



GUYANA AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Independence Anniversary SWIM Meet 2025

SUMMONS

The Guyana Amateur Swimming Association (**GASA**) will host its Independence Anniversary Long Course Swimming Championships 2025 from 22nd – 25th May 2025 in Georgetown, Guyana. This competition will also serve as a qualification meet for the **CCCAN, WA Junior Swimming Championships and team selection meet for the Goodwill 2025 Swimming Championships**.

FACILITY

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

POOL SPECIFICATIONS: 8 LANE 50 M POOL

MEET SCHEDULE

Thursday May 22, 2025	5:30 am 6:30 am	Warm Up F800m Freestyle M1500m Freestyle
Thursday May 22, 2025	3:30 pm 4:30 pm	Warm Up 200m Breaststroke 50m Backstroke 100m Butterfly
Friday May 23, 2025	3:30 pm 4:30 pm	Warm Up 200m Freestyle 50m Butterfly 100m Backstroke 400m Individual Medley
Saturday May 24, 2025	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 25, 2025	8:00 am 9:00 am	Warm-up 400m Freestyle 50m Freestyle 100m Breaststroke 200m Backstroke

**Final
VERSION
2025**

COMPETITION RULES

ALL OF World Aquatics rules including "their code of ethics" (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, 2024** 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, 15th May, 2025, either in Hy-Tek format or on the Entry Form provided.

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, Thursday 15th May, 2025, 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 Wednesday, April 30th, 2025 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 Tuesday 20th May 2025 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
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

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-24	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 CCCAN and Goodwill 2025.

1. An athlete **MUST** have a minimum of **500 WA POINTS** per event for **TWO** events to be considered for selection
2. Only the highest rank athletes base on **WA** 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 WA POINTS** in **TWO** events
4. Athletes would only be allowed to enter events they qualified for base on their **WA** points
5. Athletes times and **WA** points will be calculated using times done during the last twelve (12) months. These times **MUST** be from a long course meet (in meters only).
6. A time standard is in place for the Goodwill team selection.
7. Conversion of any time will not be accepted or used for selection.
8. **Goodwill** time standards are prepared and provided for these games selection and will be used for the team selection.
9. Please see the selection criteria document and time standards for all clarifications.

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**A MEET DIRECTOR MUST BE NAMED FOR THIS MEET
AND A COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE TO BE FORMED.**