive their medals in the dock area.

The A Division Grand Final for Mixed, Women's, and Open ceremonies will take place after all races are completed.

Sport Division

Ceremonies will take place after all races are completed and points are tabulated to determine the winners.

For information on how points are rewarded, download the [Festival Points and Awards sheet](#).

ENTERTAINMENT:

Stay tuned for entertainment and on-site activities for 2022.

VENDORS:

Health and Wellness Village

The Health and Wellness Village brings together health organizations and the community to promote health education.

Marketplace

GWN Pro Shop

Stay tuned for additional 2022 vendors.

Interested in being a vendor? Email us at info@gwnevents.com to find out more.

PARKING:

The event site is right by the Finish Tower along the watercourse (east of the Marina). The parking area will be located south of the event site, please check the [map](#) for the exact location. There will be signs to direct you to the parking area as well. Participants/spectators are also welcome to park at the Marina's parking

lots. Walk towards the water and head east through the forest to the event site. ***Vehicles are not allowed on the event site, please do not go beyond the fence line. Park only in designated areas.***

VOLUNTEERS:

Looking to have some fun on the docks? Be the first to know the official results? GWN is always looking for fantastic volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, we can promise some food, drinks, and a cool shirt, so please complete this [Volunteer Form](#) to join our team! To get more info or ask any questions, feel free to send us an email at volunteers@gwnevents.com.