

ITEM 1 Safety Plan

701.2 RULES

- .1 All open water competitions shall be freestyle events.
- .2 The Host Committee shall include in the meet information the policy for abandonment and whether the race will be an “escorted” or “unescorted” swim.
- .3 The Host Committee shall develop a safety plan for the competition in compliance with all requirements included in the published application for sanction of an open water event.

Re-number remaining

No further change

ITEM 2 Meet Director

701.7 THE MEET DIRECTOR

- .1 Shall determine the course for an open water event.
- .2 Shall have the authority to withdraw the sanction on race day if adequate safety precautions are not in place and shall notify all race participants prior to the beginning of the race of the revocation should the race organizer proceed with the competition;
- .3 Shall have the authority to stop a race at any time should conditions change and safety become a concern.

ITEM 3 Safety Monitor

701.8 THE INDEPENDENT SAFETY MONITOR

- .1 Shall be approved by an open water sanction officer and shall be independent of the race organizing committee;
- .2 Shall be present at the race to assure the approved safety plan is implemented;
- .3 Shall assure that adequate safety precautions are in place to deal with race-day conditions;
- .4 Shall have the authority to withdraw the sanction on race day if adequate safety precautions are not in place and shall notify all race participants of the revocation prior to the beginning of the race should the race organizer proceed with the competition;
- .5 Shall have the authority to stop a race at any time should conditions change and safety become a concern.

Re-number remaining sections

ITEM 4 Referee

701.9 THE REFEREE

- .1 Shall ensure that all participants, coaches, and event support personnel are briefed about the course, safety procedures and any site-specific rules applying to the event;

- .2 Shall have the authority to withdraw the sanction on race day if adequate safety precautions are not in place and shall notify all race participants of the revocation prior to the beginning of the race should the race organizer proceed with the competition;
- .3 Shall have the authority to stop the race or to change the distance and/or race course due to safety concerns or unforeseen circumstances;

Re-number remaining items

ITEM 5 Water & Air Temperature

ARTICLE 702

VENUE STANDARDS

702.2 WATER/AIR TEMPERATURE - The race shall not commence if the following conditions are not satisfied:

- .1 The water temperature ~~should~~ shall not be less than ~~be a minimum of~~ 16°C (60.8° F).
- .2 For races of 5K and above, the water temperature shall not exceed 31° C (87.8° F).
- .3 The air temperature and water temperature when added together shall not be less than 30° C (118° F) nor greater than 63° C (177.4° F).

ITEM 6 Water Quality

702.3 WATER QUALITY

- .1 Local municipality water rules shall apply.
- .2 If water quality meets the standards of the local testing authority, the water quality will be deemed acceptable unless otherwise determined by the Safety Officer or Independent Safety Monitor.
- .3 If an exceptional event such as heavy rain or flooding affects the water quality, the Referee, the Meet Director, or the Independent Safety Monitor shall have the authority to postpone or cancel the race.

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