

EUROPEAN OPEN WATER SWIMMING CUP
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In addition to the European Aquatics General Event Rules the following

REGULATIONS

shall apply:

CUP-OWS 1 EVENTS

- Cup-OWS 1.1 The European Aquatics Open Water Swimming Cup (EA OWS Cup) events shall be over a distance of a minimum five (5) km to a maximum twenty-five (25) km.
- Cup-OWS 1.2 All EA OWS Cup events shall be part of general classification
- Cup-OWS 1.2.1 All EA OWS Cup events can be organised together with Open Water Swimming Open and National Championships. Different result lists will be required; EA OWS Cup classification and other event classifications
- Cup-OWS 1.3 The EA OWS Cup shall be organised every year
- Cup-OWS 1.4 The EA OWS Cup could be qualifying events to the European Aquatics Championships (EAC), according to EURO 6.2.1.

CUP-OWS 2 ORGANISATION

- Cup-OWS 2.1 The Organising Federations and the places, where the EA OWS Cup events will be held, shall be the decision of the European Aquatics Bureau subject to European Aquatics Technical Open Water Swimming Committee (TOWSC) recommendation.
- Cup-OWS 2.2 Each Organising Federation shall circulate information with all necessary details (including hotel prices) to all European Aquatics Federations no later than ten (10) weeks prior to the event.
- Cup-OWS 2.3 For the each EA OWS Cup events, TOWSC will nominate one (1) Technical Delegate and one (1) Safety Delegate and Chief Referee(s) from valid World Aquatics Open Water Swimming Officials Lists.

CUP-OWS 3 FORMAT

Cup-OWS 3.1 Ranking and Point System

- Cup-OWS 3.1.1 There will be separate overall rankings for women and men. Additionally, there will be separate overall rankings for the best three (3) junior girls and boys.
- Cup-OWS 3.1.2 In each EA OWS Cup individual events, the points will be awarded as described in Appendix 1. To be eligible to receive points, the swimmers must finish the race in time limits. If they are OTL (out of time limit) as described in World Aquatics OWS Rule 5.17, swimmer(s) will not receive any point.



Cup-OWS 3.1.3 Swimmers participating in all events of the EA OWS Cup Calendar shall receive extra 400 points.

Cup-OWS 3.1.4 In long distance open water swimming events (15,20,25km), there will be 2 “flying sprints” which may allow the first three swimmers to receive additional points (150,100 and 50) and prize money as described in CUP-OWS 8.1.2.

Cup-OWS 3.1.4.1 In long distance open water swimming events, to be eligible to receive points and be awarded with prize money, the swimmers must finish the race in time limits. If they are OTL (out of time limit) as described in World Aquatics OWS Rule 5.17, they will not receive any point and not be awarded with prize money. The points and the prize money will be transferred to next swimmer in the sprint ranking who finishes the race in time limits.

Cup-OWS 3.2 Disqualification

Cup-OWS 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 she/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 she/he is for the second time in violation of the Rules. The swimmer will be disqualified. The swimmer must leave the water immediately and be placed in an escort craft, and take no further part in the competition.

Cup-OWS 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 World Aquatics OWS Rules.

Cup-OWS 3.2.3 It is mandatory for all competitors to wear Microchip transponders throughout the race. If a competitor loses a transponder the Race Judge or other authorised Official, will immediately inform the Chief Referee who will instruct the responsible Official on the water to issue a replacement transponder. Where the intermediate gate/arch (as described World Aquatics OWS rule 8.2.2) is used, swimmers must pass under the gate/arch in each lap. Any swimmer, who does not pass under the compulsory intermediate gate/arch, will be disqualified. Any swimmer who finishes the race without at least one transponder will be disqualified.

Cup-OWS 3.2.4 Swimmers finishing a race with intent in an equal time will be disqualified.

Cup-OWS 3.2.5 For other disqualification reasons, World Aquatics OWS Rules from 5.4 to 5.15 will be followed

CUP-OWS 4 PARTICIPATION

Cup-OWS 4.1 All swimmers can participate in all OWS Cup Events

Cup-OWS 4.2 Swimwear

Cup-OWS 4.2.1 Swimsuits

In all OWS Cup events with a water temperature 18°C and above, only comply with World Aquatics Competitions Regulations Rule 7.5.1 and approved only one swimsuit shall be used



Cup-OWS 4.2.2 Wetsuit

In all OWS Cup events with a water temperature lower than 18°C, only comply with World Aquatics Competitions Regulations Rule 7.5.2 and approved wetsuits shall be used. When the water temperature is 18°C and over but lower than 20°C, in case of bad ambient temperature and weather forecast, wetsuits shall be compulsory by the joint decision of Chief Referee(s), Technical delegate, Safety Delegate, Medical Delegate and Local Organising Committee

Cup-OWS 4.2.3 Caps

In all OWS Cup events, only comply with World Aquatics Competitions Regulations Rule 7.5.3, 8.6 and approved open water swimming caps (maximum two) shall be used.

Cup-OWS 4.2.4 Goggles

In all OWS Cup events, only comply with World Aquatics Competitions Regulations 7.5.4, 8.8 and approved open water swimming goggles shall be used

Cup-OWS 4.3 Microchip Transponder

It is mandatory for all competitors to start the race with wearing microchip transponders on each wrist

CUP-OWS 5 ENTRIES TO CUP QUALIFYING EVENTS

Cup-OWS 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 European Aquatics Office, **no later than 6 weeks** prior to the event. European Aquatics Rule E 16.3 will apply for withdrawals after this date.

Cup-OWS 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. After given date, in line with an approval by European Aquatics, any Federation shall apply to Organising Federation up to 48 hours before the Team Leaders' Meeting for the late registration for each individual entries to the OWS Cup events. Late registration fee hundred (100) EURO shall be paid to Organising Federation. A fee of sixty-five (65) EURO shall be paid to European Aquatics for each entered but for non-starting competitor.

CUP-OWS 6 MEDALS AND PRIZE MONEY

Cup-OWS 6.1 ... at each Cup Competition

Cup-OWS 6.1.1 Medals and Prize Money will be awarded by the respective Organising Federation to the competitors placed first, second and third (women and men), according to a system decided by the European Aquatics Bureau. For the flying sprints, the prize money will be awarded by the respective Organising Federation to the sprint leaders. Additional Prize Money may be awarded at the discretion of the respective Organising Federation

Cup-OWS 6.2... for the General Classification

Cup-OWS 6.2.1 Medals will be awarded by European Aquatics to the competitors placed first, second and third (women and men).

Cup-OWS 6.2.2 The prize money shall be awarded to the individual competitors (women and men) according to a system decided by the European Aquatics Bureau.

Cup-OWS 6.2.3 The best 3 junior girls and boys shall be awarded according to European Aquatics Bureau decision.

CUP-OWS 7 OFFICIALS

Cup-OWS 7.1 The European Aquatics TOWSC shall nominate the Chief Referee(s) for all Cup Events



Cup-OWS 7.2 Each participating Federation may nominate, on its own costs, one or more qualified judges. The qualification is not limited to the World Aquatics Open Water Swimming Officials Lists. Nominations shall be submitted to the Organising Federations together with the named Entries.

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

CUP-OWS 8 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The **Organising Federation** of any of the Cup Events shall provide

Cup-OWS 8.1.1 Five thousand (5000) EURO as event fee.

Cup-OWS 8.1.2 For long distance open water swimming events from 15km up to 25km, organizing committee shall pay additional prize money to each sprint leaders for the flying sprints.

Cup-OWS 8.1.3 Transport from the nearest airport or train station to the official hotel(s) and back for participating teams, European Aquatics Delegate(s) and Chief Referee(s);

Cup-OWS 8.1.4 Transport for training and competitions from the official hotel(s) and back for participating teams, Delegate(s) and Chief Referee(s);

Cup-OWS 8.1.5 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-OWS 8.2 Each participating Federation shall be financially responsible for all other expenses of their team.

CUP-OWS 9 RESULT

Cup-OWS 9.1 Automatic Officiating

When Automatic Officiating Equipment is used for timing of competitions; microchip transponder technology and intermediate timing gate shall be added to the mandatory equipment. Split times are required.

Cup-OWS 9.1.1 The finishing times will be recorded officially in hundreds of seconds

Cup-OWS 9.1.2 The finish should be filmed and recorded from each side and above by a video system with slow motion and recall facilities including timing equipment

Cup-OWS 9.1.2.1 In case of photo finish, the final placement will be determined by the Chief Referee based upon the Chief Finish Judge report and the finish video tape.

Cup-OWS 9.2 Manual Officiating

In the event that a break-down of the Automatic Equipment occurs or that it is clearly indicated that there has been a failure of the Equipment, or that a competitor has failed to activate the Equipment, the recordings of the judges & timekeepers shall be official.

Cup-OWS 9.2.1 The finishing times will be recorded officially in hundreds of seconds.

Cup-OWS 9.2.2 The finish should be filmed and recorded from each side and above by a video system with slow motion and recall facilities.



Cup-OWS 9.2.3 In case of photo finish, and in the event of failure on automatic officiating, the final placement will be determined by the Chief Referee based upon the Chief Finish Judge report and the finish video tape.

Cup-OWS 9.3 Results Lists

Each Organising Federation shall supply:

Cup-OWS 9.3.1 Soft copies of full results to each competing Federation and the Secretary of the European Aquatics Technical Open Water Swimming Committee.

Cup-OWS 9.3.2 One (1) hard copy of full results to the European Aquatics Delegate(s), the nominated Chief Referee(s), each present member of the European Aquatics Bureau, the other members of the European Aquatics TOWSC and the European Aquatics Office.