



MERDEKA SWIM FEST
in conjunction with the 3rd NATIONAL
OPEN WATER SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP
PANTAI CAHAYA, PORT DICKSON,
NEGERI SEMBILAN, 30th – 31st AUG 2025

COMPETITION RULES

1.0 TITLE

MERDEKA SWIM FEST in conjunction with 3rd National Open Water Swimming Championship

2.0 AUSPICES & ORGANIZATION

The Championship will be held & organized under the sanction and auspices of MALAYSIA AQUATICS (MAS). Conduct & technical supervision of the Championship will be by MAS Technical Open Water Swimming Committee.

This Championship will be organized and hosted in collaboration with logistics partner Swimon.

3.0 DATES OF COMPETITION & VENUE

PRE-RACE BRIEFING	:	Saturday 30 th August 2025
EVENT 1.5KM	:	Sunday 31 st August 2025
RELAY 4*1.5KM	:	Sunday 31 st August 2025

Venue: Pantai Cahaya, Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia

4.0 CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

The Championship will be conducted in accordance to World Aquatic (WA) Open Water Swimming Rules.

MAS Technical Open Water Swimming Committee and/or the appointed Technical Delegate reserves the right to decide on all matters not provided for under the rules.

5.0 EVENTS & AGE GROUPS

The following age groups & race distance will be applied for this Championship:

1.5KM : Both MALE & FEMALE events will be held.

Relay 4*1.5KM: All Male, All Female, and Mixed (2M + 2F) relay events will be held

DISTANCE	
1.5KM	RELAY 4*1.5KM
AGE GROUPS	AGE GROUPS
10-12 years	10-16 years
13-15 years	Open
16-19 years	
20-24 years	
25-29 years	
30-34 years	
34-39 years	
40-44 years	
45-49 years	
50-54 years	
55-59 years	
60 years & above	

Date of age reckoning will be as at 31st Dec of the year of competition.

6.0 RACE COURSE/ROUTE

1.5KM, and Relay 4*1.5KM

These 2 swims will be organized on a 1.5km lap course

A more detailed race course map will be provided closer to the Championship.

7.0 TIME LIMIT

In all events, time limits shall apply from the finish times of the first swimmer in the respective categories as per WA OWS Rules.

8.0 ELIGIBILITY

1.5KM Individual & Relay 4x1.5KM

Open to anyone who wish to try a shorter distance for experience and/or just for fun with family and friends.

Malaysia Aquatics reserves the right to invite swimmers from foreign National Federations to participate in this championship.

9.0 REGISTRATION

Entry fees are as follows:

1.5KM : RM190 / person
4 x 1.5KM Relay: RM520 / team

* All fees are subject to 6.48% admin fee + SST.

Entry closing date is 5.00pm on Tuesday, 5th August 2025.

10.0 AWARDS / GOODIES

- ❖ Gold, Silver & Bronze Medals will be awarded to the first three placed swimmers / teams in each age category.
- ❖ E-Certificates of participation will be given to all swimmers.
- ❖ Finisher medals and event t-shirts.

11.0 PROTESTS & APPEALS

All protests and appeals will be dealt with in accordance to WA / MAS rules.

12.0 PARTICIPANTS' PRE-RACE TECHNICAL & SAFETY BRIEFING

The meeting will be held on Saturday 30th August 2025. Venue and time to be advised.

13.0 TERMS & CONDITIONS

- 13.1** All Participants who are entered in the MERDEKA SWIM FEST in conjunction with 3rd National Open Water Swimming Championship is deemed to have given written permission to the Organizers to collect, analyse and collate any personal information relating to that Participant, as the Organizers may in their sole discretion deem fit, including without any limitation information for the Organizers' programme, planning, data-processing, fund-raising and/ or, any other purposes in furtherance of the functions or powers of MAS.
- 13.2** Whilst reasonable precaution will be taken by the Organizers to ensure the participants' safety, participants will take part in the MERDEKA SWIM FEST in conjunction with 3rd National Open Water Swimming Championship at their own risk and the Organizers will not be responsible or held liable for any injury or death howsoever arising from training for or during participation in the MERDEKA SWIM FEST in conjunction with 3rd National Open Water Swimming Championship. Participants are strongly encouraged to consult their medical practitioner prior to registration and before the actual race day.
- 13.3** In the event of harsh weather conditions that could cancel the MERDEKA SWIM FEST in conjunction with 3rd National Open Water Swimming Championship, MAS reserves the right not to refund entry fees or any other charges submitted by the teams and/ or individuals at the MERDEKA SWIM FEST in conjunction with 3rd National Open Water Swimming Championship