

Event information and conditions of participation 2026

1. Only teams that have effectively registered and paid the entry fee by March 31, 2026 are eligible to participate. If necessary, the organizer will extend the date (see registration deadline point in the advertisement).
2. The organizer reserves the right to cancel the regatta if at least 75 teams have not registered and paid the entry fee by March 31, 2026.
3. Participation in the training sessions (fun class) and the regatta is at your own risk.

The organizer, the host, the sponsors, all helpers, officials and people who are responsible for carrying out the regatta are released from any liability upon sending the binding registration.

The organizer assumes no liability for lost or damaged clothing and equipment of the participants.

4. The instructions of the organizational staff must be followed fully.
5. Each participant must be able to swim at least 300 m in their sports clothing. The health and physical condition must enable participation in the regatta.
6. When registering, each team names a team captain and a deputy, who are the contact persons for the organizer.

At least one of these people is required to take part in the team captains meeting on Friday, May 22, 2026.

Exceptions to the requirement to attend the team captains meeting must be requested in writing.

The team captain and his deputy are responsible for the safety and behavior of the team on land and on the water during the regatta. The organizer reserves the right to sanction misconduct - up to and including exclusion from the regatta.

7. The team captain is obliged to inform each participant of the event information and conditions of participation before the event and to adequately point out their content and meaning.
8. The paddlers and drummers must be at least 14 years old. For underage participants, the team captain must submit a declaration of consent signed by the legal guardian.
9. The top three teams in the Fun-Sport group will be promoted to the sports class the following year. If a team ends up in the last five places in the sports class in the following two years, it has the opportunity to start again in the fun class.
10. The organizer reserves the right to adjust the registered race class of a team.

11. The participants are obliged to find out about the group and training division, the race plan, the start times of their teams and current information on the website www.drachenbootfestival-hannover.de.

The final race schedule will be available online on Friday, May 22, 2026.

12. The Hanover Canoe Club from 1921 e. V. (HKC) provides the helmsmen for the training days and the regatta. There is no right to a specific helmsmen.

Your own helmsmen must be registered with the HKC at least 14 days before the start of the official training dates. The HKC reserves the right to reject the team's own helmsmen.

13. Boats and paddles are provided by the HKC and must be treated with care. Intentional or grossly negligent damage must be compensated by the participants.

Participants are allowed to use their own paddles as long as they meet the dragon boat standard.

14. All participants will receive registration bracelets that may be worn and not removed throughout the event. You are entitled to enter/use the various event locations (marshalling area, evening events, etc.).

15. Each paddler may only wear one registration bracelet. The bracelet may only be replaced by the organizer (e.g. if it is damaged). Misconduct will be punished with a time penalty of 5 seconds in the next race or disqualification of the team. In this case, a refund of the entry fee is excluded.

16. Support in the same competition class (Fun/Sport/Pink-Ladies) is permitted.

Only exception: Across classes, a maximum of 2 paddlers from the sports class are allowed to support the fun class (from bank 3).

17. For each missing paddler (16 in total, including 6 women), the race management can impose a time penalty of up to 3 seconds and add it to the running time.

If a drummer is missing, 30 seconds are added to the running time.

18. Teams that do not show up at the start on time will be excluded by the race management. A refund of the regatta fee is excluded.

19. The protest time is 10 minutes after the results are published online. The objection can be made against a deposit of 50 €, which will be refunded in the event of a positive decision.

The team captain must be ready to receive the protest result for the next 20 minutes.

Day and overnight places

20. Participants must leave the areas for the day and overnight stays as they were found: garbage, cigarette butts, bottle caps and broken glass must be removed, and the turf must be undamaged.
The HKC will bill those responsible for any costs for damage and contamination.
21. Gas-powered grills or other gas-powered appliances are prohibited.
22. When operating charcoal grills, a fire extinguisher with a current test seal must be kept near the grill.
23. ***Right to your own image.*** The organizer and third parties commissioned by him are entitled to make image, sound and video-sound recordings of the visitors as part of the events without compensation for the people depicted and to use them or have them used in any way comprehensively in all known and future media, in particular for reporting in all media, including the Internet, on audio or video recordings, as well as for advertising the event, acquiring sponsors and all other activities of the organizer. All rights may also be transferred to third parties for the above purposes.
24. ***The personal data*** provided when registering will be stored and processed for the purposes of conducting and managing this and future events and for the purposes of media reporting and the commercial sale of event photos and videos. By registering, the participant consents to the data being stored for this purpose. The participant agrees to the disclosure and publication of his or her name, first name, year of birth, club, start number and results (placements and times) in all reporting print media (registration results, results list, etc.) and in all electronic media such as the Internet.
25. If one of these listed points is violated, we reserve the right to take further measures (time penalties, disqualification and exclusion from the event). In this case, a refund of the regatta fee is excluded.

By sending the online registration form, I fully accept points 1 to 25 of the event information and conditions of participation.