



**2022/23 Hong Kong Open Water Swimming
Competition Series (Part 2)**

Date: 7th January 2023 (Saturday)

Venue: Open Water Swimming along the Dam of the Plover Cove Reservoir,
Tai Mei Tuk, Tai Po, Hong Kong

Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 am (Details per attached schedule)

Category & Event:

Event No.	Gender	Distance (approx.)	Group	Age	Quota
1	Male	5 km	Open Group	Age 14 or above	80
2	Female				

(Age is calculated as at 31st Dec 2023)

5 km Event Entry Eligibilities:

- 2022/23 HKGSA Registered Swimmer (SW or MS)
- Age 14 or above (Age is calculated as at 31st Dec 2023); And
- Physically Fit; And
- Provide qualified records obtained from any 800m or 1500m swimming competitions organized or sanctioned by HKGSA in swimming pool setting from 21st Dec 2020 to 21st Dec 2022, with the result achieving a minimum of 70 points in LC/SC Swimming Point Score; And
- Participated in open water swimming competition or open water swimming training before; And
- Able to swim over the required distance of the proposed event; And
- Declaration of Responsibility is required for all swimmers

Entry Priority:

1st Priority – Participated in 2022/23 Hong Kong Open Water Swimming Competition Series (Part 1) - (11/6/2022) - 5 km

2nd Priority – Participated in 2021/22 Hong Kong Open Water Swimming Competition Series (Part 1) – (15/5/2021) - 10 km

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

Entry Fee: 5 km Event (Event No. 1-2)

HK\$100.00 / Entry



**Entry &
Registration
Deadline**

21st December 2022 (Wednesday) at 5:00 p.m.
- Entries later than 21st December 2022 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.

**Reporting Time &
Competition Route:**

See attached Timetable and Competition Route Map.

Regulations:

1. FINA rules and HKGSA rules will apply.
2. Swimmers MUST wear swimming caps provided by the HKGSA during the competition.
3. Swimmer MUST present a valid Race Card issued by the HKGSA at the Registration Counter / Area at the Competition Venue.
4. Swimmers who cannot show the Race Card will not be allowed to race.
5. Swimmers MUST report to the Finishing Centre immediately after the race.
6. Official may request swimmers to **leave water** if swimmers are unable to finish the race within the times as follows:

For 5 km event: 15 minutes from the finish time of the first swimmer.

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

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

For 5 km event:

- With water temperature below 18°C, the use of wetsuits is mandatory.
- With water temperature between 18°C and 20°C, wetsuits are optional.
- With water temperature over 20°C, wetsuits are not allowed.

**Race Card &
Swim Cap:**

Race Card will be issued after completion of application procedure. HKGSA Affiliated Clubs and swimmers who submit entry applications to HKGSA office in person 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.
- ◆ If any issues affected by COVID-19, event will be cancelled and the announcement will be made at the HKGSA website. Please refer to the HKGSA website.

Remarks: Hong Kong Amateur 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.hkgswwimming.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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