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## **2025/26 Hong Kong Open Water Swimming Competition Series (Part 1)**

**Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (Sunday)  
**Venue:** Open Water Swimming along the Dam of the Plover Cove Reservoir, Tai Mei Tuk, Tai Po, Hong Kong  
**Time:** ~ 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (Details per attached schedule)

### **Category & Event:**

<b>Event No.</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Distance (approx.)</b>	<b>Age</b>
1	Open Group - Male	10 km	Age 14 or above
2	Open Group - Female		
3	Open Group - Male	3.3 km	Age 13 or above
4	Open Group - Female		
5	Mixed Team Relay	4 x 800m	Age 11 or above

\*Age shall be determined as of December 31 of the year of competition

### **10 km Event Entry Eligibilities:**

1. 2025/26 HKGSA Registered Swimmer (SW or MS)
2. Age 14 or above (Age shall be determined as of December 31 of the year of competition); And
3. Physically Fit; And
4. Provide qualified records obtained from any 800m or 1500m swimming competitions organized or sanctioned by HKGSA in swimming pool setting from 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 to 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025, with the result achieving a minimum of 70 points in LC/SC Swimming Point Score; And
5. Participated in open water swimming competition or open water swimming training before; And
6. Able to swim over the required distance of the proposed event; And
7. Declaration of Responsibility is required for all swimmers

### **3.3 km Event Entry Eligibilities:**

1. 2025/26 HKGSA Registered Swimmer (SW or MS)
2. Age 13 or above (Age shall be determined as of December 31 of the year of competition); And
3. Physically Fit; And
4. Provide qualified records obtained from any 800m or 1500m swimming competitions organized or sanctioned by HKGSA in swimming pool setting from 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 to 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025, with the result met Div.1 qualifying standard; And
5. Participated in open water swimming competition or open water swimming training before; And
6. Able to swim over the required distance of the proposed event; And
7. Declaration of Responsibility is required for all swimmers

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#### **4 x 800m Mixed Relay Event Entry Eligibilities:**

1. Relay will be run on a club basis. Each Club may enter one team in relay event.
2. Mixed Relay must consist of two (2) Men and two (2) Women.
3. The Club must have at least two (2) Registered Swimmers under their club's registration to form the team.

Each member must:

4. 2025/26 HKGSA Registered Swimmer (SW or MS); And
5. Age 11 or above (Age shall be determined as of December 31 of the year of competition); And
6. Physically Fit; And
7. Provide qualified records obtained from any 800m or 1500m swimming competitions organized or sanctioned by HKGSA in swimming pool setting from 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 to 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025, with the result met Div.1 qualifying standard; And
8. Participated in open water swimming competition or open water swimming training before; And
9. Able to swim over the required distance of the proposed event; And
10. Declaration of Responsibility is required for all swimmers.

**Format:** Timed-final shall apply. Ranking will be determined by the positions and time that swimmers achieve.

**Entry Fee: 10 km & 3.3 km Event (Event No. 1-4)**

HK\$100.00 / Entry

**4 x 800m Event (Event No. 5)**

HK\$200.00 / Team

**Entry &  
Registration  
Deadline**

**9<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (Wednesday) at 5:00 p.m.**

- Entries later than 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025 **will not be accepted.**

**Awards:** Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals will be awarded to the first 3 places of male and female swimmers in each group.

Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals will be awarded to the first 3 teams of Relay Event.

**Reporting Time &  
Competition Route:**

See attached Timetable and Competition Route Map.

**Regulations:**

1. World Aquatics ("WA") rules and HKGSA rules will apply.
2. HKGSA reserve the rights to cancel the Relay Event if there are not enough participating teams.
3. Swimmers MUST wear swimming caps provided by the HKGSA during the competition.
4. Swimmer MUST present a valid Race Card issued by the HKGSA at the Registration Counter / Area at the Competition Venue.

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5. Swimmers who cannot show the Race Card will not be allowed to race.
6. Swimmers MUST report to the Finishing Centre immediately after the race.
7. Official may request swimmers to **leave water** if swimmers are unable to finish the race within the times as follows:

**For 10 km event: 30 minutes from the finish time of the first swimmer.**

**For 3.3 km event: 15 minutes from the finish time of the first swimmer.**

**For 4 x 800m event: 15 minutes from the finish time of the first team.**

These swimmers MUST also report to the Finishing Center as soon as possible.

8. Swimmers are prohibited from using any devices that may be an aid to their speed or endurance.
9. HKGSA has its sole discretion to reject any entries.
10. In case of Swimmer Club transfer, the 'HKGSA Transfer Rule' will apply.
11. HKGSA has the final decision over all matters not assigned by the rules.
12. For the Swimwear requirements please refer to WA Open Water Rules (OW 7).

- With water temperature below 18°C, the use of wetsuits is compulsory.

**Race Card &**

Race Card will be issued after completion of application procedure.

**Swim Cap:**

Club Representatives can pick up the Race Card at HKGSA office about 1 week before the competition day. Swimmer must bring the Race Card to the Registration Counter on the competition day. Swim cap will be given after reporting on the competition day and swimmers must report to the Finishing Centre after the race.

**Belongings:**

Swimmers may store their belongings at the "Personal Belongings" in the venue. However, HKGSA will not be responsible for any loss whatsoever incurred at the venue or during the competition.

**Safety:**

- 1) Safety boats and/or canoes shall patrol along the competition route.
- 2) If participants feel exhausted or are affected by cramp during the race, **please raise hand and call for help immediately.**

**Responsibility:**

HKGSA shall try its best to ensure the safety of all swimmers during the competition. However, HKGSA and its officials will not be responsible for any injuries and accidents incurred during the competition for whatsoever reasons.

**Special**

**Arrangement:**

The Competition will be cancelled for any of the following conditions:

- ◆ Typhoon Signal **No. 3** or above, hoisted before 6:00 a.m. on the competition date;
- ◆ Red or black rainstorm signal;
- ◆ The sight of red tide, Shark flag or red flag is hoisted at the venue.

**\*In case the competition is cancelled due to inclement weather, the competition will be postponed to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (Sunday).**

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**Remarks:** Hong Kong China Swimming Association would disclose participants' age in all materials, including but not limited to Competition Programmes and Results issued from time to time.

**Entry Procedures:**

- **Through HKGSA Affiliated Clubs**

Clubs may submit the Master Entry Forms as usual, together with duly signed Declaration Form by each participant.

Incomplete form and Declaration will not be accepted and fee paid is not refundable.

Entry fee in crossed-cheque made payable to "HKGSA", with club's name and contact telephone no. at the back of the cheque. **Cash will not be accepted.**

Application Forms can be downloaded at the HKGSA website: [www.hkgswimming.org.hk](http://www.hkgswimming.org.hk)

**Enquiry Telephone No.:** 2572 8594      **E-mail:** [info@hkgswimming.org.hk](mailto:info@hkgswimming.org.hk)

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Office Hours:

Monday to Friday from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; 1:00p.m. – 5:00p.m.

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