



GUYANA AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Independence Anniversary SWIM Meet 2023

SUMMONS

The Guyana Amateur Swimming Association (**GASA**) will host its Independence Anniversary Long Course Swimming Championships 2023 from 25th – 28th May 2023 in Georgetown, Guyana. This competition will also serve as a qualification meet for the CAC Games, CCCAN, Commonwealth and team selection meet for the Goodwill 2023 Swimming Championships.

FACILITY

These championships will be held at the National Aquatic Centre, Liliendaal, Georgetown.

POOL SPECIFICATIONS: 8 LANE 50M POOL.

MEET SCHEDULE

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| Thursday May 25, 2023 | 5:30 am 6:30 am | Warm Up F800m Freestyle M1500m Freestyle |
| Thursday May 25, 2023 | 3:30 pm 4:30 pm | Warm Up 200m Breaststroke 50m Backstroke 100m Butterfly |
| Friday May 26, 2023 (National holiday) | 8:00 am 9:00 am | Warm Up 200m Freestyle 50m Butterfly 100m Backstroke 400m Individual Medley |
| Saturday May 27, 2023 | 8:00 am 9:00 am | Warm-up F 1500m Freestyle M 800m Freestyle 200m Individual Medley 50m Breaststroke 100m Freestyle 200m Butterfly |
| Sunday May 28, 2023 | 8:00 am 9:00 am | Warm-up 400m Freestyle 50m Freestyle 100m Breaststroke 200m Backstroke |

**APPROVED
VERSION**

COMPETITION RULES

FINA rules (2022 – 2025) will apply during this swim meet, unless otherwise stated.

The start will be ‘**over the top**’ in the freestyle, breaststroke, butterfly and individual medley events.

COMPETITORS

- All citizens, born or naturalized are eligible to compete
- Non-Nationals may compete as guests having secured the approval of **GASA**
- Age Groups
 - 8 & Under
 - 09 – 10
 - 11 – 12
 - 13 – 14
 - 15 - 17
 - 18 & Over
- The age of the competitors on **31st December, 2022** will determine the age-group in which they will be eligible to compete.

ENTRY RULES

- Competitors may enter any number of events in their respective categories.
 - Final entries must be received by the **Meet Director** no later than 6:30pm on Tuesday, **16th May, 2023**, either in Hy-Tek format or on the Entry Form provided. Email all entries to – guyanaswim@gmail.com

The following rules shall apply to all entries:

- There shall be no restrictions on the number of events in which an individual competitor may participate.
- Heats will be announced and swimmers missing their respective heat will not be allowed to take part in that event.
- There will be no heats or preliminaries. All events are timed finals.
- The pool will be open 60 minutes before each session for warm-up.
- Swimmers must report to the waiting area at least 4 heats before the event in which he/she has been entered. If the swimmer is not in the waiting area by the designated time a decision may be taken that the swimmer has scratched the event.

Participation:

- All competitors must pay \$200 (Two hundred GUY dollars) for each event for which they register
- Invited guest must pay Entry fee of USD 10.00 per swimmer regardless of the number of events in which he/she participates including relays. Entry Fees will be paid upon arrival or at the technical meeting.

- Entry fees will be collected on, Wednesday 24th May, 2023, at the National Aquatic Centre, between 5:30 and 7:30pm
- Entry fees should be paid, if possible, by cheque payable to the Guyana Amateur Swimming Association
- Entries are not complete without the payment of the appropriate fees.
- **No late entries will be allowed**
- All competitors not registered with GASA as of Sunday, April 30th, 2023 must, in addition, pay a registration fee of five hundred dollars (\$500)

Penalties:

- A penalty of five hundred dollars (G\$500) for each event scratched after the Technical Meeting
- A penalty fee G\$500 for each event that a swimmer who fails to present him or herself to the Holding Bay and/or Starting block. The penalty must be paid before the swimmer is eligible to swim further in this Meet or in any future meet.
- Exemption of Penalty Fees: Penalty fees will not apply after the Technical Meeting if:
- A swimmer is found to be medically unfit by a Medical Doctor and presents a Medical Certificate
- The Meet Management is satisfied that a Swimmer displays obvious signs or symptoms such as fever, broken and/or dislocated limbs, or a laceration requiring sutures

TECHNICAL MEETING

Technical Meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th May 2023 at the National Aquatic Centre at 6:30 pm.

SCORING:

Scoring shall be as follows:

- First Place - 9 points
- Second Place - 7 points
- Third Place - 6 points
- Fourth Place - 5 points
- Fifth Place - 4 points
- Sixth Place - 3 points
- Seventh Place- 2 points
- Eighth Place - 1 point

EVENTS

| GROUP | FREE | BACK | BREAST | FLY | IM |
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| 01 -08 | 50, 100, 200 | 50, | 50, | 50, | 200 |
| 09 – 10 | 50, 100, 200 | 50, 100 | 50, 100 | 50, 100 | 200 |
| 11 – 12 | 50, 100, 200, 400,800, 1500 | 50, 100,200 | 50, 100,200 | 50, 100,200 | 200 |
| 13 – 14 | 50, 100, 200, 400, 800, 1500 | 50, 100,200 | 50, 100,200 | 50, 100,200 | 200,400 |
| 15 - 17 | 50, 100, 200, 400, 800, 1500 | 50, 100,200 | 50, 100,200 | 50, 100,200 | 200,400 |
| 18 & Over | 50, 100, 200, 400, 800, 1500 | 50, 100,200 | 50, 100,200 | 50, 100,200 | 200,400 |

All events 400m and over will be swum combined (all age-groups) for seeding purposes.

All events will be timed finals

Age Group Determination Grid

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| Year of Birth | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 09 | 08 | 07 | 06 | 05 | 04 | 03 | - |
| Age at 31-Dec-22 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | + |
| Age Group | 8 & UNDER | | | | | | | | 9 - 10 | | 11-12 | | 13-14 | | 15 - 17 | | 18- 99 | | |

TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

The Guyana Amateur Swimming Association in conjunction with the affiliated Swim Clubs in Guyana will provide the Officials for the competition along with the invited guests are allowed to provide.

All meet officials are required to check in with the Meet Referee and Chief Timer one hour before the start of the competition.

When submitting your entries, please inform Meet Management of the name of your representative for the purpose of Entries, the Technical Meeting and communication with the Meet Director and Referee.

JURY OF APPEAL:

The Jury of Appeal, comprising three disinterested persons, to adjudicate all appeals against a Referee’s rejection of a protest will be formed out of the Association’s Technical and Main Council Committees. All protests to the Referee’s decision must be submitted to the Referee in writing within 30 minutes after the event, signed by an authorized Club Official and accompanied by \$1000.00. If the protest is upheld the fee will be returned to the Club Official.

Selection Criteria for CAC, CCCAN, Commonwealth CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 and Goodwill 2023.

1. An athlete **MUST** have a minimum of **500 FINA POINTS** per event for **TWO** events to be considered for selection
2. Only the highest rank athletes base on **FINA** points will be selected to represent GUYANA at these games (NB the number of athletes will be determined based on the game requirements).
3. If for some reason the top qualified athlete is not available to attend any of the games then the next highest ranked athlete will be considered for selection providing, they have a minimum of **500 FINA POINTS** in **TWO** events
4. Athletes would only be allowed to enter events they qualified for base on their **FINA** points
5. Athletes times and **FINA** points will be calculated using times done during the last twelve (12) months. These times **MUST** be from a long course meet (in meters).
6. A time standard is in place for the Goodwill team selection.