

Swimming By-laws

Section 1 - Competition Rules

- 1.1 The Swimming competition shall operate under the IIGA Constitution, Operational Guidelines and Sports By-laws and where there is no direct conflict with the aforesaid IIGA Rules and Regulations they shall also operate under the La Federation Internationale de Natation (FINA) Rules
- 1.2 Team Managers of competing Member Islands are responsible to ensure that all their Officials, Coaches and Competitors are fully aware of the above and General Competition Rules governing the competition.

Section 2 - General

2.1 Island Representation

Individual Events A maximum of 2 competitors per Member Island

Team Events A maximum of 1 Team per Member Island

2.2 Age of Competitors

- 2.2.1 The minimum age limit for competitors will be 13 years on the day of the Opening Ceremony of the Games.
- 2.2.2 In respect of competitors under the age of 18 years competing Member Islands must make arrangement for them to be correctly supervised and comply with all relevant child welfare legislation of their own Island and that of the Host Island.

2.3 Officials

- 2.3.1 To be appointed by the Organising Committee
- 2.3.2 The competition will be controlled by the Senior Referee and Officials all of whom shall be suitably qualified.
- 2.3.3 The Senior Referee for the competition shall be appointed no later than 12 months prior to the commencement of the Games.
- 2.3.4 The Officials shall be FINA qualified or have qualifications recognised by a National Governing Body of Swimming. An Official qualified by experience shall be permitted to act as an official at the discretion of the Organising Committee and with the approval of the Senior Referee.

2.4 Events

2.4.1 Individual

Mandatory events for men & women are:

50m Freestyle

100m Freestyle

200m Freestyle

400m Freestyle

800m Freestyle (women only)

1500m Freestyle (men only)

50m Backstroke

100m Backstroke
200m Backstroke
50m Butterfly
100m Butterfly
200m Butterfly
50m Breaststroke
100m Breaststroke
200m Breaststroke
100m Individual Medley
200m Individual Medley
400m Individual Medley

2.4.2 Team

4 x 50m Medley Relay
4 x 100m Medley Relay
4 x 50m Freestyle Relay
4 x 100m Freestyle Relay

2.4.2.1 The following event may be included in the programme as a non-medal event only at the discretion of the Organising Committee:

8 x 50m Mixed (4 men & 4 women) Freestyle Relay

2.4.3 Competition Programme

The order of events (programme) for the Games is as follows:

Day 1

1. Men's 1500m Freestyle (This event is a Heat Declared Winner (HDW))
2. Women's 400m Individual Medley
3. Men's 200m Butterfly
4. Women's 100m Butterfly
5. Men's 100m Breaststroke
6. Women's 50m Breaststroke
7. Men's 50m Backstroke
8. Women's 200m Freestyle
9. Men's 200m Individual Medley
10. Women's 4 x 50 Freestyle Relay
11. Men's 4 x 50 Medley Relay

Day 2

12. Women's 800 Freestyle (This event is a HDW)
13. Men's 400m Individual Medley
14. Women's 200m Breaststroke
15. Men's 100m Butterfly
16. Women's 100m Backstroke
17. Men's 50 Breaststroke

18. Women's 50m Butterfly
19. Men's 200m Freestyle
20. Women's 200m Individual Medley
21. Men's 4 x 50 Freestyle Relay
22. Women's 4 x 50 Medley Relay

Day 3

23. Men's 100m Individual Medley
24. Women's 400m Freestyle
25. Men's 200m Backstroke
26. Women's 100m Breaststroke
27. Men's 100m Freestyle
28. Women's 50m Freestyle
29. Men's 50m Butterfly
30. Women's 200m Backstroke
31. Men's 4 x 100 Medley Relay
32. Women's 4 x 100 Freestyle Relay

Day 4

33. Women's 100m Individual Medley
34. Men's 400m Freestyle
35. Women's 200m Butterfly
36. Men's 100m Backstroke
37. Women's 100m Freestyle
38. Men's 50m Freestyle
39. Women's 50m Backstroke
40. Men's 200m Breaststroke
41. Women's 4 x 100 Medley Relay
42. Men's 4 x 100 Freestyle Relay
43. Mixed 8 x 50 Freestyle Relay (if included in programme of events)

2.5 Training

- 2.5.1 Arrangements for any Pre-Games training/practice shall be made at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
- 2.5.2 Competition venues should be made available to the competing Member Island Teams for training a minimum of 2 days prior to the Opening Ceremony of the Games.

2.6 Draws

- 2.6.1 The seeding of heats and finals will be in accordance with FINA Rule SW3, except in the Relays where the seeding of heats will be determined by draw.
- 2.6.2 All Finals will be spearheaded – fastest qualifier in lane 4 next fastest in lane 5, next fastest in lane 3, then lane 6, 2,7,1,8.

2.7 Venues

- 2.7.1 The competition Pool must conform to the FINA regulation length of 25metre with a minimum of 6 lanes, this shall be confirmed in the Host Island Bid Document.
- 2.7.2 In the event of the Member Islands arriving for competition and it being that the competition pool does not comply with the measurement requirements the competition could still take place with the approval of the Technical Committee and the Executive Committee.
- 2.7.3 A pool plan detailing emergency evacuation and other relevant information must be made available to the Team Manager of each competing Member Island prior to the commencement of the event and no later than the Pre-Competition Technical Committee Meeting.

2.8 Equipment

- 2.8.1 Each competing Team will provide 3 of their National flags (2 for ceremonies and 1 for display) to the Organising Committee. The dimension of such flags where possible should be 150cm x 90cm (60inches x 36 inches).
- 2.8.2 Each competing Team will provide a copy of their National Anthem (song/tune) on compact disc or other suitable media. A copy of the words should also be supplied.

2.9 Clothing

The regulation of FINA concerning clothing and advertising on clothing will apply; provided that any further regulations that may be imposed by the IIGA shall take precedence.

2.10 Medical

The Organising Committee shall provide sufficient medical treatment during the competitions. Arrangements must be made with a nearby hospital for emergency treatment.

2.11 Medals

- 2.11.1 Medals will be presented to the swimmers placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each final.
- 2.11.2 Medals will be presented in reverse order i.e. Bronze, Silver and Gold
- 2.11.3 All competitors used in any round of the Relay events will receive a medal but only the 4 competitors used in the Final will be presented with medals at the medal ceremony. Organising Committees should note that they may need up to 8 medals of each type for each of the relays.

2.12 Protests and Complaints

Any protests or complaints will be investigated by the Senior Referee and a decision made by him/her. An appeal against this decision can be made to the Jury of Appeal with a further right of appeal by any aggrieved party to the Island Games Association Court.

2.13 Banned Substances and Drug Testing

All competitors in every event shall be subject to Section 9 of the Operational Guidelines of the IIGA.

Section 3 - Technical Committee**3.1 Appointment**

The Technical Committee will be appointed at each Games Post-Competition Meeting and shall consist of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 6 Members – a Chairman, Secretary plus up to 4 Members. Both of the future Host Islands (if applicable) should be represented and if at all possible at least 1 of the positions should be permanent e.g. Secretary or Chairman to ensure continuity.

3.2 Meetings

The Technical Committee will meet if necessary at any time during the Games. In the period between the Games the Technical Committee will act as an advisory / consultative body on any matters arising.

Section 4 – Pre and Post-Competition Meetings

4.1 The Pre and Post-Competition Meetings shall be called and chaired by the Host Island Sports Co-ordinator and shall be attended by the Technical Committee and up to 2 representatives from each competing Member Island Team.

4.2 The Jury of Appeal will be appointed at the Pre-Competition Meeting. A panel of 5 Members (preferably from different competing Member Islands) plus a non-voting Secretary will be appointed. A minimum of 3 Members plus the Secretary would be required to hear an appeal. If the appeal concerns a competitor from the same Member Island as 1 of the Jury Members he/she cannot participate in any decision taken.

4.3 The Chairman of the Jury of Appeal must be qualified to a standard equal to, or higher than the Senior Referee.

4.4 A Member of the Jury of Appeal shall be entitled to participate in the discussion of any matter concerning a swimmer from the Member Island that he or she represents but will not be entitled to vote on the resolution of such matter.

Section 5 - Individual Competition

5.1 The fastest heat of the Men's 1500m Freestyle (Day 1) and the Women's 800m Freestyle (Day 2) events are to be held as a final event in the evening sessions.

5.2 Where swimmers have equal times for 6/8th place in the final they shall swim off after the last heat in the morning session.

5.3 A competitor is eligible to compete in any number of events subject to the provision that each competing Member Island may only enter a maximum of 2 swimmers in any Individual Event and 1 Team in a Relay Event.

5.4 Any finalist wishing to withdraw must notify the officials in the administration area 30 minutes after the announcement of the finalists. Any withdrawals after this deadline will be permitted on medical grounds only.

- 5.5** No substitution will be allowed after close of entries which is 8 weeks prior to the Opening Ceremony of the Games. Member Island Swimming Team entrants may be changed up to 4 weeks prior to commencement of the Games for medical reasons on the production of a medical certificate. During the Games a swimmer can be substituted, using a previously registered swimming entrant, for medical reasons upon production of a medical certificate with the exception of the relay events when a medical certificate would not be required between the team forms being submitted and the race taking part.
- 5.6** Competitors are not permitted to wash/splash themselves down whilst a race is in progress as this will be considered as interference with the event and the Referee may be obliged to disqualify them.

Section 6 - Team Competition General Rules

- 6.1** A Games Record may be set on the 1st leg of a Relay Event.
- 6.2** Names of competitors in the Relay Teams (in the order they will be competing) must be submitted on the forms provided at the Technical Meeting prior to the particular session.