

HONG KONG OPEN SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

Rules & Regulations (Local)

Date	<u>Day 1 –</u> 06/08/2026 (Thur) Warm Up: 1700-1745 Start: 1800	<u>Day 2 –</u> 07/08/2026 (Fri) Warm Up: 1700-1745 Start: 1800	<u>Day 3 –</u> 08/08/2026 (Sat) Warm Up: 0800-0845 Start: 0900 Warm Up: 1430-1515 Start: 1530	<u>Day 4 –</u> 09/08/2026 (Sun) Warm Up: 0800-0845 Start: 0900 Warm Up: 1430-1515 Start: 1530
Venue	Victoria Park Swimming Pool			
Entry Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ All competitors must be 2026-2027 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 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. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Local Individual Events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 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\$ 50 = HK\$ 65 --- For each qualified time ("QT") entry. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Local Club Relay Events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Each club may enter one team in each relay event. ❖ *HK\$15 per team per relay event. ❖ HK\$ 15 + HK\$ 50 = HK\$ 65 --- For each qualified time ("QT") entry. <p>*Paid by cheque. Crossed cheque made payable to 'HKGSA'.</p>			
Closing Date for Registration	<u>(Thur) 25 June 2026 (1700 hrs)</u>	Closing Date for Entries	<u>(Thur) 16 July 2026 (1700 hrs)</u>	
Event list / Qualifying Standards	Please see attached event list. (With Qualifying Time)			
Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ All events are on Heat and Final basis. ❖ Except the 800m, 1500m Freestyle and relay events, morning session of the competition is for preliminary, afternoon session will be finals. 			

- ❖ The morning and the afternoon sessions of the third and fourth day of the competition (apart from 800m, 1500m Freestyle and relay events) are in the same event order.
- ❖ Events with 8 or less swimmers will proceed to the afternoon session.
- ❖ Rank according to the results gained in the morning session.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ **All Scratch for heats must be submitted on or before 1200 noon one working day before the first event day.**
- ❖ 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 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 can apply for split time record in all relay events.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ **A fine of \$120 will be charged for each "no show" of heats.**
- ❖ **A fine of \$120 will be charged for each "no show" of finals.**
- ❖ A fine of \$120 will be charged for each "not qualified".

Awards and Calculation of Points	<p>The following awards will be awarded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Awards for Clubs / Teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Overall Champion, 1st runners up and 2nd runners up. -Overall Men & Women Champion, 1st runners up and 2nd runners up. ❖ Awards for Swimmers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. ❖ Awards for High Point Winners: (Overall Boy/Overall Girl) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 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.

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