



SWIM GRAND PRIX MYKONOS GREECE 2026

Rule Book

Open Water Swimming Races

10 km | 5 km | 2 km | Teens 400 m | Kids 200 m

3 - 4 October 2026



The **Swim Grand Prix (Swim GP)** is an open water swimming event offering a variety of race distances for athletes of all ages and experience levels.

The competition is conducted in accordance with the **World Aquatics** Open Water Swimming Rules and the regulations of the **Hellenic Swimming Federation (KOE)**. Depending on the race format, starts, turns and finishes may take place either entirely in the water or from the beach.

The event is based at **Elia Beach, Mykonos**, where all races will start in successive waves.

The race programme includes the following distances:

- **10 km**
- **5 km**
- **2 km**
- **Teens Race – 400 m**
- **Kids Race – 200 m**

The event is organised by **IQ Sports S.A.**, in co-organisation with the **Municipality of Mykonos**.

The Swim Grand Prix officially begins on **Friday, 2 October 2026**, with athlete check-in and registration in **Mykonos Town (Chora)**.

The event concludes on **Sunday, 4 October 2026**, following the Awards Ceremony in Mykonos Town.

Indicative Event schedule

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Friday, 2 October 2026	17:00–20:00	Registration Centre Open	Alefkandra, Mykonos Town
	17:00–21:00	Event Expo	Alefkandra, Mykonos Town



Date	Time	Activity	Location
Saturday, 3 October 2026	09:30	10 km Race Start	Elia Beach
	10:10	5 km Race Start	Elia Beach
	12:00–19:00	Event Expo	Alefkandra, Mykonos Town
	12:00–19:00	Registration Centre Open	Alefkandra, Mykonos Town
	20:00	10 km & 5 km Awards Ceremony	Alefkandra, Mykonos Town
Sunday, 4 October 2026	10:30	2 km Race Start	Elia Beach
	12:30	Kids (200 m) & Teens (400 m) Races	Elia Beach
	15:30	2 km & Youth Race Awards Ceremony	Alefkandra, Mykonos Town
	17:00	Official Event Closing	Alefkandra, Mykonos Town

Start & Finish Locations

All races start and finish at **Elia Beach, Mykonos**.

- **Open Water 10 km**
- **Open Water 5 km**
- **Open Water 2 km**
- **Teens Race – 400 m**
- **Kids Race – 200 m**

Race Courses

Race Venue

All races will start and finish at **Elia Beach, Mykonos**.

The courses have been designed in accordance with international open water swimming standards and will be marked with clearly visible buoys. Swimmers must follow the designated course in a clockwise direction.

Saturday, 3 October 2026

10 km Open Water Race

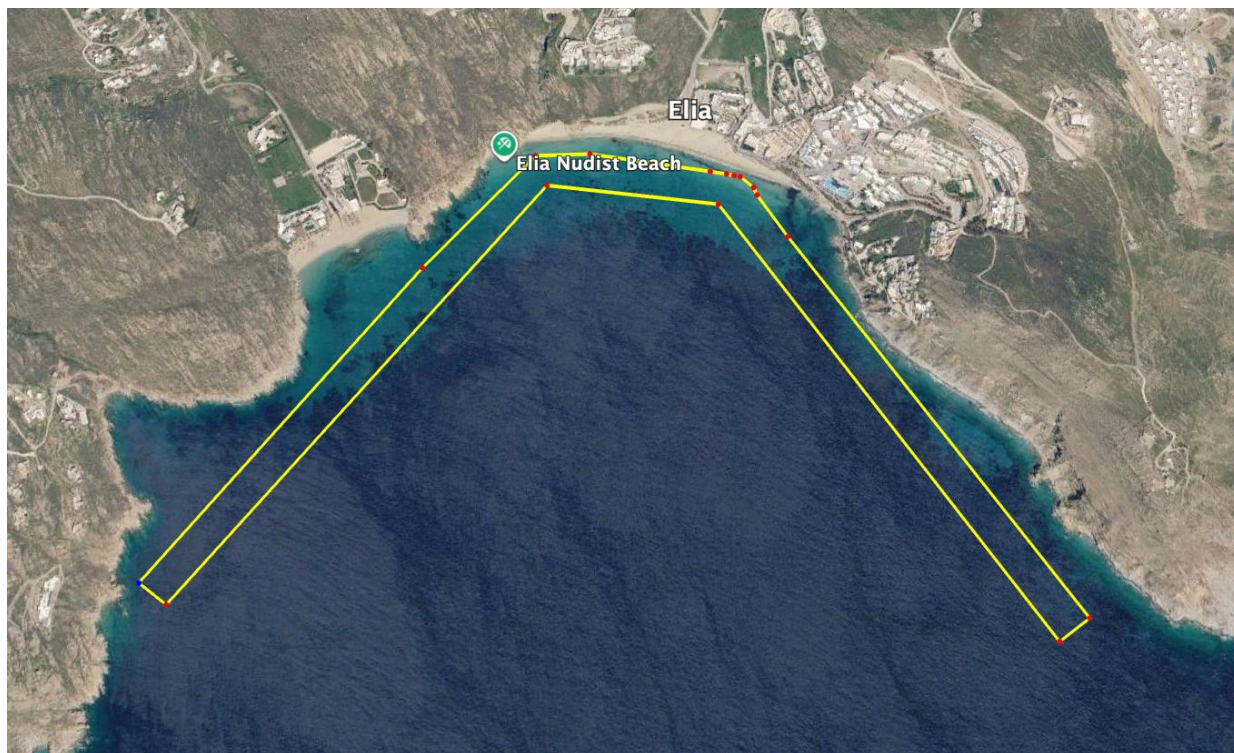
Start Time: 09:30

Course Description: The race will start from **Elia Beach**.

Athletes will complete **two (2) laps of 5 km each**, following the marked course in a **clockwise** direction before returning to Elia Beach for the finish.

Distance: 10,000 m

Number of Laps: 2 × 5 km



5 km Open Water Race

Start Time: 10:10

Course Description

The race will start from **Elia Beach**.

Athletes will complete **two (2) laps of 2.5 km each**, following the marked course in a **clockwise** direction before finishing at Elia Beach.

Distance: 5,000 m

Number of Laps: 2 × 2.5 km



Sunday, 4 October 2026

2 km Open Water Race

Start Time: 10:30

Course Description

The race will start from **Elia Beach**.

Athletes will complete **two (2) laps of 1 km each**, following the marked course in a **clockwise** direction before returning to the finish area at Elia Beach.

Distance: 2,000 m

Number of Laps: 2 × 1 km



Kids & Teens Races

Start Time: 12:30

Course Description

Both youth races will start and finish at **Elia Beach**.

Participants will swim on a clearly marked clockwise course:

- **Kids Race (200 m):** 2 laps of 100 m
- **Teens Race (400 m):** 4 laps of 100 m

The courses will be fully supervised by safety personnel and race officials throughout the event.



Course Maps

Official course maps for all race distances will be published on the event website and will also be displayed at the **Registration Centre** and during the **Technical Briefing** prior to each race.



Eligibility, Age Categories & Awards

Eligibility

Participation in the Swim Grand Prix is open to athletes who meet the following age requirements:

Race	Minimum Age
10 km Open Water	16 years or older
5 km Open Water	16 years or older
2 km Open Water	16 years or older
Teens Race (400 m)	13–16 years
Kids Race (200 m)	9–12 years

The minimum age requirement refers to the athlete's age on the day of the event.

Awards

Awards will be presented to the **top three (3) overall male and female finishers** in each of the following races:

- 10 km Open Water
- 5 km Open Water
- 2 km Open Water

Awards will also be presented to the **top three teams**.

Teams consist of **three (3) athletes**. Team rankings are determined by adding together the official finishing times of all three team members. The team with the lowest combined time will be declared the winner.



Age Group Awards

Age group awards will be presented separately for male and female athletes in the following categories:

10 km Open Water

- 16–29 years
- 30–44 years
- 45+ years

5 km Open Water

- 16–29 years
- 30–44 years
- 45+ years

2 km Open Water

- 16–29 years
- 30–44 years
- 45+ years

Age Group Award Policy

The following rules apply to age group awards:

- Overall winners (1st Male and 1st Female) are **not eligible** for age group awards.
- A minimum of **three finishers** is required for an age group award ceremony.
- If an age group has fewer than three finishers, it will be merged with the next older age group until the minimum number of participants is reached.
- Age group mergers will always be made **upwards** (to the next older category).
- Since only finishers are considered when determining age group awards, final age group classifications will be confirmed after the completion of each race. Consequently, provisional live results may differ from the final official classifications.



Finisher Medal & Certificate

All athletes who successfully complete their race will receive an **official finisher medal**.

An **electronic finisher certificate** will be available for download following the event.

Registration Period

Registration for all races is open until **Friday, 25 September 2026**.

Available race distances include:

- 10 km Open Water
- 5 km Open Water
- 2 km Open Water
- Teens Race (400 m)
- Kids Race (200 m)

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to close registrations earlier if the maximum number of participants is reached.

How to Register

Entries must be submitted online through the official registration platform available on the event website:

www.swimgp.com

A registration is considered complete only after full payment of the applicable entry fee has been received.

Registration Confirmation

To collect the official race pack, participants must present:

- A valid passport or national identity card.
- Their registration confirmation (printed or digital).
- Proof of payment, if requested by the Organising Committee.



Participants collecting a race pack on behalf of another athlete must present:

- Their own valid identification.
- Written authorisation from the registered participant.
- A copy of the participant's identification document, if requested.

Youth Participants

Parents or legal guardians of athletes under the age of 18 are responsible for completing the registration process.

During race pack collection, junior participants must present an official identification document (passport, national identity card or other government-issued ID) in order to receive their race materials.

ENTRY FEES

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Race	Early Bird (until 31 August)	Regular (until 25 September)
10 km	€85	€105
5 km	€50	€65
2 km	€25	€35
Kids (200 m)	€5	€10
Teens (400 m)	€5	€10



Registration Centre

Location

Alefkandra, Mykonos Town (Chora)

Opening Hours

Friday, 2 October 2026

17:00–20:00

Saturday, 3 October 2026

12:00–19:00

Race Pack Collection

All registered athletes must collect their race pack in person from the Registration Centre during the official opening hours.

Each race pack includes:

- Official race bib / athlete identification
- Timing chip
- Official event swim cap
- Event information
- Sponsor materials (where applicable)

No race packs will be distributed outside the published Registration Centre opening hours unless otherwise announced by the Organizing Committee.



Technical Rules & General Competition Regulations

Athlete Briefing

Attendance at the **Official Technical Briefing** is strongly recommended for all participants.

The briefing will cover important race information, including:

- Course layout
- Safety procedures
- Water conditions
- Start procedure
- Course buoys
- Time limits (if applicable)
- Weather updates
- Any last-minute changes communicated by the Race Director

Athletes are responsible for being familiar with all race rules and official announcements.

Athlete Responsibilities

Each athlete is responsible for:

- Knowing the race course.
- Completing the correct number of laps.
- Following the designated course.
- Rounding all course buoys correctly.
- Complying with all instructions issued by race officials, lifeguards and safety personnel.

Failure to comply with race regulations or official instructions may result in penalties or disqualification.

Mandatory Equipment

All participants must wear:

- The official event swim cap supplied by the Organizing Committee.
- Appropriate swimwear complying with World Aquatics regulations.
- The official timing chip provided by the organizer.

Athletes who fail to wear the official swim cap or timing chip may not be permitted to start or may be disqualified.



Swimwear

Standard competitive swimwear is recommended.

Wetsuits

Wetsuit and non-wetsuit swimmers compete in the **same category**. There is no separate wetsuit classification.

Wetsuit Temperature Rules

- **Mandatory:** Below **21.0°C**
- **Optional:** Between **21.0°C** and **24.5°C**
- **Forbidden:** Above **24.5°C**

The official water temperature will be determined by race officials using measurements taken at **three separate locations** along the course. The lowest recorded temperature will be considered the official water temperature.

Wetsuit Specifications

When wetsuits are permitted, they must comply with the following requirements:

- They must cover the torso, back, shoulders and knees.
- They must not extend beyond the neck, wrists or ankles.

Textile swimsuits must also comply with World Aquatics regulations and must not extend beyond the neck, wrists or ankles.

Socks & Neck Covers

The use of swimming socks and neck covers is permitted provided they do **not** provide any propulsion or competitive advantage.



Cut-off Times

- **10 km:** 5 hours, with an intermediate cut-off at the end of the first loop (2.5 hours).
- **5 km:** 3 hours.
- **2 km:** 1 hour 30 minutes.
- **Kids (200 m) & Teens (400 m):** No cut-off time.

Personal Safety Buoy

- **Mandatory:** 10 km, 5 km.
- **Optional:** 2 km.
- **Forbidden:** Kids (200 m) and Teens (400 m).

Athlete Check-in

Before entering the start area, athletes must complete the official check-in procedure.

During check-in, athletes must:

- Wear their assigned timing chip.
- Wear the official event swim cap.
- Display all required race identification markings.

Failure to complete check-in correctly may result in exclusion from the race.

Athlete Identification

Race officials will mark athletes with their official race number before the start.

Athletes without wetsuits

Race numbers will be marked on:

- Back
- Upper arms
- Hands



Athletes wearing wetsuits

Race numbers will be marked on:

- Hands only

Environmental Responsibility

- Swim Grand Prix is committed to protecting the marine environment.
- Athletes must not dispose of bottles, food wrappers or any other waste anywhere along the course.
- Waste must be deposited only in the designated disposal areas provided by the Organizing Committee.
- Participants are encouraged to respect and protect the natural environment that hosts the event.

Weather Policy

The event will take place on the scheduled dates regardless of normal weather conditions.

However, if severe weather or any other force majeure circumstances present a risk to participant safety, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to:

- Delay the start.
- Modify the course.
- Shorten the race distance.
- Suspend the race.
- Cancel the event.

Such decisions will be made in consultation with the relevant public authorities and safety agencies.

In the event of cancellation due to force majeure, **entry fees are non-refundable.**

Event Changes

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to amend:

- The race schedule
- The course
- Competition rules



- Event procedures
- Participation requirements

without prior notice whenever necessary for safety or operational reasons.

Terms & Conditions

Cancellation Policy

- **50% refund** for cancellation requests submitted by **31 August**.
- **10% refund** for cancellation requests submitted by **30 September**.
- **No refund** for cancellation requests submitted **from 1 October onwards**.

Personal Data Protection (GDPR)

The Organizing Committee is committed to protecting the personal data of all participants in accordance with the applicable **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** and relevant national legislation.

The personal information provided during registration will be used solely for purposes directly related to the organization and delivery of the event, including:

- Registration management
- Athlete identification
- Race timing
- Results processing
- Safety and emergency management
- Event communications

Personal data will be processed only by authorized personnel and trusted service providers involved in the operation of the event.

Any processing of personal data beyond the purposes described above will only take place with the participant's explicit consent.



Publication of Results

By registering for the event, participants acknowledge and accept that their personal information, including:

- Name
- Nationality
- Age category
- Bib number
- Official race times
- Overall and age group rankings

may be published in official race results and made available through the event website and official timing platforms.

Photography & Media Release

By participating in the Swim Grand Prix, athletes grant the Organizing Committee, its sponsors and authorized media partners the right to photograph, film and record their participation during the event.

Participants agree that these photographs, video recordings and other media may be used without limitation for:

- Event promotion
- Marketing
- Advertising
- Press releases
- Social media
- Future editions of the event

No compensation shall be payable for such use.

The commercial rights to all official photographs and video footage remain the exclusive property of the Organizing Committee and its authorized partners.

Official race photographs may be made available for viewing and purchase through the event's Official Photography Partner.



Athlete Race Pack Collection

Race packs must be collected in person from the Registration Centre during the published opening hours.

Participants must present:

- A valid passport or national identity card (or other government-issued photo ID)
- Their registration confirmation

If a participant authorizes another person to collect their race pack, the representative must present:

- Written authorization signed by the participant
- A copy of the participant's identification document (if requested)
- Their own valid photo identification

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to request additional identification where necessary.

Timing

All races will be electronically timed using an official timing chip.

Official Time

Official time is measured from the starting signal until the athlete crosses the finish line.

Net Time

Net time is measured from the moment the athlete crosses the start timing point until crossing the finish timing point.

Overall rankings and awards are determined using the **Official Time**.

Net times and split times are provided for information purposes only.



Athlete Conduct

Participants must comply at all times with the instructions of:

- Race Officials
- Lifeguards
- Volunteers
- Medical Personnel
- Members of the Organizing Committee

If instructed to withdraw from the race for safety reasons, athletes must comply immediately.

Race numbers, timing chips and event credentials are personal and may not be transferred to another participant under any circumstances.

Athletes are responsible for reading all official race communications prior to the event, including:

- Race Guide
- Technical Briefing
- Athlete Information Updates
- Event Schedule

Organizer's Responsibility

IQ Sports guarantees that personal data collected during the registration process will only be processed to the extent necessary for the organization and operation of the event.

All personal data will be handled confidentially and accessed only by authorized personnel.

Amendments

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to amend or update this Rule Book at any time.



Any modifications will be communicated through the official event communication channels.

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