



KIX International Friendship Dragon Boat Festival, 2026

Sunday, September 27th, 2026

INFORMATION BULLETIN

The Organizing Committee of the “KIX International Friendship Dragon Boat Festival, 2026” in conjunction with the Japan Dragon Boat Association, cordially invite crews from around the world to participate in the races, which will be held on Sunday, September 27th, 2026, using the waterway between phase 1 island and phase 2 island of the Kansai International Airport (KIX).

➤ **Date**

Sunday, September 27th, 2026 Start at 8:30 a.m.

* In case of severe weather, the event will be postponed to the backup date: Sunday, October 4th.

* Race day time schedule:

7:00 The venue opens

8:00 Entry reception starts

8:30 Opening Ceremony

17:00 Closing Ceremony

➤ **Organizer**

KIX International Dragon Boat Festival Committee

(The Japan Dragon Boat Association, the Wakayama Dragon Boat Association, Kansai Airports)

➤ **Operation of the race**

The Osaka Dragon Boat Association

➤ **Official Supporters**

Wakayama Broadcasting System

➤ **Venue**

Kansai International Airport (waterway between 1st and 2nd Terminal Islands)

➤ **Categories (Teams and Crew Composition)**

1) Premier Standard Open (20 paddlers, any genders)

2) Premier Standard Mixed (20 paddlers, 8(min.)-10 (max.) paddlers of either gender)

* Women crews are also most welcome. However, women crews are requested to race in the Mix category.

3) Small (10 paddlers): 20 teams (MAX) *Local team only

* Entry qualifications for small category :

• A team consisting of residents around KIX, ITAMI, or KOBE airport.

• A team consisting of workers at KIX, ITAMI, or KOBE airport.

• A team approved by the committee.

* Standard boat will be used, but the race will be conducted with only 10 paddlers.

* The number of teams to be accepted may be subject to change.

4) First come, first served!!

➤ **Age requirement**

Minimum age: 12 years (as of January 1, 2026)

➤ **Distance**

200m only

➤ **Competition Regulations and Racing Rules**

KIX International Friendship Dragon Boat Festival, 2026 will comply with the IDBF Competition Regulations and will be conducted under the IDBF Rules of Racing.

➤ **Entry deadline**

Friday, September 11th, 2026

➤ **Entry Fees**

1) Premier Standard Open (20 paddlers): 20 teams (MAX)

JYE 90,000 per team (tax included)

2) Premier Standard Mixed (20 paddlers): 20 teams (MAX)

JYE 90,000 per team (tax included)

3) Small (10 paddlers): 20 teams (MAX)

JYE 65,000 per team (tax included)

(Entry fee plus tent per team at the venue, on the race day only)

*** If a team cancels its entry, the entry fee is non-refundable.**

➤ **Method of Payment**

Please pay the entry fee by either of the following methods.

① Transferring to the following bank account.

Mitsubishi UFJ bank, Wakayama Branch (497)

SWIFT CODE: BOTKJPJT

Account Number: 4723193

Kanku Dragon Boat Taikai Jimukyoku, Matsumoto Kazuo

Please kindly bear the bank remitting charges concerned with yourself.

② Paying in JPY CASH at the reception of the race venue before the race.

➤ **Outline Program:**

Saturday, September 26th Crews training – Race Course (40 minutes)

Sunday, September 27th Opening Ceremony
Race day – 200m only

➤ **Dragon Boat & Paddles**

IDBF Specification dragon boats (Champion boats) are used, and paddlers may use their own paddles provided they comply with IDBF specification (202a). Wooden paddles will be provided by the Organizing Committee in case you don't have your own paddles.

➤ **Personal Floating Devices/Aids.**

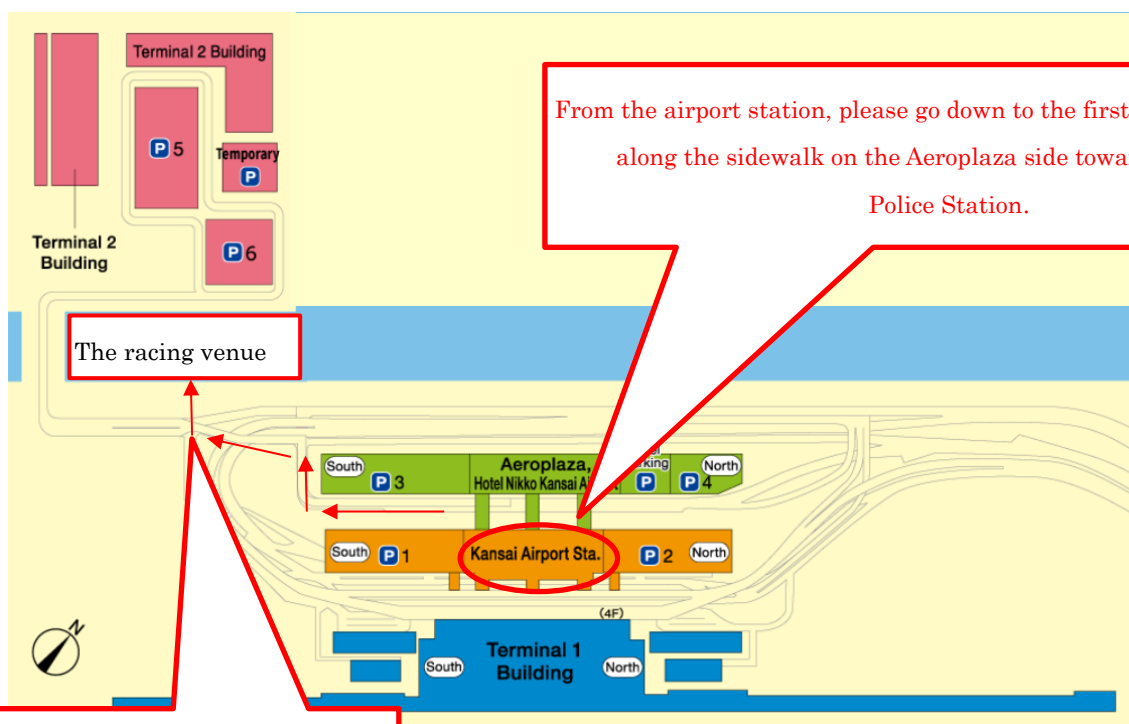
All participants are required to wear PFDs (with buoyancy of 7kg or more) when racing, and approved PFDs will be available at the race site by the Organizing Committee for those who may wish to use them.

➤ **Special Attention**

- ✓ Please bring your own food and drinks
- ✓ Alcohol is strictly prohibited during the race from the view point of safety. Teams violated this rule will be disqualified.
- ✓ No accommodations are prepared or arranged by the organizer. The participating teams are requested to prepare them by themselves.

➤ **Access to the Racing Venue**

15 minutes' walk



➤ **Contact information**

KIX International Dragon Boat Festival Committee

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