

# GRAND MASTERS DRAGON BOAT CLUB OF THE VILLAGES, INC.

## BYLAWS

### Mission Statement

The mission of the Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club of the Villages, hereafter referred to as GMDBC or Club, shall be:

- To promote the sport of dragon boat paddling and racing.
- To provide an opportunity for residents of The Villages to participate in the sport of dragon boating.
- To provide a framework of rules for club members and teams that ensures fairness and good sportsmanship in participation and competition.

### Article I; Membership

1. Membership in GMDBC shall be open to any resident of The Villages who:
  - Possesses a valid Village Resident identification card (ID) or Village Temporary Resident ID (A guest pass is not considered a valid resident ID).
  - Has paid **their** dues as outlined in the GMDBC Rules and Procedures.
  - Has signed the following:
    - The Village **Recreation Department** waiver.
    - GMDBC waiver.
    - United States Dragon Boat Club (USDBF) insurance form.
    - GMDBC form showing date of birth and Village Resident ID number.
    - Team Captain shall verify each team member's date of birth and Resident ID number.
2. Members renewing their annual membership are required to complete the above forms each year.
3. Team captains shall submit their team's forms and GMDBC dues to the GMDBC Treasurer by **February 1**. Individuals who fail to submit the forms and dues are not permitted to participate in boating activities until those forms are submitted.
4. Members shall comply with these Bylaws and the Rules and Procedures of GMDBC.

### Delete Associate Member Section

### Article II; General Membership Meetings

1. General Membership meetings shall be held a minimum of four times a year in one of The Village recreation centers.
2. Membership shall be notified of the meetings via The Village Recreation News, email, and GMDBC website.