Whale Boat Race Official Rules and Regulations

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**Section 1 – Eligibility & Team Categories**

(1-1) There are three categories: Women, Men and Mixed

(1-2) Each team in the co-ed category must compete with a minimum of eight women paddlers per boat.

(1-3) Each team in all 3 categories can have 18 paddlers plus drummer and steersperson a total of 20 members in one boat.

(1-4) All women’s team must have all female paddlers, but can have a male drummer and/or steersperson.

(1-5) Each team must race with a drummer and steersperson

(1-6) The Race committee of the Festival has the right to accept or reject any entry submitted for any reason the Race Committee considers appropriate.
Section 2– Teams

(2-1) A person shall be a register team member of only one team unless volunteering to race with another team under the guidelines of section 3.2

(2-2) A person shall be able to register for two division (example: Co-ed and men or Co-ed and women division)

(2-3) A registered team member must be listed on the team roster by the Team Manager, must have read, understood, signed, dated and have witnessed the waiver, and must have had such waiver filed by the Team Manager with Ulsan Whale Boat Race Festival organization.

(2-4) Teams are allowed a maximum of 24 registered members compromising of: one drummer, one Steersperson, 18 paddlers and 3 alternatives. Of any of the above, one person must be registered as the Team Manager.

(2-5) At its discretion, the Ulsan Whale Boat Race Festival may at any time require a check of crew members against their team rosters.

(2-6) Team Managers shall ensure that only registered team members participate in on-water activities. Any team permitting a non-registered person to participate in any on water activity shall be subject to disqualification and may be prohibited from further on-water participation, subject to the discretion of the Ulsan Whale Boat Race Festival.

(2-8) At the discretion, the Ulsan Whale Boat Race Festival may disqualify and prohibit from further participation any team members or team if such team member or team displays unsportsmanlike or dangerous conduct.

(2-9) Each team and each team member is required to follow these rules.

(2-10) The Team Manager shall be responsible for: team registration, team payment, team conduct, communication man distribution of information to the team, communication with Ulsan Whale Boat Race Festival, collection and filing of all requisite information and forms with the Ulsan Whale Boat Race Festival, liaison with race officials, and attendance at the Team Manager’s meeting. Information will be mailed to Team managers representing team from out of city.

Section 3– Registration

(3-1) Registration fee is 500,000won per team. Each team must register and pay the non-refundable registration fee due by April 19th of 2013. As the number of teams able to participate may be limited, registration will be accepted based on the order that complete registration from with either full payment or 100,000won deposit are received.

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Each team must complete registration process accompanied with the appropriated registration fee. Registration is limited to 50 teams and closes when 50 teams have been accepted or by April 19th 2013 whichever comes first.

Account information shall be given for transfer of money or by Pay Pal.

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(3-2) Final team rosters shall be submitted to Ulsan Whale Boat Race Festival prior to each team members participating in any practice, race or on the water activity. Teams may replace or fill out roster after that date under these guidelines:

(3-2.1) Drawing from a pool of volunteer paddlers or borrowing paddlers from another team on race day: any team that replaces paddlers or adds paddlers on race day will be able to race in each of its initial heats but won’t be eligible for finals. Teams loaning paddlers to another team won’t be penalized.

Section 4- Waiver

(4-1) All team members must sign waivers stating that they have read and understand the conditions of the waiver and are aware of and accept all risks associated with the event, and wave all rights to take legal action against any of the sponsor, their volunteers and employees, the Ulsan Whale Boat Race Festival, its volunteers and employees, the City of Ulsan, Namgu District Office, its directors and volunteers, and any other person, partnership, corporation or association in any way associated with T-HOPE, for injury or death, or loss or damaged to property, how so ever caused. For participants less than 18 years of age, parents or guardians must also read, understand and sign the waivers.

(4-2) Team managers should submit to Ulsan Whale Boat Race Festival properly signed, dated and witnessed waivers for each team member prior to each team participating in any practice race or other on-water activity. The Ulsan Whale Boat Race Festival may accept late submission of waivers as it discretion.

Section 5- Insurance

(5-1) All team members must sign the insurance form provided and covered by Namgu Office. Team manager should submit to Ulsan Whale Boat Race Festival properly signed, dated for each team member prior to each team participating in any practice race or other on-water activity. The Ulsan Whale Boat Race Festival may accept late submission of insurance as it discretion.
Section 6– Whale Boats and Equipment

(6-1) Ulsan Whale Boat Race Festival shall provide boats, paddles, drum and life jackets.

(6-2) All equipment shall be returned in good condition immediately following practices and races. In the event that the Ulsan Whale Boat Race Festival determines negligence, replacement or repair costs shall be charged to the team responsible.

(6-3) Any teams or members wishing to use paddles or personal flotation devices not provided by the Ulsan Whale Boat Race Festival must first have these items approved by Ulsan Whale Boat Race Festival at its discretion.

(6-4) Only the drum and drumsticks provided by Ulsan Whale Boat Race Festival shall be used to signal and stroke rate in addition to nonelectrical assisted voice commands.

Section 7– Race Procedures

(7-1) Each team member shall wear a personal flotation device during all on-water activities, including practices and races.

(7-2) Individuals or teams deemed unsafe by Ulsan Whale Boat Race Festival or its designated may not be permitted to continue on-water activities, including all practices and races.

(7-3) The steersperson is responsible for the dragon boat and the team. The steersperson shall communicate the safety procedures and emergency procedures to each team member before each practice and each race.

(7-4) Each participant in the Ulsan Whale Boat Race Festival is responsible for his or her own safety at all times.

(7-5) At its complete discretion the Ulsan Whale Boat Race Festival or its designated may dismiss at any time, including but not limited to from practices and/or races, any person or team for: violating safety principals and/or procedures, participating or attempting to participate in on-water activities while under the influence or in possession of drugs and/or alcohol, violating rules, demonstrating poor conduct or behavior, willfully, recklessly or negligently damaging or losing equipment or disobeying the request or instruction made by officials or their designates.

(7-6) Teams may be disqualified from competition if any team member purposely jumps out of the dragon boat and into the water.

(7-7) If equipment is damaged or lost through the willfully, reckless, or negligent actions of a person or team, that person or team shall be responsible for financially reimbursing the Ulsan Whale Boat Race Festival.

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(7-8) The starting order for all races will be determined prior to race day by the Ulsan Whale Boat Race Festival and will be issued to Team Managers.

(7-9) Each race will start as soon as possible following the race preceding it. The order of the races shall remain constant, though start times are approximate. Team Managers are responsible for monitoring the progression of the races and insuring their team is ready to race when called upon. The Ulsan Whale Boat Race Festival may not wait for teams which are not ready to start, regardless if early or late of the posted start times.

(7-10) Teams shall report to staging areas at least 45 minutes prior to the estimated time of their race. Team Managers are responsible for reporting in their team to the staging area before each race.

(7-11) The Referee and Starter shall have control of the race from prior to start to the completion of each race. Only Steersperson may communicate with the Referee and such communication shall be kept to a minimum.

Section 8–Race Penalties and Protests

(8-1) Teams missing the start of their race will be given a time of 10 minutes for that race for progression purposes. No race official is obligated to wait for late teams.

(8-2) Any team with a false start may be given a warning, time penalty or disqualification as determined by the Race Officials and Chief Judge.

(8-3) Any crew that affects the progress of any other crew may be asked to immediately stop paddling. Penalties may include a time penalty or disqualification as determined by the Referee or Chief Judge.

(8-4) Protest must be lodged by the Team Manager with the Chief Judge within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the protested race. There is a 100,000won Protest Filing Fee, payable at the time of protest. The fee would be returned if the protest is granted.

(8-5) If there is circumstance that does not have a specific rule designated; it will be up to the discretion of the Chief Judge. Should this decision be disputed, a team may protest by following the protocol listed in 7-4.

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