

HONG KONG OPEN SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023

Rules & Regulations (Local)

Date	<u>Day 1 18 / 08 / 2023 (Fri)</u> <u>Day 2 19 / 08 / 2023 (Sat)</u> <u>Day 3 20 / 08 / 2023 (Sun)</u> Warm Up:1700-1745 Warm Up: 0800-0845 Warm Up: 0800-0845 Start: 1800 Start: 0900 Start: 0900 Warm Up: 1430-1515 Warm Up: 1430-1515 Start: 1530 Start: 1530		
Venue	Victoria Park Swimming Pool		
Entry Conditions	❖ All competitors must be 2023/24 registered swimmers (SW) of HKGSA and register to HKGSA at least 21 days prior to the closing date of entries. ❖ Championship Eligibility rule applies. ❖ Swimmers should reach qualifying standard. ❖ For all new entries for any event entered with no proven result, qualify time for individual event shall be used as entry time.		
Entries	❖ Entries must be submitted with HKGSA master entry forms & fees. Incomplete / Incorrect information will be rejected and fees paid will not be refunded. ❖ Late entries will not be accepted. ❖ Swimmers who enroll in 800m and 1500m freestyle must be age 13 or above. <u>Local Individual Events</u> ❖ Each swimmer is limited to no more than 4 individual events. ❖ In case of any swimmer entering number of events in excess of the entry quota, HKGSA will have the sole discretion to scratch or cancel the swimmer's last entry event at any point of time. ❖ *HK\$15 per individual event. ❖ * HK\$ 15 + HK\$ 40 = HK\$ 55 --- For each qualified time ("QT") entry. <u>Local Club Relay Events</u> ❖ Each club may enter one team in each relay event. ❖ *HK\$15 per team per relay event. ❖ HK\$ 15 + HK\$ 40 = HK\$ 55 --- For each qualified time ("QT") entry. *Paid by cheque. Crossed cheque made payable to 'Hong Kong China Swimming Association'.		
Closing Date for Registration	<u>(Fri) 7 July 2023 (1700 hrs)</u>	Closing Date for Entries	<u>(Fri) 28 July 2023 (1700 hrs)</u>
Event list / Qualifying Standards	Please see attached event list (With Qualifying Time)		

Rules	❖ The Championships consist of Local and International races. All swimmers from both categories will be seeded according to the submitted entry times and will compete together. ❖ 800m, 1500m Free & Mixed Relay is Timed-final ❖ Timed-Final format will be applied to 800m/1500m events, slow heats will be in the morning while the fastest heat will take place in the afternoon session. ❖ The morning and the afternoon sessions of the second and third day of the competition (apart from 800m & 1500m Free) are in the same event order. Morning session of the competition is for preliminary, afternoon session will be finals. ❖ Events with 8 or less swimmers will proceed to the afternoon session. ❖ Result ranking of Local Race: - Rank according to the results gained in the morning session. - Local swimmers entered final (first eight qualified swimmers in the morning session) will rank according to the results gained in the afternoon final session. - Anyhow, swimmers who entered Finals will rank higher than swimmers who did not enter the Finals. ❖ Reserve swimmers in the final list (9th & 10th place in the morning session) shall report to the marshalling area before the start of each respective event. Scratch is required. ❖ Name list of the Finals will announce shortly after the morning session. ❖ World Aquatics and HKGSA rules apply. ❖ Swimmers who fail to reach the respective qualifying times in the morning session will not be counted for points regardless of placing. Three points will be deducted from their respective club/team points in each case. ❖ Swimmers not meeting the qualifying times in the Finals will not be awarded medals. No Individual/Club/team points will be deducted (Except Straight Final Events). ❖ Six points will be deducted in each case when clubs fail to reach the respective qualifying times in relay events. (Except those qualified in the morning) ❖ Three points will be deducted from individual/clubs'/teams' total score for each "no show". ❖ Name list with registration number of Relay must be submitted 30 minutes before the scheduled start time of each session. ❖ <u>All Scratch for heats must be submitted on or before 1200 noon one working day before the first event day.</u> ❖ A competitor or team not wishing to take part in final in which qualification was earned shall withdraw within 30 minutes following the announcement of each prelim result. ❖ Application for Split Time Record: swimmers who apply for split time record
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	should submit application form with application fee of HK\$300 to the Referee 30 minutes before the start of each session. Fee paid will not be refunded in any case. ❖ Swimmers' Club Transfer: Upon compliance with rules in relation to Registration of Club Transfer under Registration of Athletes, the requesting Athlete (as defined therein) can after the 1 month suspension period represent the new club in any meets but no point will be counted towards the new club's total scores for any event (whether individual or relay event) for 1 years from the first effective day of the completed Club Transfer. ❖ <u>A fine of \$120 will be charged for each "no show" of heats.</u> ❖ <u>A fine of \$120 will be charged for each "no show" of finals.</u> ❖ A fine of \$120 will be charged for each "not qualified"
Awards and Calculation of Points	The following awards will be awarded: ❖ Awards for Clubs / Teams: -Overall Champion, 1st runners up and 2nd runners up. -Overall Men & Women Champion, 1st runners up and 2nd runners up. ❖ Awards for Swimmers: - Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. ❖ Awards for High Point Winners: (Overall Boy/Overall Girl) - High point winner trophies will be awarded to those swimmers accumulating the highest points in their events using the point score set out below. - In case of a tie, the winner will be determined by the no. of the medals (Relay events excluded) obtained in the following sequences i.e. gold, silver and bronze and finally the no. of records obtained with the following scoring method: HK Record: 5 Points, Meet Record: 3 Points. ❖ Awards for Outstanding Swimmers: (Overall Boy/Overall Girl) - Awarded to swimmers scoring the highest point (calculated to 2 decimal places) on the HK Point score table during the Championships. - In case of a tie, the winner will be determined by the second highest scored event obtained. ❖ Special awards will be presented to swimmers who break Hong Kong records.
Protest	❖ Any protest shall be made in writing to the referee within 30 minutes following the result announcement of the respective event with an appeal fee of HK\$300. ❖ Protest will be forward to the Appeal Board of such competition for decision. ❖ If the protest is rejected, fee paid will be forfeited.
Anti -Doping Test	❖ Doping tests will be conducted at this event. Hong Kong China Swimming Association will conduct the tests. Any participating athletes could be selected for doping tests and be requested to provide urine and/or blood sample under witness. Sanctions for Anti-Doping Rules violation, such as refusal to providing sample or returning of positive test results, may include:

	1. Disqualification of results achieved at the event 2. Ineligibility in sport During the period of ineligibility, the individual is not allowed to participate in any capacity (including but not limited to competing athlete, coach, team official, judge etc.) in competitions or other sporting activities. 3. Financial sanction of HK\$20,000 4. Public disclosure of athlete's identity and details of the violation 5. Any other applicable sanctions. ❖ Athletes should read and understand the anti-doping regulations and information available on the official webpage of HKADC (www.antidoping.hk). According to the Strict Liability Principle, athlete is responsible for what could be found in his/her body. Ignorance could not be used as an excuse for a positive test. If there are any uncertainties, please contact HKADC.
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POINT SCORING

Placing	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
Club & Individual	11	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Relay	22	14	12	10	8	6	4	2

*** The Hong Kong Open Swimming Championships 2023 is approved by World Aquatics to be the qualifying meet of the World Aquatics Championships 2024 – Doha and the Olympic Games of Paris 2024.**