

# **BIRKIRKARA ST JOSEPH SPORTS CLUB**

## **SWIMMING BOARD**

### **GOZO-MALTA OPEN WATER SWIMMING COMPETITION 2017 REGULATIONS**

- 1 Name and Organisation      The event shall be known as the Gozo-Malta Open Water Swimming Competition, hereunder referred to as the event, and shall be organized by Birkirkara St. Joseph Sports Club, hereunder referred to as the Organizers, under the auspices of the Aquatic Sports Association of Malta.
- 2 Date, Time, Route and Fee      The event shall be held on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2017, starting at 8.15 a.m. from Hondoq ir-Rummien in Gozo, proceeding along a line of moored buoys and boats past the island of Comino and finishing on the sandy beach at Marfa. The approximate distance is 5.900 kilometres.

The event entry fee is Euros 80 per participant not including the transfer fee from Malta to Gozo.
- 3 Schedule on Race Day

5:45 a.m.      Signing in of participating swimmers. Swimmers in Gozo on the day of the event should call the Race Director to confirm their presence.

6.30 a.m.      Departure from Marfa Quay in Malta to Hondoq ir-Rummien in Gozo. Swimmers in Gozo on the day of the event are to be at Hondoq ir-Rummien at 7.00 a.m.

7.30 a.m.      Roll-call of all participants.

8.15 a.m.      Start of Race from Hondoq ir-Rummien, Gozo.
- 4 Prerequisites      To participate in the Gozo-Malta Open Water Swimming Competition 2017 an applicant should:

  - i.      submit to the Organizers the Race Entry Form and the Agreement entitled "Events Registration, Release and Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risk and Indemnity" issued by Birkirkara St. Joseph Sports Club in respect of events organised by the said Club, duly filled accompanied by the Race Entry Fee and any other fees as the case may be;
  - ii.      attach to the Race Entry Form a recent medical certificate, at least issued during the previous month;
  - iii. (a) have taken part in any two of the two-kilometre events in the Birkirkara St. Joseph Open Water Swimming Championship 2017, or
  - (b) have taken part in the four-kilometre event of the Birkirkara St. Joseph Open Water Swimming Championship 2017 held prior to the Gozo-Malta Open Water Swimming Competition 2017, or
  - (c) in the case of a non-Maltese nationality, attach to the Entry Form a signed letter from either his/her qualified coach, or his/her club or his/her national federation, stating that the applicant has been training long distance swimming and the number of months he/she has been undergoing such training. (Upon a professional advice the organizers reserve the right to reject such a certificate.)
- 5 Time Limit      A time limit of three hours thirty minutes shall be applicable for the event. The Event Time-keeper shall communicate with the Event Judge the moment the prescribed time shall elapse. Swimmers still in the water will be asked to

abandon the swim and no official time will be given.

- 6 Closing Date of Applications The official event Entry Forms and the Agreement as mentioned in Para. 4.(i) of these Regulations, including payment and medical certificate, should be forwarded to the organizers by not later than Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2017. Late applications shall carry an additional fee of Euro 20.00. No applications will be accepted after the 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2017.
- 7 Entry Fee The event's entry fee should be Euro 80.00 and should be accompanied by the official Entry Form and the Agreement as mentioned in Para. 4.(i) of these Regulations. Documents not properly filled will not be considered. The Entry Fee for Birkirkara St. Joseph Sports Club members should be Euro 70.00 upon presentation of a valid Membership Card.
- 8 Swim Route The swim route will be marked with twelve waypoints consisting of six buoys and six boats strategically placed to guide the swimmers from the start to the finish of the race. During the swim, swimmers are to keep these waypoints on their right-hand side, except for the final one leading to the finish which should be kept on the left-hand side.  
  
A number of Club assigned marshalling boats will be present all along the route.
- 9 Escort Crafts Swimmers will be allowed, should they so desire, to be accompanied by any type of sea craft not larger than 21 feet. Such crafts will have to position themselves on the left-hand side of the route waypoints without at any time trespassing on the route itself. A floating barge will be placed next to buoy No. 3, which will serve as a feeding station manned by helpers identified by the swimmers themselves.
- 10 Finish Gantry The event finish shall be at a point placed by the organizers on the sandy beach at Marfa. Finishing times are recorded the instant swimmers hit the Finish.
- 11 Pre-Event Meeting A meeting for all participating swimmers shall be held on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2017 at 7.00 p.m. at a venue to be advised by the organizers. Helpers are advised to attend this meeting. During this meeting the event shall be reviewed for the benefit of everyone involved. Applicants who shall be unable to attend to this pre-event meeting, should send their representatives (the persons who will be accompanying them during the event) who should agree to take full responsibility of explaining in detail to the respective applicants, the proceedings of the meeting. Should neither the applicant nor his/her appointed representative be present for this meeting, the relative entry form shall be withdrawn and the entry fee, less 20% administration charges, reimbursed.
- 12 Trophies Trophies shall be awarded to the first three places in the Male and Female categories, and to the first Male and Female in the other categories as specified in the entry form.
- 13 Swimming Caps Unless provided by the organisers, swimming caps are to be approved at the meeting held by the organizers on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2017. Participants shall not be allowed to wear any blue, black or silver coloured swimming caps. Swimmers turning up for the race without the approved cap shall be disqualified.
- 14 Wetsuits Swimmers taking part in the Competition shall not be allowed to use wetsuits. Swimmers intending to use wetsuits will be allowed to take part. However, they are to inform the organisers accordingly at the pre-event meeting, and although their finish time will be recorded, they will not qualify for the general classification.
- 15 Disqualification Boats assigned by the organizers, shall be patrolling and marshalling the event. The Event Referee shall be on board one of these boat. On breaching of any rules of the event by a participant, this boat shall approach the said participant and a warning shall be conveyed to the swimmer. A second warning (the Yellow/Red Card/Flag system should be applicable) shall result

in an immediate disqualification from the event. In such a case, the participant should abandon the swim immediately and board the nearest boat available. If, following a disqualification notice, a swimmer continues the event, the organizers shall not be held responsible for his safety, etc. and the swimmer shall not be allowed to participate the following year.

- 16 Difficulties during the event  
Should a participant encounter any difficulties during the event, s/he should abandon the swim immediately, board on or be given assistance by the nearest escort boat, and inform the organizers immediately on the mobile telephone numbers issued for such an eventuality.
  
- 17 Cancellation of Event  
As from two days prior to the event, arrangements shall be made by the organizers to be forwarded by expert analyses of the weather conditions on the event's route. On the eve of the event, a decision whether the event shall be held or not due to the forecasted weather conditions, shall be taken. Should the organizers be advised to cancel the event, the participants shall be informed accordingly through an SMS and/or on the Club website by not later than 6.00 p.m. Should the event be cancelled, a refund of the payments, less 20% administration charges, made to the organizers shall be made. Full refund of payments forwarded to the Organisers in respect of the hire of an escort boat shall be effected.  
  
Should the weather conditions be acceptable, but jellyfish are prevalent on the race route, it shall be up to each participating swimmer whether to compete or not. The decision should be solely his/hers and the organizers shall not be held responsible for any eventual mishap. Since a decision to cancel participation due to jellyfish can only be taken just before the event, an applicant shall not be able to claim a refund of the payments made to the Organizers.
  
- 18 Advertising Material  
The only advertising material of a commercial nature allowed to be exhibited during the event, should be that approved by the organizers.
  
- 19 Interpretation of these Rules  
The organizers are the sole interpreters of these Rules, and all decisions taken by them or on their behalf shall be final.





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## GOZO-MALTA

### OPEN WATER SWIMMING COMPETITION 2017

Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 at 8.15 a.m. CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2017

#### ENTRY FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

**Race Number**

SURNAME \_\_\_\_\_

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

Male

Female

(Minimum age on day of event: 14 years)

Mobile No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Mobile No.: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### RACE CATEGORIES (Please tick where appropriate)

**OPEN** (18 years of age and older by Dec 31, 2017)

All official entries automatically qualify

**UNDER 17** (Born 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003)

**MASTERS 'A'** (Ages 30 to 40 by Dec 31, 2017)

**MASTERS 'B'** (Ages 41 to 50 by Dec 31, 2017)

**MASTERS 'C'** (Aged 51+ by Dec 31, 2017)

#### PAYMENTS

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Event Registration Fee: €80.00

Transport Marfa (Malta) – Hondoq ir-Rummien (Gozo)

First preference will be given to swimmers. Limited number of bookings for other persons.

No. of Persons: \_\_\_\_\_ @ €7.00 per person

**Total:** (Please make cheque payable to Birkirkara St. Joseph Sports Club)

## **DISCLAIMER**

I, the undersigned, declare and confirm that I have read and understood the contents and import of this document, and the event Regulations and the Agreement entitled "Events Registration, Release and Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risk and Indemnity" issued by Birkirkara St. Joseph Sports Club in respect of events organized by the said Club. I agree to be bound by the regulations of this event. I also declare that the above particulars are complete and correct in every detail.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent's/Guardian's Signature (if under 18 years of age))

*Return completed form and remittance to:* Tel: 79289391, 99466256  
**Birkirkara St. Joseph Sports Club, c/o "Ghansal", 39, Triq is-Silla, Marsascala**

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**Notes:**