

Information Bulletin

- i) **Date:** 21st October 2017 (Saturday)
- ii) **Time:** 09:00 Morning
- iii) **Venue:** Repulse Bay
- iv) **Competition Rules and Regulations:** FINA rules will apply.

Entry / Application Forms

- ◆ The Entry Form and Team Summary Form must be returned to the Organizing Committee by **20th September 2017 (Wednesday)**.
- ◆ The Hotel Reservation Form, Travel Schedule Form and Registration Form must be returned to the Organizing Committee by **27th September 2017 (Wednesday)**.
- ◆ All team 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 must 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 17th – 23rd October 2017 only.

vi) Accommodation and Board Expenses

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

- a) The first 5 men and the first 5 women classified in the 10km competitions at the previous year's FINA World Championships and, if applicable, the previous year's Olympic Games.
- b) The first 5 men and the first 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 17th Oct afternoon to 22nd Oct 2017 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 prevailing government tax.

Room Rate (Full Board):

Date	Single Room (per person)	Twin Room (per person)
17 th October 2017	HK \$2,000	HK \$1,250
18 th October 2017	HK \$2,000	HK \$1,250
19 th October 2017	HK \$2,000	HK \$1,250
20 th October 2017	HK \$2,000	HK \$1,250
21 st October 2017	HK \$2,000	HK \$1,250
22 nd October 2017	HK \$2,000	HK \$1,250

To avoid cancellation charges the Accommodation section must be notified of any amendments or cancellation latest by 6th October 2017 (Friday).

Please note that payment for accommodation must be received by the Organisers 2 weeks prior to the participants' arrival in Hong Kong failing which, rooms may not be available upon arrival. For accommodation reservation, please send your reservation form to the OC.

Bank Details

(Organizing Committee – Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association)

The Organiser's bank details are as follows:

Organiser's Name: Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association
Organiser's Address: Unit L, 9/F, MG Tower, 133 Hoi Bun Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong
Bank: HSBC Hong Kong
Bank's Address: 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong
Bank Account No.: 065-268179-003
SWIFT: HSBCHKHHHKH

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

Swimmers and officials of participating Federations will be invited to the

- Welcoming Lunch on 20th October 2017 (Friday), which will be held after the Meet-the-Swimmers Press Conference at about 1300 hours.
- Celebration Dinner on 21st October 2017 (Saturday), which will be held after the race at about 1800 hours.

viii) Prize Money Distribution & Points Distribution

The Prize Money will be US\$20,000 equally distributed between men and women, as follows:

Position	Men	Women
1st	US \$2,500	US \$2,500
2nd	US \$2,000	US \$2,000
3rd	US \$1,500	US \$1,500
4th	US \$1,200	US \$1,200
5th	US \$1,000	US \$1,000
6th	US \$800	US \$800
7th	US \$600	US \$600
8th	US \$400	US \$400

Points Distribution will be conducted according to FINA standards.

ix) 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.

x) Course, Current and Weather

The open water swimming race will take place over a 10-kilometre course of swimming 5 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 and 31 degree Celsius, and water temperature will be around 27 degree Celsius.

xi) Training and Event Schedule

Training will be arranged from 17th – 19th October 2017 (Tue-Thu) at Wan Chai Swimming Pool including 2 sessions each day.

20th Oct 2017 (Fri)

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

21st Oct 2017 (Sat)

07:15 Coach bus leaving Hotel
08:00 Reporting at Repulse Bay
09:00 Competition Starts
18:00 Celebration Dinner & Prize Presentation