



## Open Water Tournament - Balaton Cross Bay Swim

26.06.2021

**COMPETITION NAME:** Open Water Tournament - Balaton Cross Bay Swim

**VENUE:** Balatonfűzfő Zagykazetta - Balatonalmádi Budatava beach

**PLACE OF REGISTRATION:** [Balatonalmádi Budatava beach](#)

**COMPETITION DATE:** 11.07.2020

### RACES

- **advanced - 3 km**
- **extreme - 9 km** (the 9 km race will start at the beginning of the day, in the first two 30 min time frames with a restricted number of swimmers)

### MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ENTRIES:

- Advanced race - 3 km - **840** competitors
- Extreme race - 9 km - **120** competitors

**PROGRAMME** - Registration starts earliest at 7 AM prior to the first race time - but 60 minutes before each race time - at Balatonalmádi Budatava beach, where you can park, present the medical certificate / or do your medical check-up and pick up your microchip transponder technology installed in armbands. Subsequently, you will be able to change your clothes in the dressing rooms, we will keep your luggage safe at the registration area until you return. Please, do not bring any expensive clothing, watches, or jewelry, the organizers are not responsible for repair or replacement of lost or damaged items. Right next to the entrance of the beach, in the parking lot a couple of minivans will be waiting to transfer you to the starting point, to Balatonfűzfő Zagykazetta beach. Participants will depart from the beach at 30min intervals. Upon finishing the race you will arrive back to Balatonalmádi Budatava beach, where you'll be able to see your race time on the scoreboard, take a shower, get dressed and receive finishers' goodies.

**NEOPRENE / EQUIPMENTS** - Swimming equipment (paddles, fins etc.) are allowed to use, but time results are not eligible for official race awards. Neoprene wetsuits are also allowed, but swimming results will only be eligible at water temps of below 18°C degrees.

**START / FINISH** - The water at the departing and arriving areas is gradually deepening, so you can walk in and out safely.

**NUMBER OF ENTRANTS** - The event lasts all day long, so we can let all the max 1000 competitors into the water safe and sound at 1 minute intervals. Securing the organization of a safe competition is first priority either for the authorities and for us, the organizers as well.

**SECURITY** - Pest County Search and Rescue Team is responsible for securing the venue with boats, stationing and patrolling around the swimming channel. Swimmers in need of help will be immediately assisted or pulled out of the water. On-land medical treatment will be provided by AMS Assistance.

## **COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**A SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE COMPETITION:** Open Water Tournament (OWT) is a unique open water swimming tournament that explores the aquatic environment of Hungary and utilizes it as a sports venue. During the tournament, swimmers are pitted against each other in courses having different water types and distances, while they can also experience the country's aquatic environment. At the end of the tournament, champions of Hungarian open water swimming will be selected, and every participant will have a clearer picture of the type and distance of open water they perform the best in.

**ORGANIZER:** OWT Sport Club (4BRO HUNGARY Ltd. and FRIENDS CLUB HUNGARY Ltd.)

**AGE GROUPS:** Entrants of the competition must be healthy, and at least **18 years old**. Competitors **under 18 but above 12 years** of age are only allowed to participate if they hold a valid competitor pass and the child's parent or legal guardian must be present or give consent. Given the broad interest in the event, the "kids" competition will start between 9:00 and 10:00 in the morning, a time frame especially dedicated for children (12-18). We provide special circumstances for children's competition, the professional lifeguard team of the event will escort the competitors throughout the whole race.

**COMPETITION SCHEDULE:** During the competitions swimmers will start in 30 min time frames in groups of 120. Participants will start individually at 15-30 second intervals.

### **MEDICAL FITNESS CERTIFICATE:**

Competitors signed on by a sports club must hold a medical fitness certificate that was issued by a sports physician **less than 1 year** before the event's date. Competitors who are not signed on by a sports club must hold a **primary care doctors' certificate** in which the physician asserts the entrant is qualified for completing the race distance. Insofar as the entrant does not hold a preliminary medical certificate, the **doctor present during the event**

can issue the certificate - for a 10,000 Ft fee - if medical fitness is verified after medical examination.

Any competitor is subject to disqualification who does not complete the full distance of the race - as it is indicated by the organizers -, and also who fills in the entry form incorrectly, incompletely or by providing data that does not reflect reality.

#### **MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ENTRIES:**

- **Advanced race - 840**
- **Extreme race - 120**

The organizers reserve the right to modify the number of participants and to close the entry period anytime.

**SCORING AND ANNOUNCEMENT CEREMONY:** The winner will be announced based on individual results, according to subcategories of age and sex. All finishers will receive a Medal on completing the event.

#### **ADDITIONAL RULES and INSTRUCTIONS**

**Entry on the Day** will not be available at this event.

Please, arrive **60 minutes before the scheduled start** of your group's time frame!

If you would like to know more about the different competition venues, you can download the **Announcement of Competition** from the main page of [openwatertournament.hu](http://openwatertournament.hu).

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