



SOUTHEAST ASIA OPEN WATER SWIMMING FESTIVAL 2026

TECHNICAL MANUAL AND INFORMATION

The Southeast Asia Open Water Swimming Festival 2026 aims to promote the development of open water swimming in the Philippines while providing athletes, coaches, and participants the unique opportunity to compete alongside and witness elite Southeast Asian open water swimmers in an international championship environment. The event shall serve as a celebration of camaraderie, sportsmanship, endurance, and excellence in aquatic sports.

A. Title

Southeast Asia Open Water Swimming Festival 2026

B. Rules

The competition shall be conducted in accordance with the Technical Rules and Regulations of Philippine Aquatics, Inc. and World Aquatics Open Water Swimming Rules.

C. Venue

Boracay New Coast, Malay, Aklan





D. Date & Time

22nd AUGUST 2026, SATURDAY

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY / EVENT
22 Aug 2026	5:40 AM	Reporting & Registration at Boracay Beach
22 Aug 2026	7:30 AM	Mixed Relay 4x1.5 KM (14–18) Mixed Relay 4x1.5 KM (Open)
SOUTHEAST ASIA OPEN WATER SWIMMING FESTIVAL		
22 Aug 2026	8:00 AM	Reporting & Registration at Boracay Beach
22 Aug 2026	9:30 AM	3km (12-13) Men
22 Aug 2026	9:35 AM	3km (12-13) Women
22 Aug 2026	9:40 AM	3km Southeast Asia Open Water Swimming Festival - Men
22 Aug 2026	9:45 AM	3km Southeast Asia Open Water Swimming Festival - Women
22 Aug 2026	10:10 AM	2km Southeast Asia Open Water Swimming Festival - Men
22 Aug 2026	10:15 AM	2km Southeast Asia Open Water Swimming Festival - Women
22 Aug 2026	12:00 NN	Awarding Ceremony



E. Event Categories

2KM & 3KM – MEN & WOMEN			
Categories	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Under 10 (8-9yo) 2KM only	1	1	1
Under 12 (10-11yo) 2KM only	1	1	1
Under 14 (12-13yo)	1	1	1
Under 16 (14-15yo)	1	1	1
Junior (16-17yo)	1	1	1
Junior (18-19yo)	1	1	1
Master (20-25yo)	1	1	1
Master (26-30yo)	1	1	1
Master (31-35yo)	1	1	1
Master (36-40yo)	1	1	1
Master (41-45yo)	1	1	1
Master (46-50yo)	1	1	1
Master (51-55yo)	1	1	1
Master (56-60yo)	1	1	1

F. Race Format

- The race will start on the shore.
- At the starting signal, swimmers will run from the shore into the sea and begin swimming toward the designated race course.
- Swimmers must follow all buoy markers indicating the official race route.
- The race will finish at the designated finish line on the beach or in the water, as instructed during the race briefing.

G. Eligibility

The Southeast Asia Open Water Swimming Festival 2026 is open to all swimmers who wish to experience open water competition.

Participants must be physically fit and capable of completing their chosen race distance.

I. Entries

- All entries must be accompanied by photocopies of the PSA Birth Certificate. Entries not supported by the required document will be automatically rejected.
- Age will be considered as of 31st December of the year of the competition.
- Entry Form Deadline - **1st August 2026.**

H. Costing for Accommodation and Entry Fee

Please refer to the Festival Accommodation Package. All participating athletes must accommodate in the official hotel and bear their own cost of board and lodgings. Reservations can be made in the Accommodation Form provided.

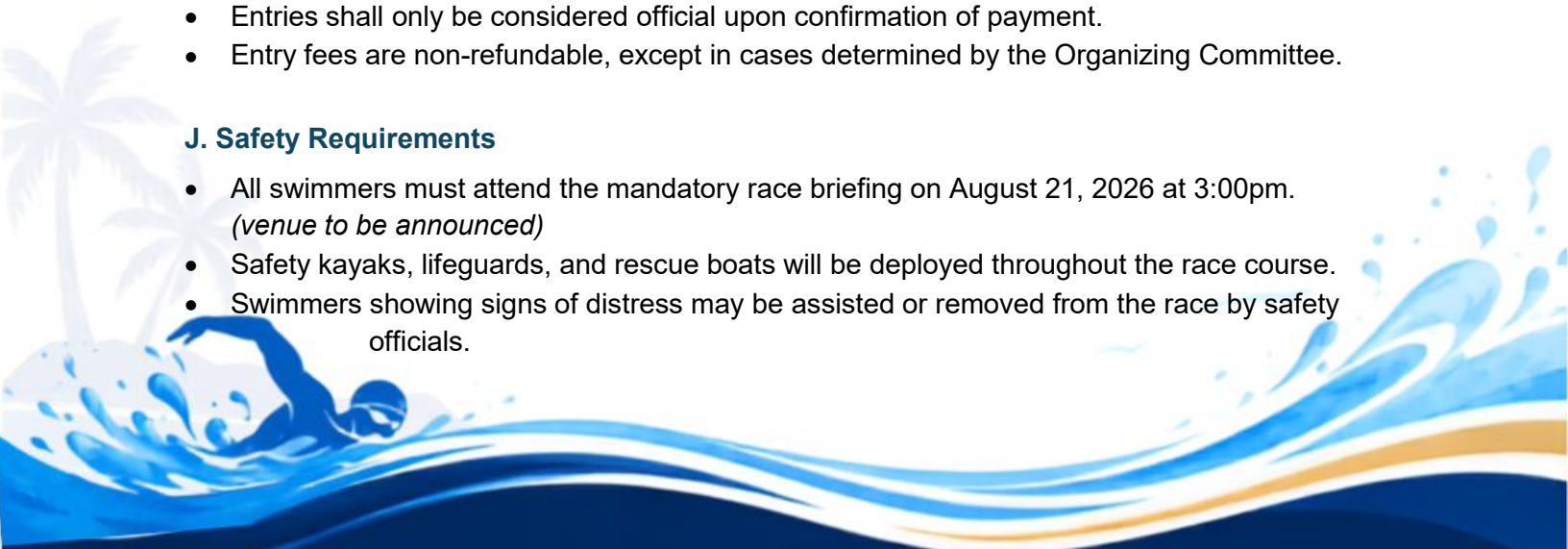
Entry Fee includes: Finisher medal, event shirt, tumbler, bags, towel and swim caps

I. Payment Policy

- Participants must wait for the official invoice indicating the total payment amount and bank details before making payment.
- Fees must be deposited on or before **7th August 2026.**
- Entries shall only be considered official upon confirmation of payment.
- Entry fees are non-refundable, except in cases determined by the Organizing Committee.

J. Safety Requirements

- All swimmers must attend the mandatory race briefing on August 21, 2026 at 3:00pm.
(venue to be announced)
- Safety kayaks, lifeguards, and rescue boats will be deployed throughout the race course.
- Swimmers showing signs of distress may be assisted or removed from the race by safety officials.



K. Swim Equipment

- Standard swimwear, goggles, and swim caps are allowed.
- Wetsuits may be permitted depending on water temperature and the decision of the organizers.

The use of fins, paddles, snorkels, or any propulsion devices is strictly prohibited

L. Open Water Safety Buoy Requirement

The use of an Open Water Safety Buoy (Swim Buoy) is mandatory for all Festival participants throughout the race.

- Swimmers may bring their own safety buoy, provided it is properly secured using a waist belt and leash.
- Swimmers who do not have a buoy may rent one from the event organizers, subject to availability and a rental fee of ₱200.00 per buoy.
- The safety buoy must remain securely attached to the swimmer at all times during the race.

M. Timing System

The race will utilize an electronic timing system using timing chips.

- Each swimmer will receive a timing chip during registration.
- The chip must be worn securely on the ankle throughout the race.
- Official time will be recorded when the swimmer crosses the finish timing system.
- Tampering with or removing the chip may result in disqualification.

All timing chips must be returned after the race.

N. Safety Protocols

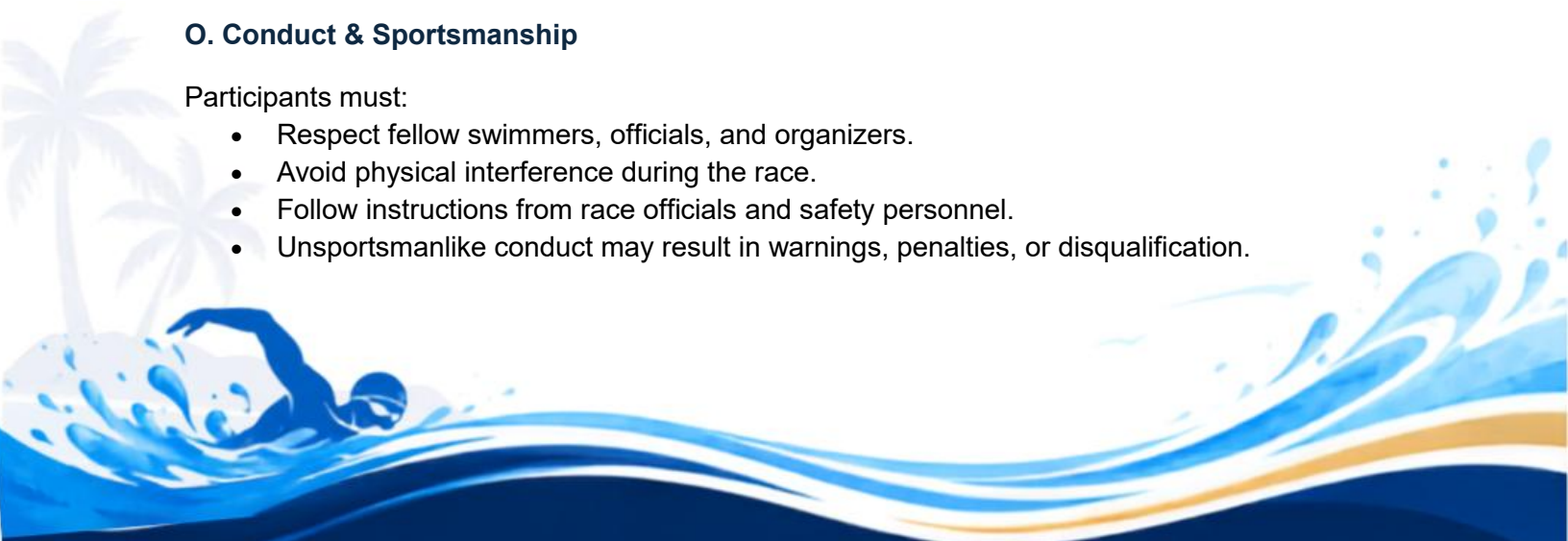
- Lifeguards, kayaks, and rescue boats will monitor the racecourse.
- Medical personnel will be stationed on site.
- Swimmers in distress must raise their hand for assistance.

Race officials may remove swimmers from the course if safety risks arise.

O. Conduct & Sportsmanship

Participants must:

- Respect fellow swimmers, officials, and organizers.
- Avoid physical interference during the race.
- Follow instructions from race officials and safety personnel.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct may result in warnings, penalties, or disqualification.



P. Penalties & Disqualification

Participants may be penalized or disqualified for the following infractions:

- Failure to round turn buoys correctly.
- Missing any part of the course loop.
- Receiving assistance from outside parties (except in the case of emergencies).
- Tampering with another swimmer's equipment (e.g., pulling, obstructing, grabbing).
- Refusal to comply with safety protocols or instructions from race officials and safety personnel.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct, including aggressive or unsafe behaviour toward other competitors.
- Intentional course cutting or swimming outside the marked race zone.
- Deliberately impeding another swimmer's progress.
- Use of unauthorized equipment or swim aids (e.g., fins, snorkels, wetsuits if not allowed)

Q. Environmental & Sustainability Statement

- This event encourages a zero-waste policy: use refillable water bottles and dispose of trash properly.
- Help protect the ocean/lake: do not leave gel packs, bottles, or tape in the water.
- We aim to align with World Aquatics' sustainability goals.

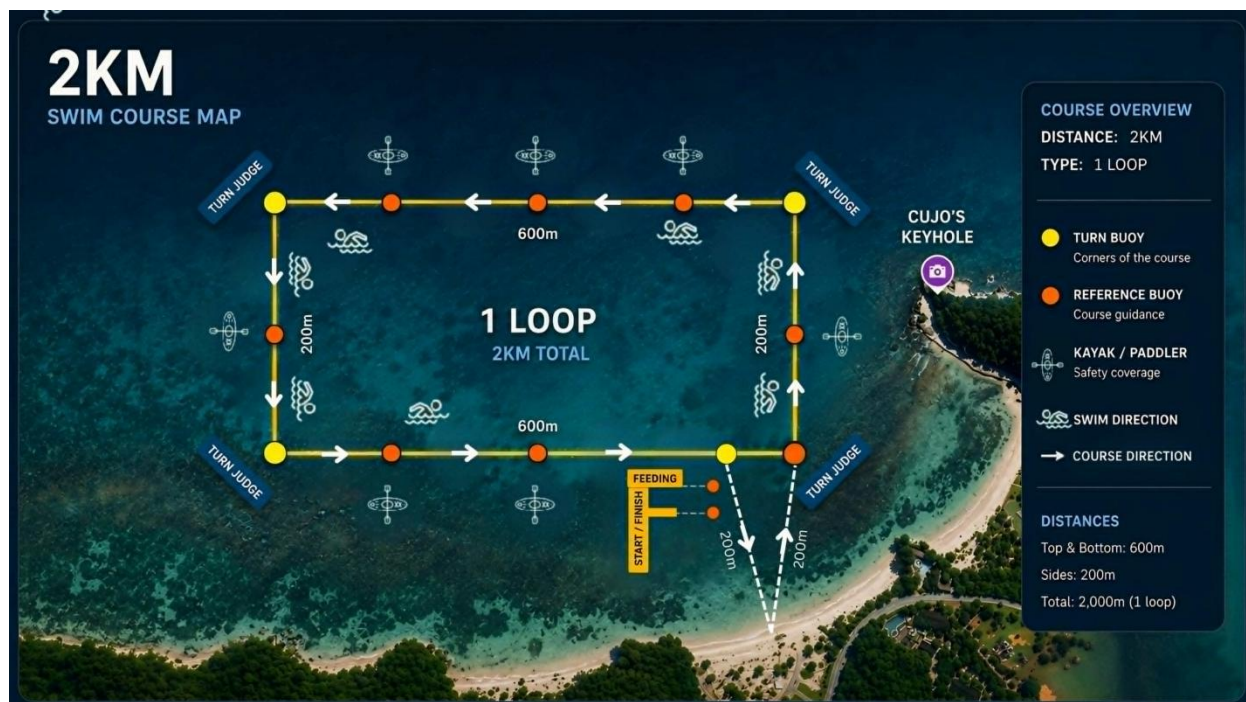
R. Medical & Emergency Protocols

- A medical team, lifeguards, and rescue boats will be stationed throughout the course.
- In case of emergency, the nearest lifeguard or rescue boat will respond immediately.
- The nearest hospital or emergency center is **The Medical City (TMC) - Boracay Newcoast**.
- Participants must declare any known medical conditions at registration.

Under this festival/competition, it is understood and agreed that Philippine Aquatics, Inc. shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising from injuries or incidents that may occur during the conduct of the event.



COURSE MAP





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RACE KIT





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FINISHER MEDAL



WINNERS' MEDAL





ENTRY FORM

(Closing Date: 1st August 2026)

Participant Details

Last Name : _____
Given Name : _____
Date of Birth : _____
Gender : _____
Email : _____
Shirt Size : _____

Please Attach A
Passport Sized Photo

Entry (Please “√” in the appropriate box)

2KM Festival Event	
3KM Festival Event	

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name: _____
Relationship: _____
Phone Number: _____

DECLARATION AND WAIVER

I hereby certify that the information above is true and correct. I agree to abide by the event rules and regulations. I understand that participation in this event is at my own risk, and I release the organizers, sponsors, and officials from any liability arising from injury, illness, or accident during or as a result of the event.

Signature of Participant: _____ Date: _____

(If under 18 years of age)

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Completed form please return to the Organizing
Committee via email to
philippineaquatics@gmail.com



MEDICAL WAIVER & LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

I, _____ the undersigned, acknowledge that participating in the **Southeast Asia Open Water Swimming Festival 2026** involves physical exertion and potential risks, including but not limited to: fatigue, dehydration, weather conditions, water currents, and collisions.

I confirm that:

- I am in good health and have passed a recent medical examination.
- I voluntarily participate at my own risk.
- I have disclosed any relevant medical conditions to the event organizer.
- I understand and accept all risks associated with open water swimming.

I hereby release and discharge **Philippine Aquatics, Inc.**, its officers, staff, volunteers, and partners from any and all liabilities, claims, or causes of action arising out of any injury, illness, loss, or damage that may result from my participation.

I agree to follow all race rules and instructions from the event staff, and understand that non-compliance may result in disqualification or removal from the course for my own safety.

Participant Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Number: _____



ACCOMMODATION FORM

(Closing Date: 1st August 2026)

Participant Name: _____

Room Type	Overnight room rate (August 21-22, 2026 only)	Room rate for extra nights	No. of Night	No. of rooms	Check In Date	Check Out Date
Belmont Hotel Boracay						
Standard Room	Php 6,200.00	Php 3,200.00				
Savoy Hotel Boracay						
Standard Room	Php 6,500.00	Php 3,500.00				
Chancellor Hotel Boracay						
Standard Room	Php 6,900.00	Php 3,900.00				

- Overnight room rates are inclusive of festival entry fee and buffet breakfast.
- The Standard Room rate is based on double occupancy (1 athlete, 1 companion). An additional fee of Php 1,200.00 per night will be charged for each additional guest occupying the room.
- An additional fee will be charged for each extra night of stay beyond the accommodation package. Please refer to the accommodation package details for the applicable rates.
- An invoice/billing statement will be provided by the organizer for payment processing.
- Full payment is due on or before August 7, 2026.

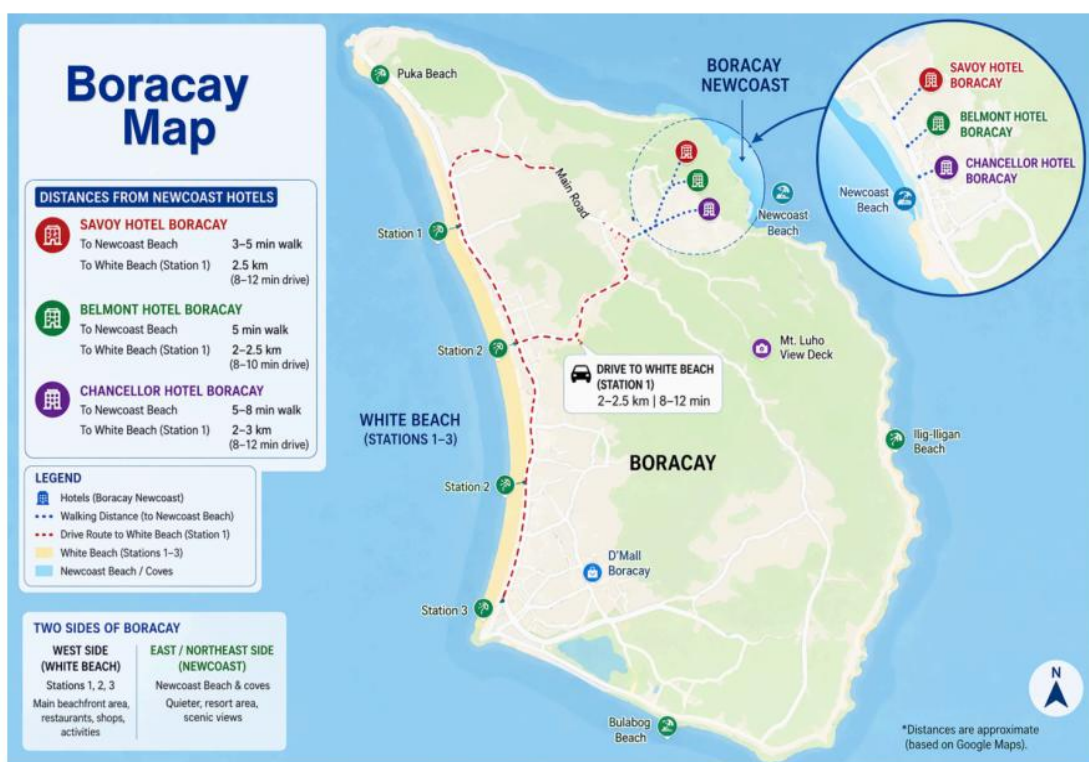
Signature

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ACCOMMODATION PACKAGE

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Venue and Hotel Locations



1. SAVOY HOTEL BORACAY

SAVOY HOTEL



Facilities & Amenities

- Multiple outdoor swimming pools
- Private beach access (Newcoast Beach)
- Restaurant, café, pool bar, lobby lounge
- Free WiFi (property-wide)
- Fitness center
- Spa and wellness center
- Halal-certified kitchen & Muslim-friendly facilities
- Conference and event facilities

Hotel Services

- 24-hour front desk and concierge
- Housekeeping and room service
- Airport transfers (arranged)
- Tour and activity booking

Activities

- Water sports (snorkeling, kayaking)
- Beach lounging
- Pool events and themed activities
- Nearby golf access

OVERNIGHT RATE (August 21-22, 2026) : Php6,500.00 net / room (for 1 athlete, 1 companion)

Extra Guest - Php1,200.00 net / room / night

Additional Fee for extra night/s : Php3,500.00 net / room / night

Rate includes Festival Entry Fee and Buffet Breakfast



2. BELMONT HOTEL BORACAY

BELMONT HOTEL



Facilities & Amenities

- Outdoor swimming pool
- Private beach access
- Restaurant, café, bar, and poolside bar
- Fitness center
- Spa and wellness services
- Garden and outdoor spaces
- Meeting and conference rooms
- Halal-certified kitchen / Muslim-friendly dining options

Hotel Services

- Daily housekeeping
- Laundry and dry cleaning
- Concierge services
- Business center and event support

Activities

- Bicycle rentals
- Water activities (kayaking, beach use)
- Spa and wellness experiences
- Nature walks within Newcoast area

OVERNIGHT RATE (August 21-22, 2026) : Php6,200.00 net / room (for 1 athlete, 1 companion)

Extra Guest - Php1,200.00 net / room / night

Additional Fee for extra night/s : Php3,200.00 net / room / night

Rate includes Festival Entry Fee and Buffet Breakfast



3. CHANCELLOR HOTEL BORACAY NEWCOAST

CHANCELLOR HOTEL



Facilities & Amenities

- Glass-edge swimming pool
- Beach club access
- Restaurant and bar
- WiFi in rooms and public areas
- Fitness center
- Spa, sauna, and steam facilities
- Kids club and play area
- Business center and banquet facilities
- Muslim-friendly services available

Hotel Services

- Concierge and guest assistance
- Housekeeping and room service
- Laundry services
- Airport transfers and shuttle service
- Medical assistance (doctor on call)

Activities

- Entertainment and nightlife programs
- Beach and outdoor activities
- Kids programs
- Photography services

OVERNIGHT RATE (August 21-22, 2026) : Php6,900.00 net / room (for 1 athlete, 1 companion)

Extra Guest - Php1,200.00 net / room / night

Additional Fee for extra night/s : Php3,900.00 net / room / night

Rate includes Festival Entry Fee and Buffet Breakfast