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Open Water Swim Abridged Rules



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General Information

Guiding Bodies

World Police and Fire Games Federation (WPFGF)
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Venue

St. Malo Provincial Park

Events List

- Men's and Women's Individual
 - Age categories: 18 +, 30 +, 35 +, 40 +, 45 +, 50 +, 55 +, 60+, & 65+

Course

A 2-mile (3.2 Km) course, with the starting point and finish point on the beach.

Large brightly coloured buoys shall be used to mark the course and all swimming will be between those buoys and the shoreline. Smaller buoys may be used to mark the course between the large distance buoys.

Competition Format

Scheduling

This is a 1-day sport and should take about 5 hours; from beginning of site check-in to the conclusion of medals' presentation. See [Sport Schedule](#) for details.

At the discretion of the event director, swims may be started in waves in which each wave is separated at the start from other waves by a time interval. Swimmers' times will be adjusted by the starting time interval and their order of finish will be determined based on the adjusted time.



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Scoring

Total time taken at or near the finish line with the finish order decided at the water line.

Awards

Medals are awarded First through Third Place (1st – 3rd).

Sport Rules

Estimated water temperature and course location shall be provided to all competitors in the Confirmation Letter.

Each competitor will be required to wear a bright coloured cap. Caps will be provided by the Host. Caps will be marked with the swimmer's number in a contrasting colour to that of the cap. This number will be marked once on the top and is primarily for official's use.

No floatation devices of any kind. No fins allowed. No devices on the hands allowed.

Competitors will be advised that a raised hand indicates trouble or withdrawal from competition. When a competitor is given aid, or picked up by a safety boat, it will result in disqualification.

The sport may be postponed, rescheduled, or cancelled if unavoidable for stormy conditions or high waves.

No aid may be given to competing swimmers until they have crossed the finish line.

The finish line will be at the water's edge to eliminate medal-place changes out of the water. If for any reason the finish line is removed from the water's edge, swimmers must be escorted physically (by the arm if competitors are close) from the water's edge to the finish line to avoid any position change out of the water. In this case, a Waterline Judge, and enough volunteers to handle several swimmers leaving the water at one time are required.

A time limit of **2 hours** will be given to the swimmers. After that, all remaining swimmers will be asked to leave the water or be picked up by safety boats.



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Paddleboards with safety personnel will be in the water before the race starts. One paddleboard will lead the lead swimmers at a comfortable distance (at least 20 yards), around the course. The other paddle boards will be stationed in positions to observe as many swimmers as possible. One paddle board will follow the last swimmer. If a swimmer raises their arm or needs help, the paddleboard nearest will go to the location of that swimmer and aid. The paddleboard will summon help from the safety boat. The swimmer will only be transported by the safety boat. Medical assistance will be called if necessary.

Players Conduct

Any serious violation of conduct, such as fighting or violence toward other participants or officials will result in the participants immediate disqualification from the competition. The sport coordinator shall immediately notify the WPF GF, who will investigate each incident to determine if additional discipline will be imposed.