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OPEN WATER SWISS CHAMPIONSHIPS

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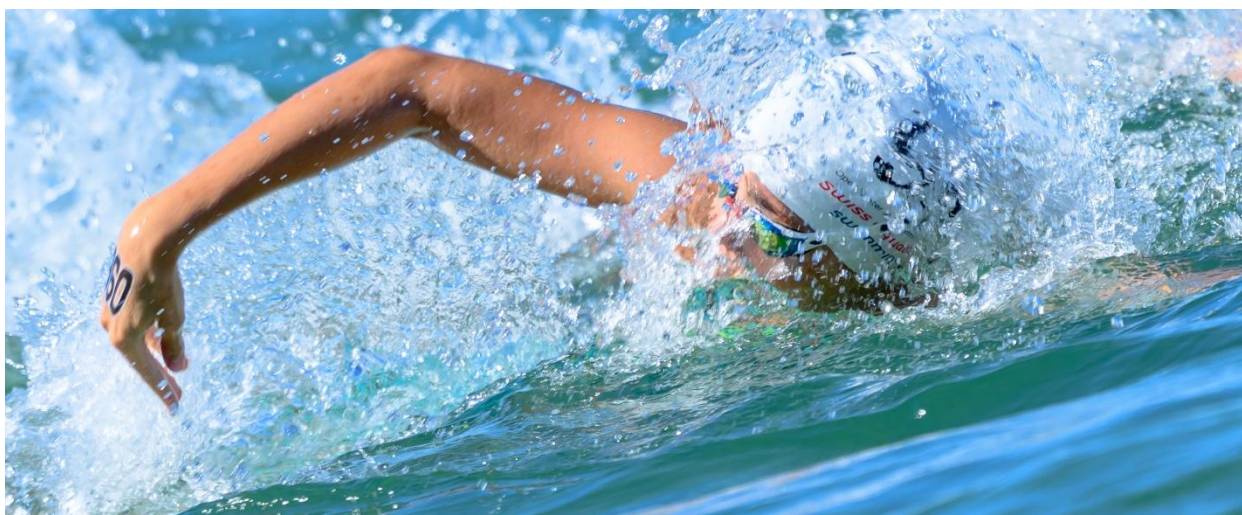
1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Event dates	5–6 September 2026
Type of event	Swiss Championships
Entry requirements	in accordance with Regulation 3.8: Long Distance Swiss Championship
Licences	Eligible to participate are holders of a valid annual or temporary licence from Swiss Aquatics, as well as swimmers who belong to a foreign federation or club recognised by World Aquatics (AQUA). By participating, they also acknowledge the Doping Regulations (including implementing provisions) of Swiss Olympic.
Special case regarding licences	As the 2026 Swiss Open Water Championships had to be postponed, licences for the 2025/2026 season remain valid for this edition. Category allocation is also based on the year of birth for the 2025/2026 season.
Regulations	The regulations of the Swiss Swimming Federation (SSCHV, Swiss Aquatics) apply, in particular: Regulation 3.1: Swimming Competition Regulations Regulation 3.8: Swiss Long Distance Championships Regulation 7.3.5: Rules for Open Water Competitions in Switzerland – Open Water Swimming Regulation 7.3.1: WORLD AQUATICS Regulations for Competitive Swimming
Note regarding the staging of the competitions	The European Aquatics Open Water Swimming Cup, Leg 2, over 10 km is integrated into the 2026 Swiss Open Water Championships. The 10 km race will be held jointly as part of both events. The 3 km, 5 km and 4 x 1500 m mixed relay distances are exclusively competitions of the Swiss Open Water Championships. The 7.5 km distance cannot be offered this year.

Important deadlines	Registration deadline: Tuesday, 25 August 2026, 23:59 Late registration deadline: Monday, 31 August 2026, 23:59 Team leaders meeting (German): Wednesday, 2 September 2026, 7.30 pm, online Team leaders meeting (French/Italian): Wednesday, 2 September 2026, 8.30 pm, online
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SUPPLIERS

PARTNERS



2. ORGANISATION

Organiser	Swiss Aquatics Swimming; Lindenpark, Lindenhofstrasse 1, 3048 Worblaufen
Organiser's contact person	Joël Jossi, Swimming Administration swimming@swiss-aquatics.ch , 031 552 24 00
Organiser's website	Swiss Open Water Championships - Swiss Aquatics
Swiss Aquatics delegate	Alexia de Angelis, adeangelis@bluewin.ch
OC judging team	Renata Coda

3. ORGANISER & VENUE

Organiser	A-Club Swimming Team Savosa
Organiser contact	Renata Coda, renacoda59@bluewin.ch Fausto Mauri, fmauri@bluewin.ch
Location	Nationales Jugendsportzentrum, Via alle Brere 10, 6598 Tenero-Contra
Venue	Lago Maggiore
Data processing	Microplus Timing SPLASH Meet Manager; with Lenex data transfer
Calendar, entries and results	https://www.swiss-aquatics.ch/leistungssport/swimming/swimrankings-swimstats/

5. COMPETITION COURSE MAP

The swimming course in Lago Maggiore will be published shortly on the Swiss Aquatics [website](#).

6. AGE CATEGORIES

The following age categories will compete in the Swiss Open Water Championships:

Youth C	14–15 years
Youth B	16–17
Youth A	18–19 years
Pre-Masters	20–24 years
Masters	25–29, 30–34, ... years
Open category	14–99 years

7. REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Registration address	Swiss Aquatics, Swimming Administration Lindenpark, Lindenhofstrasse 1, 3048 Worblaufen swimming@swiss-aquatics.ch , +41 31 552 24 00
Registration deadline	Tuesday, 25 August 2026, 23:59
Late registration deadline	Monday, 31 August 2026, 23:59
Online registration	https://www.swimrankings.net/manager/
Registrations via Lenex	Send the Lenex file labelled " OWSM2026-ClubAbbreviation " to swimming@swiss-aquatics.ch

All events can be selected using Splash Team Manager. Target times are not required. The list of entries received will be published on the Swiss Aquatics website.

7.1 REJECTIONS

Swiss Aquatics Swimming reserves the right to reject entries for the 10 km race as part of the Swiss Open Water Championships if, from a sporting perspective, the athletes entered do not possess the necessary ability for this distance. In particular, verifiable performances over suitable reference distances (e.g. 800 m or 1500 m) or comparable open water results are decisive. This rule serves to ensure the sporting quality and the safe, fair conduct of the 10 km race.

7.2 CONFIRMATION OF ENTRY

The Lenex file, the summary list of entries received and the live results are officially available via Swimrankings. No confirmation of entry will be sent; clubs should check the entries recorded via the link above.

7.3 CORRECTIONS

Corrections to entries may be submitted via swimming@swiss-aquatics.ch **until the late entry deadline**. Changes **made after the late entry deadline** must be sent to the Swiss Aquatics delegate and the organiser.

7.4 SPECIAL CASES

Enquiries regarding the competition (e.g. entry times, schedule, etc.) must be addressed to the delegate by 19:00 on the evening before the relevant competition.

Organisational enquiries (e.g. catering, facilities, spectators, etc.) must be addressed directly to the organiser.

8. ENTRY FEES, LATE ENTRIES, CANCELLATION FEES

Entry fee	Individual events per start CHF 25 €25 Relays per start CHF 50 €50
Entry fee for late entries	Individual events CHF 75 €75 Relays CHF 100 €100
Withdrawal fees / time limits	No withdrawal fees will be charged at the Open Water Swiss Championships. If the time limit for the race is not met, athletes will be taken out of the water and the race cannot be completed for safety reasons.

9. SAFETY MEASURES

A doctor and lifeguards will be on hand. The race course is secured by boats and rescue boards positioned along the route (no individual support boats).

10. WETSUITS

If the water temperature is below 18 degrees Celsius, only World Aquatics-approved wetsuits may be worn. Suits can be checked via the following link: <https://approved.swimwear.fina.org/>

Where water temperatures require a compliant neoprene wetsuit, the swimmer's number must be clearly visible on the suit.

11. PROGRAMME (SCHEDULE)

Please note: the timetable has been amended

11.1 TEAM LEADERS MEETING

Wednesday, 2 September 2026, 7.30 pm, online D

Wednesday, 2 September 2026, 8.30 pm, online F/I

The link to the team leaders' meeting will be posted on the Open Water SM [website](#).

Participating clubs undertake to attend the team leaders' meeting.

Friday, 4 September 2026

Afternoon

16:30	Warm-up on the competition course
18:00	End of warm-up on the competition course
18:30	SMOW judges' meeting

Saturday, 5 September 2026

Morning

6:45	Judges' meeting				
6:50	Temperature measurement				
7:15–8:15	Arrival and registration of athletes				
8:45	Final briefing for men and women				
9:00	Start of the men's 5 km race				
9:10	Start of the women's 5 km race				
Time	No.	Race	Age group	Type	Time limit
9:00	1.	5 km freestyle Men	Open category, Youth C	Direct final	105 mins ¹
9:10	2.	5 km freestyle Women	Open category, Youth C	Direct final	105 mins ¹
11:30 am Award ceremonies (Competitions 1 + 2)					

¹ Once the time limit has expired, the athletes are pulled out of the water and are no longer able to finish the race.

Saturday, 5 September 2026
Afternoon

10:45	Temperature check				
11:00–12:20	Registration for ladies and gentlemen				
12:40	Final briefing for women and men				
Time	No.	Race	Age Group	Type	Limit
13:00	3.	3 km freestyle Men	Youth C, Youth B, Youth A, Pre-Masters, Masters	Direct final	75 mins ¹
13:10	4.	3 km freestyle Women	Youth C, Youth B, Youth A, Pre-Masters Masters, Masters	Direct final	75 mins ¹
3.30 pm Award ceremonies (Competitions 3 + 4)					

Sunday, 6 September 2026
Morning

from 6:45	Arrival of judges				
7:00	Temperature measurement				
7:15 - 8:15	Registration for men and women				
7:30 – 8:00	Warm-up on the competition course				
8:30	Final briefing				
Time	No.	Race	Age Group	Type	Limit
8:55	Men's 10 km race (EA CUP + SMOW)				
9:00	5.	10 km freestyle Men	Open category, Youth B, Youth A, EA CUP	Direct final	160 mins ¹
9:02	Call-up: Women's 10 km (EA CUP + SMOW)				
9:05	5.	10 km freestyle Women	Open category, Youth B, Youth A, EA CUP	Direct final	160 mins ¹
12:30 pm Prize-giving ceremony (EA CUP)					
12:50 pm Award ceremonies (Competitions 5 + 6 SMOW)					

Sunday, 6 September 2026
Afternoon

12:30	Deadline for final relay entries				
13:00	Temperature measurement				
13:15 – 14:15	Registration of relay teams				
14:45	Final briefing				
Time	No.	Race	Age Group	Type	Limit
15:00	7.	4 x 1500 m freestyle Mixed relay	Open category (mixed)	Direct final	None
5.00 pm Medals ceremony (Event 7)					

12. AWARDS AND PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONIES

Title In accordance with Rule 3.8

Medals In accordance with Rule 3.8
For swimmers ranked 1st to 3rd in all categories: gold, silver or bronze

Award ceremonies Clubs are responsible for ensuring that their swimmers arrive **on time** and in **appropriate attire** (T-shirt, trousers and shoes) for the medal ceremony (in accordance with Regulation 3.1, Art. 7.10).

13. INVOICE

After the championships, Swiss Aquatics will send each participating club an invoice detailing the amounts payable for:

- entries and late entries;
- any other amounts due.

Foreign participants who are members of an AQUA member association must pay the **entry fee in cash** on site in CHF or €. Please ensure you have the exact amount ready.

14. FURTHER PROVISIONS

14.1 INSURANCE

Insurance is the responsibility of each participant. The SSCHV and the championship organiser do not provide insurance cover for accidents, illness, theft or liability and accept no liability whatsoever.

14.2 PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEO RECORDINGS

By registering for the Swiss Junior Championships, participants – or, in the case of minors, the legal guardians in addition to the person concerned – give their consent to the taking and possible publication of photographs and video recordings for communication and marketing purposes by Swiss Aquatics, in particular on the website, on social media, in newsletters and in other association publications (both printed and electronic). This consent may be withdrawn at any time.

14.3 PHOTOGRAPHERS

The presence of photographers must be approved in advance by Swiss Aquatics via the delegate. Any requests must be sent by email to swimming@swiss-aquatics.ch before the start of the Swiss Championships.

14.4 CHANGES/REJECTIONS

Please note that changes to the schedule and entry requirements may occur up until the start of the event. Accordingly, entries may be rejected up until the start of the event.

In the event of adverse weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances, changes to the schedule may occur.

Neither the organiser, Swiss Aquatics Swimming, nor the event organiser can be held liable for cancellation fees and/or additional costs relating to travel, accommodation and meals.

Swiss Aquatics, 31.08.2026

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