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New World Harbour Race 2021

Race Information

A. Race details

- Date:** 12th December 2021 (Sunday)
Time: 8:15 a.m.
Venue: Wan Chai Golden Bauhinia Square Public Pier to Tsim Sha Tsui Avenue of Stars
No. of swimmers: ~1500
Entry Deadline: 22nd November 2021 (Monday)
 Online application - 11:59 p.m.
Reporting Time: Racing Groups: 7:15 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.
 Leisure Groups:
 1st Batch: 7:15 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.
 2nd Batch: 7:45 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.
Failing to report will be disqualified

A. Categories & Starting Time:

	*Racing Groups	
	Men	Women
Event No.	1	2
Distance	Approximately 1 km	
Group	OPEN	
Age	14 or above	
Start Time	8:15 am	
Quota	50	50
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ "New World Harbour Race 2019" – Final Entrants – Racing Group ➤ Invited Elite swimmers 	

	Leisure Groups	
	Men	Women
Event No.	3	4
Distance	Approximately 1 km	
Age	12 or above	
Start Time	8:35am	
Quota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ "New World Harbour Race 2019" – Final Entrants – 1000 ➤ New Applicants – 400 	

Time Trial Quota : ~1400

*Recommended for experienced and Elite swimmers

Age is calculated as at 31st December 2021 in ALL EVENTS.

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B. Entry Procedures

- **Applicants can only apply the race via New World Harbour Race Website: (www.hkharbourrace.com).**
- Incomplete Application Forms, Declaration and Medical Certificates (for applicants aged 60 or above-please refer to the application form) or Incomplete information will not be accepted, and the fees paid will not be refunded. HKGSA reserves the rights to amend the above information with or without notification and the authority for final interpretation.
- Once the entry is accepted, entry fee is non-refundable & non-transferable under any circumstances. Repeated entries will be counted as a single entry. The extra fee is non-refundable and cannot be transferred to another applicant nor other race.
- An acknowledgement email will be sent to the registered email address within 3 working days after HKGSA has received the registration. For those who do not receive the email within the stipulated time frame, please contact HKGSA immediately.

HKGSA office:

Tel No.: 2572 8594/ 2572 8524

E-mail: info@hkgswimming.org.hk

Address: Unit L, 9/F, MG Tower, 133 Hoi Bun Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon.

Office Hour: Monday to Friday 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

New World Harbour Race Website: www.hkharbourrace.com

C. Competition Eligibility & Qualification

i. Racing Groups (Event No. 1 – 2)

Competition Eligibility	
	To have received two doses of COVID-19 vaccine recognized by the HKSAR Government on or before 28 November, 2021 i.e. at least 14 days before the race; <u>AND</u>
	Obtain a negative Nucleic acid test result for COVID-19 (provide by HKGSA) within 48 hours before race day; <u>AND</u>
	Submit the Electronic Health Declaration Form to confirm not having stayed in places outside Hong Kong after 20 th November, 2021 i.e. in the past 21 days before the race via the New World Harbour Race website (www.hkharbourrace.com) starting from 8 th December 2021; <u>AND</u>
	Non-Hong Kong ID card holder and Hong Kong ID card holder; and
	Aged 14 or above (age is calculated as at 31 st December 2021); and
	Physically Fit and Healthy; and
	Duly-signed Declaration of Responsibility (Signed by parents for swimmers under 18 years of age); and
	Medical Certificate required for applicants aged 60 years or above (please refer to the application form); and

	<u>Final Entrants of “New World Harbour Race 2019- Racing Groups”:</u> <u>OR</u>
	Represented Hong Kong Open Water Swimming Team in the following major international events: (Invited Elite Swimmers) - Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games – Marathon Swimming - FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier 2021 - Setubal, Portugal (POR) - 9 th Asian Open Water Swimming Championships 2019 - 2019 FINA World Championships – Open Water - 2019 FINA Marathon Swim World Series <u>OR</u>
	Winners and runner-ups of the following local Hong Kong Open Water Swimming Competitions: (Invited Elite Swimmers) i) 2019/20 Hong Kong Open Water Swimming Competition Series (Part 2) – 5km event (5/1/2020) ; <u>OR</u> ii) 2021 HK Marathon Swimming cum Open Water Swimming Competition Series (Part 1) 2021/22 – 10km event (15/5/2021)

Overseas participants must follow the quarantine measures for Inbound Travelers provided by the HKSAR Government. Details please visit the website: <https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/index.html>

Qualification	
	Time Trial of “New World Harbour Race 2021”; <u>OR</u> Qualified records obtained from any Swimming Pool – 1,500m Long Course swimming competitions organized or sanctioned by HKGSA at swimming pool from between 1 st April 2020 and 22 nd November 2021 (Time Trial Exemptions); <u>OR</u> Overseas Participants who can provide proven ability to complete swimming distance of Long Course Swimming Pool – 1,500m from between 1 st April 2020 and 22 nd November 2021. Only proven time records endorsed by its National Swimming Association will be taken for considered (Time Trial Exemptions) ; <u>OR</u> Invited Elite Swimmers (Time Trial Exemptions) All the records above will be taken into account. Swimmers will be accepted to the Race based on faster times achieved amongst all submitted times and/ or time trial records (subject to HKGSA’s final decision)

ii. Leisure Groups (Event No. 3 – 4)

Competition Eligibility	
	To have received two doses of COVID-19 vaccine recognized by the HKSAR Government on or before 28 November 2021, i.e. at least 14 days before the race; AND
	Obtain a negative Nucleic acid test result for COVID-19 (provide by HKGSA) within 48 hours before race day; AND
	Submit the Electronic Health Declaration Form to confirm not having stayed in places outside Hong Kong after 20 th November, 2021 i.e. in the past 21 days before the race via the New World Harbour Race website (www.hkharbourrace.com) starting from 8 th December 2021; AND
	Hong Kong ID card holder; and
	Aged 12 or above (age is calculated as at 31 st December 2021); and
	Physically Fit and Healthy; and
	Duly-signed Declaration of Responsibility (Signed by parents for swimmers under 18 years of age); and
	Medical Certificate required for applicants aged 60 years or above (please refer to the application form); and

Qualification	
	Time Trial of “New World Harbour Race 2021” – To Finish 1,500m in 45 minutes; OR
	Qualified records obtained from any Swimming Pool – 1,500m Long Course swimming competitions organized or sanctioned by HKGSA at swimming pool from between 1 st April 2020 and 22 nd November 2021 (Time Trial Exemptions); OR
	Successfully completed “2021 HK Marathon Swimming cum Open Water Swimming Competition Series (Part 1) 2021/22 – 10km event (15/5/2021)” (Time Trial Exemptions)
	Due to the COVID-19 issue and to reduce large gatherings of people, Final Entrant List will be allotted by drawing this year. Selected swimmers are required to finish 1500m within 45 minutes. Swimmer who fails to finish 1500m within 45 minutes would not be qualified to join the Race on 12 th December 2021.

Each person can only apply for one event only.

Final Entrants of “New World Harbour Race 2019”:

The enrollment quotas have decreased this year due to the pandemic. In view of this, the Organizer has the following arrangement:

1. For those Leisure Group swimmers who are unable to get a place from the drawing this year, their priority quotas, a half price discount on the entry fee and the exemption of time-trial and administration fee will be reserved for “New World Harbour Race 2022”. ; and
2. Swimmers who have not applied the “New World Harbour Race 2021”, their quotas, a half price discount on the entry fee and the exemption of time-trial and administration fee will be reserved for “New World Harbour Race 2022”.

D. Time Trial:

- All participants (Time Trial Exemptions excluded) must select the Time Trial's date and time slot during the registration
- Racing Group Time Trial:
Swimmers will be accepted to the Race based on faster times achieved amongst all submitted times, i. e qualified records obtained from any Swimming Pool – 1,500m Long Course swimming competitions organized or sanctioned by HKGSA at swimming pool from between 1st April 2020 and 22nd November 2021 and/ or New World Harbour Race 2021 time trial records (subject to HKGSA's final decision)
- Leisure Group Time Trial:
Due to the COVID-19 issue and to reduce large gatherings of people, Final Entrant List will be allotted by drawing this year. Selected swimmers (Not Included those Time Trial Exemptions) are required to finish 1500m within 45 minutes. Swimmer who fails to finish 1500m within 45 minutes would not be qualified to join the Race on 12th December 2021.
- The participation list of Time Trial will be announced on **25th November 2021 (Thursday) at 10:00a.m.** on the HKGSA website (www.hkgswimming.org.hk) and New World Harbour Race website (www.hkharbourrace.com). Swimmers should attend the trial accordingly.

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- **Information of Time Trial**

Leisure Group			
Venue	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Swimming Pool	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Swimming Pool	Tung Chung Swimming Pool
Date	28/11/2021 (Sunday)	28/11/2021 (Sunday)	29/11/2021 (Monday)
Time	09:00-14:00	14:00-18:00	09:00-11:00
Qualifying time	To finish 1,500m in 45 minutes.		
Timeslot	Swimmers must take the trial within the assigned time slot. Those who failed to comply will not be entertained.		
Time Trial result	The Time Trial result will be available at the New World Harbour Race website (www.hkharbourrace.com) on 1st December 2021 (Wednesday) at 3:00p.m. Please input the swimmer's personal information to search for the result.		

Racing Group		
Venue	Tung Chung Swimming Pool	
Date	27/11/2021 (Saturday)	29/11/2021 (Monday)
Time	13:30-16:00	11:00-14:00
Qualifying time	To finish 1,500m in 45 minutes.	
Timeslot	Swimmers must take the trial within the assigned time slot. Those who failed to comply will not be entertained.	
Time Trial result	The Time Trial result will be available at the New World Harbour Race website (www.hkharbourrace.com) on 1st December 2021 (Wednesday) at 3:00p.m. Please input the swimmer's personal information to search for the result.	

- Time Trial will be cancelled if Black Rainstorm Signal or Typhoon Signal No. 8 or above is hoisted at 11 a.m.(27/11) or 7 a.m. (28/11, 29/11) on that day. Registration will be closed 2 hours before Typhoon Signal No. 8 is hoisted during the time trial. For the latest information, please refer to the HKGSA website (www.hkgswwimming.org.hk) or the New World Harbour Race website (www.hkharbourrace.com).

E. Final Entrant List

The final entrant list is available at the New World Harbour Race website (www.hkharbourrace.com) on **1st December 2021 (Wednesday) at 3:00p.m.** Please input the personal information to check if the swimmer is on the list.

F. Fee

Time Trial & Administration Fee	“New World Harbour Race 2019” Final Entrants of Racing Group and Leisure Group: Waive time trial and administration fee
	Other applicants: Time Trial: HK\$120 / entry Administration Fee: HK\$20 / entry (Time Trial Exemptions)
Entry Fee	“New World Harbour Race 2019” Final Entrants of Racing Group and Leisure Group: HK\$150 / entry (Half price discount on the entry fee)
	New Applicant: HK\$300 / entry
Payment Method	All participants shall receive an email for settle the payment including time trial fee, administration fee and entry fee by Online Payment from 1 st December to 5 th December 2021 after the announcement of the final entry list.

(Participation qualification will be forfeited if the payment has not been settled before the race kit collection. Administration Fee, Entry fee and Time Trial fee is non-refundable in any circumstances.)

G. Race Kit Collection and Nucleic acid test for COVID-19

- Final Entrants make an appointment for Race Kit collection and nucleic acid test for COVID-19 (First-come-first-serve) when they received an email from HKGSA for settle the payment (including Time Trial Fee/Administration Fee and Entry Fee).
- Final Entrants should fill out and submit the Electronic Health Declaration Form to confirm not having stayed in places outside Hong Kong after 20th November, 2021 i.e. in the past 21 days before the race via the New World Harbour Race website (www.hkharbourrace.com) starting from 8th December 2021.

- Final Entrants must show the Vaccination Record (With Personal Information) to certify completion of 2 doses before taking the COVID 19 Nucleic acid test provided by HKGSA at the reserved timeslot and then collecting the Race Kit. Participation qualification will be forfeited if any fee is not paid before race kit collection, did not fill and submit Electronic Health Declaration Form, the race kit is not collected on time or did not conduct the Nucleic acid test for COVID-19 provided by HKGSA.
- All fees, including entry fee, time trial fee and administration fee, will not be refunded under any circumstances. **To comply with the COVID-19 control measures, Leave Home Safe Apps must be presented when entering the Race Kit Collection Centre.**

1) Racing Group:

A race kit including a baggage bag, a race card, a swimmer's guide, 3 electronic transponders (2 for wrists, 1 for ankle), a designated numbered swim cap and a marker pen will be distributed to each participant. On race day, participants must mark their race numbers on the left hand side of their back, both arms and back of their hands with the marker pen provided by HKGSA (For details please refer to the swimmers' guide).

2) Leisure Group:

A race kit including a baggage bag, a race card, a swimmer's guide, 1 electronic transponder (for ankle), a designated numbered swim cap, a marker pen and a tow float will be distributed to each participant. On race day, participants must mark their race numbers on the left hand side of their back, both arms and back of their hands with the marker pen provided by HKGSA (For details please refer to the swimmers' guide).

- Details of Race Kit Collection:**

	Nucleic acid test for COVID-19 and Race Kit Collection	
Venue	VESSEL 01 Address: 126 Hoi Bun Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong (MTR Station : Ngau Tau Kok Station – Exit B6)	
Date	10/12/2021 (Friday)	11/12/2021 (Saturday)
Time	09:00 – 20:00	09:00 – 12:00

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H. Awards

Group	Prizes
New World Harbour Race Open Category Individual Men & Women	Champion: Trophy, HK\$5,000, Electronic Certificate 1 st Runner-up: Trophy, HK\$3,000, Electronic Certificate 2 nd Runner-up: Trophy, HK\$2,000, Electronic Certificate 3 rd Runner-up: Trophy, HK\$1,000, Electronic Certificate 4 th Runner-up: Trophy, HK\$800, Electronic Certificate
New World Harbour Race "New World Springboard Championship" ##	Champion: Trophy, Electronic Certificate 1 st Runner-up: Trophy, Electronic Certificate 2 nd Runner-up: Trophy, Electronic Certificate
New World Harbour Race Leisure Group Individual Men & Women	Electronic Certificate will be awarded upon successful completion of race
Souvenir Medal will be awarded to the swimmers of Racing Group and Leisure Group upon Race Kit Collection	

For "New World Springboard Swimming Academy" students only

I. Race Details

1) Racing Group:

- Every swimmer will be given 3 electronic transponders (2 for wrists, 1 for ankle), they should be secured on both wrists and ankle during the race for result recording. Wrist Electronic Transponders should be returned at the Wrist Electronic Transponders Return Center after the race. Participants will be charged for HKD\$500 each of the device in case of losing or do not return the transponders.

If participants did not pay the charge, HKGSA reserves the right to forbid the swimmer to participate in the future Harbour Race. Ankle Electronic Transponder need not be returned.

- Every swimmer will be given a swim cap with a designated number.

2) Leisure Group:

- Every swimmer will be given 1 electronic transponder, which should be secured on ankle during the race for head counting. Ankle Electronic Transponder need not be returned.
- Every leisure group swimmer will be given a tow float with a designated number, which must be worn throughout the whole race.
- Every swimmer will be given a swim cap with a designated number.

3) Storage of Personal Belongings

- Participants can store their personal belongings in the baggage bags (provided by HKGSA in the race kit) at the Personal Belongings Deposit Area in Starting Area and collect them at Baggage Claim Area in Finishing Area after the race. Participants shall write down their race numbers on the baggage bags BEFOREHAND. Please noted all personal belongings should be put inside the baggage bag. Any material failing to comply will not be entertained. HKGSA has no responsibility for any loss or damage to the personal belongings.

4) Venue Arrangement and Crowd Control

- 1) Participants should follow instructions from the race officials to stay 1.5m social distance and to keep a smooth operation.
- 2) No changing facilities will be provided on-site.
- 3) Shower area is located at the Finishing Area for quick rinsing. Use of shampoo or toiletries is prohibited.
- 4) Towel, Mask, T-Shirt, Slippers, Waterproof bag and Bottled Water will be provided to each swimmer after landing.
- 5) Only swimmers, officials and invited guests are allowed to enter the Starting Area.

5) Result Announcement

- The list of award winners for Racing Groups will be posted on the notice board in the Finishing Area on the Race day, while the remaining results will be uploaded on the HKGSA website and New World Harbour Race website thereafter. Certificate can be downloaded at the New World Harbour Race website.

6) Reminders

- 1) Participants must put on mask and strictly abide by epidemic prevention measures at any time outside the competition. Referees, Media, Officials and Staffs must always wear masks and strictly abide by epidemic prevention measures except for drinking water in the venue.
- 2) Swimmers must wear mask and apparels or put on labels provided by HKGSA when attending media events or interviews.
- 3) Winners and runner-ups must ONLY wear apparels provided by HKGSA during the ceremony.

7) Declaration of Responsibility

- Swimmers should be aware of the fact that open water swimming is a high risk aquatic sport. Swimmers must be aware of the tide and water condition, and consider their participation based on their swimming ability. HKGSA will try its best to ensure the safety of all swimmers during the race. However, HKGSA and its officials have no responsibility nor liability for any injuries and accidents incurred during the race.

Training practice in open water prior to the race is highly recommended.

8) Inclement Weather Arrangement

- The Race will be cancelled under any of the following conditions:
 - Typhoon Signal No. 1 or above, hoisted before 6:00 a.m. on the race day; Or
 - Red/Black Rainstorm Signal; Or
 - Occurrence of red tide at the venue; Or
 - Any conditions unsuitable for staging the competition.

J. Race Course



K. Rules and Regulations

1. Swimmers must wear the designated swim caps provided by the HKGSA during the race.
2. Swimmer MUST present a valid Race Card issued by the HKGSA at the Registration Counter. If swimmers cannot provide a valid Race Card or not reporting to the Registration Counter, they will not be allowed to join the current race and they may not be eligible for the future race.
- 3a. Racing Group Swimmers who are unable to show their wrist electronic transponders, ankle electronic transponders, race cards, and their designated swim caps will not be allowed to race.
- 3b. Leisure Group Swimmers who are unable to show their ankle electronic transponders, race cards, their designated swim caps and tow floats will not be allowed to race.
4. All electronic transponders, tow floats, race cards, and swim caps are non-transferable. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.
- 5a. During the race, racing group swimmers must wear swim caps and electronic transponder chips (Wrist & Ankle) provided by HKGSA throughout the whole swimming period. Those who fail to comply may be disqualified.
- 5b. During the race, leisure group swimmers must wear swim caps, ankle electronic transponder chips and tow floats provided by HKGSA throughout the whole swimming period. Those who fail to comply will be asked to leave the water and be disqualified.

Should the swimmer loses the tow float intentionally, HKGSA reserves the right to forbid the swimmer to participate in the coming year.

6. Leisure Group Swimmers SHOULD swim inside the Race Course. Those outside the Race Course will be guided back to the course by canoes. Those who fail to comply will be requested to leave the water and will be disqualified.
7. If swimmers feel exhausted or affected by cramp during the race, please raise a hand and call for help immediately. For the leisure group swimmers, they shall float on back and hold the tow float tight with one hand and raise the other hand for assistance. Lifeguards and Rescue Boat would come for rescue immediately.
8. Racing Group Swimmers MUST report to the Wrist Electronic Transponder Return Center immediately after the race.
9. To avoid overcrowding, swimmers should leave the pier as quickly as possible after landing.
10. Any swimming activity in the Harbour is prohibited after the Race.
11. Swimmers must forfeit their right to participate in the Race and will be requested to leave water by officials if they were unable to Finish the race within 50 minutes after the start of each event. Their results will be recorded as "DNF" (Did Not Finish).
12. No swimmer is permitted to use any device that may be an aid to their speed or endurance such as fins and paddles. Nails should be trimmed and not sharp.
13. Please do not wear watches or jewellery.
- 14a. **Racing Group Swimmers:** must wear only one swimsuit in one or two pieces. Swimwear for both men and women shall not cover the neck, extend past the shoulder, nor extend below the ankle.
Water Temperature and Wetsuit :
 - Wetsuits are allowed in case of low water temperature.
- 14b. **Leisure Group Swimmers:** can choose the swimsuits and wetsuits according to one's own choice.
15. HKGSA has its sole discretion to reject any entry.
16. HKGSA has the final decision over all matters not stipulated here in the rules.

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L. Special Arrangement for the COVID-19 issue

In line with HKSAR Government requirements and regulations, all participants are required to do the followings which are subject to the latest requirements from the HKSAR Government:

- To have received two doses of COVID-19 vaccine recognized by the HKSAR Government on or before 28 November, 2021 i.e. at least 14 days before the race;
- Obtain a negative Nucleic acid test result for COVID-19 (provide by HKGSA) within 48 hours before race day;
- To collect the Race Kit at the scheduled time and location in person;
- Submit the Electronic Health Declaration Form confirm not having stayed in places outside Hong Kong after 20th November 2021, i.e. in the past 21 days before the race
- Final Entrants must show the Vaccination Record to certify completion of 2 doses before taking the COVID-19 Nucleic acid test and collect the Race Kit

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