

2019 FGPC 20th Annual Fairway Gorge Fest Race and Site Information

Stern's Meeting will be held at 8:30 am sharp along the middle promenade area at FGPC (near the fancy cee-ment pond).

Races, as per the accompanying race schedule, begin at 9:00 am. Racing concludes at 3:30 pm.

All teams will be racing **THREE times** throughout the day: a placement heat, followed by a semi final and then a final. There will be three mixed championship (medal) races for mixed crews and two consolation (non medal) races. There will be two championship (medal) races for women's crews.

Gorge Fest will conclude with "100M Knock-Out Races." This event begins with a 100M race with 8 boats; the 2 slowest boats are "knocked-out" (that is, they do not advance to the next round). The 6 remaining fastest boats go back to the start line and race again; the next 2 slowest of these boats are "knocked-out." This continues until there are only two teams remaining. The winner of of the final 2-boat knock-out becomes the 2019 Knock-Out champ! The fastest 8 teams (based on cumulative times from the placed and semifinal races) will be eligible to enrol in the 100M Knock-Out event. All eligible teams will need to confirm over the scheduled lunch hour. NOTE that eligible teams are EXISTING / REGISTERED Gorge Fest racing crews racing with their published rosters; throw-together teams are not eligible to race in the Knock-Out event.

Please review the race schedule and other race information, and prepare for a busy and fun day of racing!

Check-in

Check-in opens at 7:30 am and closes at 8:30 am on the upper promenade in front of FGPC's main offices. All team captains must check in during this time period. Any last minute changes to the roster must be done at this time. All participants must have completed an online 2019 FGPC waiver in order to participate.

The Course

This race takes place at the Fairway Gorge Paddling Club on the Selkirk Waterfront. 500 meter heats over 2, 3 or 4-lanes will start at Bay Street Bridge and finish at the main dock directly below FGPC.

Team Information

Dragon boat categories included are women and mixed. The fastest 8 crews (based on cumulative placed and semi-final races, are also eligible for our second annual "100M Knock-Out Race." The 8 top performing crews (without roster changes) will be invited to participate, based on the results of the morning.

First boat launch will be at 8:45 am sharp. See <u>website</u> for V1 of the Race Schedule. This Schedule is subject to change. Be aware that we may run ahead of schedule; teams must be ready to proceed to the marshaling area 1 hour before their scheduled race times.

FGPC will have a supply of PFDs and paddles available. PFDs MUST BE WORN during races. Inflatable PFDs are acceptable at all FGPC-managed races.

Food and Beverages (including beer and cider)

Sol Fine Foods (across the street from the club) will be open on race day and is located in the middle section of paddlers' village. They'll have breakfast and lunch options available and will be co-hosting a beverage garden in conjunction with FGPC. Opening hours are from 8 am - 4 pm.

Race Location:

Fairway Gorge Paddling Club 2940 Jutland Road, Victoria BC (see map provided) Tel. 778-432-3472

Email: info@fgpaddle.com Website: www.fgpaddle.com

Parking and Team Tent area

Jutland Road will be blocked off in front of the club for the paddlers' village. Please bring your own tents. Team tent area is located along the sidewalks and roadway across from 2940 Jutland Road. Locations are first come, first served. Do NOT locate any tents in front of SOL Foods.

Parking will be free in all designated Robbins lots (only!) in the Selkirk area. We recommend the parkade on Garbally Road. See the parking and the tent locations on the separate FGPC map provided.

EVENT PARKING AT THE FAIRWAY GORGE PADDLING CLUB

