



Event Rules

Every participant must be registered and with team registration fee submitted in advance by July 9th, 2018. Limited space is available, registration is first come first serve. A waiting list for teams will be compiled.

Participants must be 18 years of age or older.

Teams are responsible to advise event organizers in advance if a team player is being replaced with another player.

Team members will be required to sign a liability waiver in advance or at the event sign-in.

All team members must sign in at 12:00 noon on Saturday July 14th, 2018. The sign-in table will be located at the harbour wall just south of Metro on 1st Avenue East.

Following sign-in all teams will be assigned a designated safety officer. All team players must be present for an event, rule and safety briefing by these officers.

Participants shall not be under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Any participants under the influence will be prohibited from participating at the discretion of event organizers.

All team players must wear a CSA approved lifejacket (as pictured below). No personal floatation devices or “inflatable” style jackets are permitted. Life jackets must have a proper fit and be worn at all times will on the boat loading dock, during boat transportation to and from floating docks and while engaged in the event upon the floating dock. Participants are required to bring their own life jacket.



Participants must wear closed toed footwear during competition. Participants are required to bring their own footwear for the event.

Appropriate swimwear is required, costumes are encouraged. Swimwear and costumes shall:

- i) be free of potential hazards to any participant with water and personal safety in mind
- ii) not be restrictive for the purposes of swimming and appropriate for the participants swimming ability
- iii) not be excessive in size, quantity or volume in such a manner that increases risk of drowning (e.g. excessive clothing that will weigh a swimmer down when it becomes waterlogged).

Event organizers reserve the right to prevent participation in the event should costumes or clothing be deemed inappropriate or unsafe.

Participants should bring their own towel.

Teams shall consist of no more than ten (10) participants each.

Each competition is in the “best of 3” pulls format

The competition is won when one team pulls three members of the opposing team off of the floating dock and into the water. No “team drop” of the rope, causing the opposing team to fall backwards/sideways off the dock is permitted. Doing so will result in an immediate loss of that match.

The rope is to be marked and placed at the middle point between the two teams to start the competition as determined and at the direction of the event organizers. The rope cannot be tied up around any competitor.

Event organizers will cue participants when to pull slack up from the rope and when to commence the tug of war.

The rope must be pulled underarm at all times and participants must remain on both of their feet throughout the competition. If a competitor loses balance and falls to the ground, they must immediately return to a standing position.

One a team or three (3) team members are pulled into the water, they are required to immediately swim back to the platform ladder and climb back on to continue the next match or await pick up from the boat.

Horseplay or roughhousing will not be tolerated at any point in the event for safety reasons. This includes while assembling for the boat, getting on or off the boat or while engaged in the tug of war event (on the floating dock or after being pulled into the water). Persons/teams engaged in this behaviour may be prohibited from participating or continuing to participate in the event.

In the event a team does not show up for the event, cancels from participating in the event, is disqualified or prohibited from participating in the event team or individual player refunds of the registration fee will not be provided.

The event organizers reserve the right to update rules prior to the event, notification of which will be provided to teams at the pre-event briefing, and have full discretion to determine player participation. Decisions made by event organizers are final.