

EUROPEAN OPEN WATER SWIMMING CUP

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In addition to the LEN General Event Rules the following

REGULATIONS

shall apply:

CUP-OW 1 EVENTS

- Cup-OW 1.1 The European Open Water Swimming Cup events shall be over a distance of a minimum five (5) km to a maximum twenty-five (25) km.
- Cup-OW 1.2 All LEN Cup events shall be part of final classification.
- Cup-OW 1.2.1 A Cup Event can be organised together with an Open Water Swimming National Championships. Two (2) result lists are required; one with the full results and another only with the LEN Cup participants.
- Cup-OW 1.3 The European Open Water Swimming Cup should be organised every year
- Cup-OW 1.4 The European Open Water Swimming Cup qualify to the European Open Water Swimming Championships according to EURO 6.2.1

CUP-OW 2 ORGANISATION

- Cup-OW 2.1 The Organising Federations and the places where the Cup events will be held shall be the decision of the LEN Bureau subject to LEN Technical Open Water Committee recommendation.
- Cup-OW 2.2 Each Organising Federation shall circulate information with all necessary details (including hotel prices) to all LEN Federations no later than ten (10) weeks prior to the event.
- Cup-OW 2.3 For each Cup competition the LEN Technical Open Water Committee (LEN TOWSC) will nominate one (1) LEN Technical Delegate and one (1) Safety Delegate and one (1) Referee from FINA List.

CUP-OW 3 FORMAT

Cup-OW 3.1 Ranking and Point System

- Cup-OW 3.1.1 There will be separate rankings for men and women.
- Cup-OW 3.1.2 In each of the Cup Qualifying Events points will be awarded as follows:
-1st: 20 points
-2nd: 17 points
-3rd: 15 points
-4th: 14 points,
and so on until 16th place which receives 2 points.
All other swimmers finishing the race within the time limit shall receive one (1) point.

Cup-OW 3.2 Disqualification

- Cup-OW 3.2.1 If in the opinion of the Chief Referee or Referees, any swimmer or swimmer's approved representative or escort safety craft takes advantage by committing any violation of the rules or by making intentional contact with any swimmer the following proceeding shall apply:
1st Infringement:
A **yellow flag** and a card bearing the swimmer's number will be raised to indicate and to inform the swimmer that he is in violation of the Rules.
- 2nd Infringement:
A **red flag** and a card bearing the swimmer's number will be raised to indicate and to inform the swimmer that he is for the second time in violation of the Rules. The swimmer will be disqualified. He must leave the water immediately and be placed in an escort craft, and take no further part in the competition.

Cup-OW 3.2.2 If in the opinion of the Referee, an action of a swimmer or an escort craft is deemed to be "unsporting", the Referee shall disqualify the swimmer concerned immediately according to FINA Rules.

Cup-OW 3.2.3 Swimmers finishing a race with intent in an equal time will be disqualified.

CUP-OW 4 PARTICIPATION

Cup-OW 4.1 All swimmers can participate in all Cup Events.

CUP-OW 5 ENTRIES TO CUP QUALIFYING EVENTS

Cup-OW 5.1 **Preliminary Entries** (including the expected number of participants, but no names) shall be submitted to the respective Organising Federation, with copy to the LEN Office, no later than **6 weeks prior to the event.**

LEN Rule E 16.3 will apply for withdrawals after this date.

Cup-OW 5.2 **Named Entries** shall be submitted to the respective Organising Federation at the given date.

A Federation may withdraw a named entry up to 10 days prior to competition.

Otherwise, a fee of sixty-five (65) EURO shall be paid to LEN for each entered non-starting competitor.

CUP-OW 6 MEDALS AND PRIZE MONEY

Cup-OW 6.1 ... **at each Cup Competition**

Cup-OW 6.1.1 Medals and Prize Money will be awarded by the respective Organising Federation to the competitors placed first, second and third (men and women).

Additional Prize Money may be awarded at the discretion of the respective Organising Federation.

Cup-OW 6.2 ... **for the General Classification**

Cup-OW 6.2.1 Medals will be awarded by LEN to the competitors placed first, second and third.

Cup-OW 6.2.2 Prize Money shall be allocated according to Rule Cup-OW 8.1.a). The prize money shall be awarded to the individual competitors (men and women) according to a system decided by the LEN Bureau.

CUP-OW 7 OFFICIALS

Cup-OW 7.1 The LEN TOWSC shall nominate the Referee for all Cup Events

Cup-OW 7.2 Each participating Federation may nominate, on its own costs, one or more qualified judges. The qualification is not limited to the FINA List.

Nominations shall be submitted to the Organising Federations together with the named Entries.

Cup-OW 7.3 The respective Organising Federation shall supply all the other officials.

CUP-OW 8 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Cup-OW 8.1 The **Organising Federation** of any of the Cup Events shall provide:

a) Five thousand (5000) EURO as event fee.

b) transport from the nearest airport or train station to the official hotel(s) and back for participating teams, LEN Delegate(s) and Referee;

c) transport for training and competitions from the official hotel(s) and back for participating teams, Delegate(s) and Referee;

d) sessions of minimum two (2) hours per day for training at the competition site and/or in a pool beginning two (2) days before the competitions.

Cup-OW 8.2 Each **participating Federation** shall be financially responsible for all other expenses of their team.

CUP-OW 9 RESULT LISTS

Each Organising Federation shall supply:

- a. three (3) copies of full results to each competing Federation and the Secretary of the LEN Technical Open Water Swimming Committee;
- b. one (1) copy of full results to the LEN Delegate(s), the nominated Referee and every judge (see Cup-OW 8.2), each present member of the LEN Bureau, the other members of the LEN TOWSC and the LEN Office.