

2009 ICEA/SCDBC & USDBF

PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT, RELEASE, WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

In consideration of the services of the International Culture Exchange Association, Southern California Dragon Boat Club, & The United States Dragon Boat Federation, their agents, owners, officers, volunteers, participants, employees, coaches and instructors, and all other persons or entities acting in any capacity on their behalf (hereinafter collectively referred to as "ICEA", & "USDBF"), I hereby agree to release and discharge ICEA & USDBF, on behalf of myself, my children, my parents, my heirs, assigns, personal representative and estate as follows:

1. I acknowledge that Dragon Boat paddling and related activities entails known and unanticipated risks which could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis, death, or damage to myself, to property, or to third parties. I understand that such risks simply cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity.

These risks include, among other things: boat capsize; tidal conditions and currents; collision with objects or other watercraft; prolonged exposure to cold water, hypothermia, accidental drowning; illness in remote areas; exposure to sun, strong wind, cold storms, waves and lightning; aggressive and/or poisonous marine life; wrist, arm, shoulder and/or back injuries; slips and falls; and rapidly changing adverse weather and water conditions.

Furthermore, ICEA & USDBF instructors and organizers have difficult jobs to perform. They seek safety, but they are not infallible. They might be unaware of a participant's fitness or abilities. They might misjudge the weather, the elements or the terrain. They may give inadequate warnings or instructions, and the equipment being used might malfunction.

2. I expressly agree and promise to accept and assume all of the risks existing in this activity. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary, and I elect to participate in spite of the risks.

3. I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless ICEA & USDBF from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action, which are in any way connected directly or indirectly with my participation in this activity or my use of ICEA's equipment or facilities, including any such claims which allege negligent acts or omissions of the ICEA or USDBF.

4. Should the ICEA or USDBF or anyone acting on its behalf, be required to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to indemnify and hold them harmless for all such fees and costs.

5. I certify that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage I may cause or suffer while participating, or else I agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage myself. I further certify that I am willing to assume the risk of any medical or physical condition I may have.

6. In the event that I file a lawsuit against the ICEA or USDBF, I agree to do so solely in the state of California, and I further agree that the substantive law of the state shall apply in that action without regard to the conflict of law rules of that state. I agree that if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

By signing this document, I acknowledge that if anyone is hurt or property is damaged during my participation in this activity, I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against the ICEA or USDBF on the basis of any claim from which I have released it therein.

I have had sufficient opportunity to read this entire document. I have read and understood it, and agree to be bound by its terms.

Signature of Participant: _____ Print Name: _____

CHECK HERE IF PARTICIPANT IS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____ Date: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Emergency Phone: _____

**PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S ADDITIONAL INDEMNIFICATION
(Must be completed for participants under the age of 18)**

In consideration of _____ (print minor's name) ("Minor") being permitted by the ICEA and USDBF to participate in its activities and to use its equipment and facilities, I further agree to indemnify and hold Harmless the ICEA and USDBF from any and all Claims which are brought by, or on behalf of Minor.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____