



Panasonic *FINA Marathon Swimming World Cup – Hong Kong*
5th October 2013



Information Bulletin

i) Date: 5th October 2013 (Saturday)

ii) Time: 0900 Morning

iii) Venue: Repulse Bay

iv) Competition Rules and Regulations: FINA rules will apply.

Entry / Application Forms

- ◆ The Entry Form, Team Summary Form, Swimmers' Contract and Hotel Reservation Form and Travel Schedule Form must be returned to the Organizing Committee by **9th September 2013 (Monday) & 17th September 2013 (Tuesday) respectively.**
- ◆ All officials and athletes are required to email **his/her passport photograph** to the HKASA's email account: hkasa@hkasa.org.hk for the accreditation card use.

Important Note: Swimmers should get prior approval from their respective National Federation before they are eligible to compete in this event.

v) Free Transportation

Free transportation will be provided to all participating swimmers and accompanying officials from and to the airport, the training sites and competition venue from 1st – 5th October 2013 only.

vi) Accommodation and Board Expenses

The Organizing Committee will provide free accommodation and board expenses to:

- a) the first 5 men and 5 women in 10km events at the previous year's FINA World Championships / FINA Open Water Swimming World Championships / Olympics (if applicable).
- b) the first 5 Men and 5 Women classified from the previous year's Series
- c) **ONE** swimmer and **ONE** appointed representative from each participating Federation
 - one twin room will be shared by swimmer and representative of the same gender and country
- d) At least one male and one female swimmer from each of the HMF's of the Series.

For all other participating athletes and accompanying officials, they shall be responsible for their own costs. Please note the followings while filling in the Hotel Reservation Form:

- a) Regarding Point vi-c stated above, representative and swimmer of the same gender will be arranged to share one room.
- b) Official accommodation of this rate will be provided from 1st Oct afternoon to 6th Oct morning.
- c) The OC will not be responsible for the cost of any request falling outside this period.
- d) Quoted room rates are inclusive of 10% service charge and 3% government tax with daily American Buffet Breakfast.

vii) Free Welcoming Lunch & Celebration Dinner (Harbour Plaza North Point)

Swimmers and officials of participating Federations will be invited to the

- Welcoming Lunch on 4th October 2013 (Friday), which will be held after the Meet-the-Swimmers Press Conference at about 1300 hour.
- Celebration dinner on 5th October 2013 (Saturday), which will be held after the race at about 1800 hour.

viii) Prize-Money Distribution & Points Distribution

Prize Money and Points Distribution will be conducted according to FINA standards.

v) Doping-Control

Doping Control will be done in accordance with FINA rules, with a minimum of 2 male and 2 female tested for this competition. The medical officer appointed by the Organizing Committee and a FINA Doping Control Delegate will perform all doping procedures.

xii) National Flag

Participating Federation **must send a National Flag and National Anthem (in CD format)** to the Organizing Committee.

xiii) Course, current and weather

The open water swimming race will take place over a 10 kilometre course of swimming 3 laps outside the Repulse Bay, 6 buoys will be placed over the course for guidance (More details to be disclosed during the Technical Meeting).

Due to geographic conditions, the bay's current is relatively calm. The main current is from west to east.

Daily temperatures in October vary between 28 to 31 degrees Celsius and water temperature will be around 27 degrees Celsius.

ix) Training and Event Schedule

Training will be arranged from 1st to 4th at various swimming pools. 2 sessions each day.

4 Oct 2013 (Fri.)

09:00 – 10:00	Technical Meeting
10:00 – 12:00	Course Inspection
12:30	Meet-the-swimmers Press Conference
13:00	Welcome Lunch

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06:45	Coach bus leaving Hotel
08:00	Reporting at Repulse Bay
09:00	Competition Start
12:00	Prize Presentation

5 Oct 2013 (Sat.)

18:00	Celebration Dinner
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- x) All swimmers of FINA Marathon Swimming World Cup are welcome to participate in the New World Harbour Race 2013, please see the details below:-

Date: 6th October 2013 (Sunday)

Race Start Time: 8:30AM

Prize Presentation Time: 10:00AM – 11:00AM

Venue: From Lei Yue Mun Sam Ka Tsuen Public Pier to Quarry Bay Park Public Pier

Distance: 1.5km

Total Prize money of US\$15,000 will be awarded to the 1st to 8th place of male and female winners.