

SYNERGY DRAGON BOAT RACING SERIES

How the Competition Works

This may be modified, and does not apply to marathon-style events:

250m

If you are in the corporate/community division, your team will race in two preliminary heats. Your times in those heats will be combined, and your team will be ranked against all of the teams in your division. In the Elite division, you will have just one preliminary heat. The top three teams will be placed in the championship final, the fourth, fifth and sixth fastest in the first consolation final, seventh through ninth in the second consolation final, etc. Your team's final placement will be determined by how it finishes in its final. No team may finish higher than a team in a higher final. For example, if your team is in the championship final, and it finishes that final in 1:30 behind the other two teams in the championship final, and the winning team in the first consolation final finishes in 1:25, your team is still third, and the winner of the first consolation final is fourth, even though their final time was faster. Simple, right?

500m

Only elite division teams will be racing 500m at this regatta. They will have one preliminary heat. They will then be placed in the championship final, first consolation final, etc. Their final placing will depend on how they place in the final. As with the 250m, a team may not be defeated by a team in a lower final.

Awards will be presented soon after all results have been finalized.

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Series Points Competition 2010

In addition to the competition to win at each event, there is a points competition to be the series winner within each class. The team with the most total points wins the series for its category. Points are awarded as follows:

Participation Points

A crew gets two points for each event at which it participated. Participation points all count toward a crew's total, no matter how many events the crew attends.

Competition Points

A crew gets one additional point for each team it defeats at a given festival. However, a team only keeps its two highest competition points awards, including any awards of zero points. For elite teams, if a marathon event only has one set of placings, then competition points are doubled for that event.

Example: Monster Paddlers is a coed community division team. It enters all three events. Monster gets six points for its participation (three events at two participation points each). At the Spring Into Dragon Boating event it finishes fourth of five teams in its division. That is worth one point. Undeterred, the team prepares and returns for Hot Summer Racing and finishes third of seven teams, for four points. And at the Series Finale, the team is synergized and finishes first of 10 teams, earning nine more points. The lowest competition point award is the one point Monster Paddlers received in the Spring race. So that point is thrown out. Therefore Monster Paddlers gets 22 points.

6	Showing up at 3 events for 2 points each
-	4 th of 5 in Spring Into Dragon Boating (one point is not included)
7	2 nd of 9 in Fall for Dragon Boat Racing
<u>9</u>	1 st of 10 in the Series Finale
22	TOTAL POINTS

For Elite teams, points are calculated separately for the 250m and 500m races, as above, then added together, so that there is a single series champion for each Elite class. An Elite team that attends all three events may keep its competition points in the 250m race for an event at which its 500m points are thrown out, and vice versa. As stated above, if a marathon event has elite teams competing in just one competition, then competition points for that event are doubled.