

**2025 – 2026 AGE GROUP DIVISION I LONG COURSE AND SHORT COURSE SWIMMING COMPETITIONS**

*Rules & Regulations*

<b>Date/Venue</b>	Please see attached event lists.
<b>Entry Conditions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ All competitors must be 2025 – 2026 registered age group swimmers of HKGSA and register to HKGSA at least <u>21 days</u> prior to the closing date of entries.</li> <li>❖ Swimmers should reach Div I qualifying standard.</li> <li>❖ Swimmers having best time met Div.1 qualifying standard cannot swim at lower division(s) or else Age Group Suspension Rule shall apply.</li> <li>❖ For all new entries for any event entered with no proven result, qualify time for individual event of Division I shall be used as entry time.</li> </ul>
<b>Entries</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Incomplete/incorrect entry information will be rejected and fees paid will not be refunded.</li> <li>❖ Late entries will not be accepted.</li> </ul> <p><u>Individual Events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Each swimmer is limited to no more than 4 individual events.</b></li> <li>❖ In case of any swimmer entering number of events in excess of the entry quota, HKGSA will scratch or cancel the result of the swimmer's last entry event.</li> <li>❖ Swimmer aged 11-12 who are able to attain 70 points (referring to the Hong Kong Swimming Long Course / Short Course Point Score 2025-2026) in 400m Freestyle are entitled to enroll in the Age 11-12 800m Freestyle.</li> <li>❖ *HK\$15 per individual event.</li> <li>❖ *HK\$15 + HK\$40 = HK\$55 --- For each qualified time ("QT") entry.</li> </ul> <p><u>Relay Events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Relays will be run on a club basis.</li> <li>❖ Each club may enter one team in each relay event.</li> <li>❖ *HK\$15.00 per team per relay event.</li> <li>❖ *HK\$15 + HK\$40 = HK\$55 --- For each qualified time ("QT") entry.</li> </ul> <p>*Payment should be made by <u>crossed cheque payable to 'HKGSA'</u>.</p>
<b>Closing Date for Entries</b>	21 days prior to the date of competition. (subject to the announcement of the HKGSA)
<b>Closing Date for Registration</b>	21 days prior to the closing date of entries. (subject to the announcement of the HKGSA)
<b>Event list</b>	Please see attached event list. Events will be run as timed finals.
<b>Qualifying Standards</b>	Please see attached qualifying times list. (A fine of HK\$50 will be charged of each "not qualified".)
<b>Age Group</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Age is calculated as at the day of the competition.</li> </ul> <p><u>Individual Events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 10 &amp; under, 11 &amp; 12, 13 &amp; 14, 15 - 17, 18 &amp; over.</li> </ul>
<b>Scratches</b>	Scratches must be submitted 30 minutes before the scheduled start time of each session. A fine of \$30 will be charged for each "no show".
<b>Awards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Medals will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places.</li> <li>❖ No medals will be awarded to swimmers who fail to meet the qualifying time.</li> </ul>
<b>Rules</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ World Aquatics rules &amp; HKGSA swimming rules will apply.</li> <li>❖ Swimmers who apply for split time record should submit application form with application fee <b>HK\$300</b> to the Referee 30 minutes before the start of each session. <b>Fee paid will not be refunded in any case.</b></li> <li>❖ Names of swimmers together with registration number actually swimming on a relay must be submitted 30 minutes before the start of each session.</li> </ul>
<b>Protest</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Any protest shall be made in writing to the referee within 30 minutes following the result announcement of the respective event with protest fee of <b>HK\$300</b>.</li> <li>❖ Protest will be forward to the Appeal Board of such competition for decision.</li> <li>❖ If the protest is rejected, the fee paid will be forfeited.</li> </ul>