

1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

Competition 67th MILO / MAS MALAYSIA OPEN SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

Venue National Aquatic Centre, Kuala Lumpur Sports City, Bukit Jalil

Dates 24th – 27th April 2025

Sessions		Date	Day	Competition	Warm Up
1	Heats	24 April 2025	Thursday	9.00 AM	7.30 AM
	Finals			5.00 PM	3.30 PM
2	Heats	25 April 2025	Friday	9.00 AM	7.30 AM
	Finals			5.00 PM	3.30 PM
3	Heats	26 April 2025	Saturday	9.00 AM	7.30 AM
	Finals			5.00 PM	3.30 PM
4	Heats	27 April 2025	Sunday	9.00 AM	7.30 AM
	Finals			5.00 PM	3.30 PM

1.1 The Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules and By-Laws of World Aquatics as prescribed in the latest version of the Competition Regulations of Swimming in force at the time of the Championships. In matters not prescribed for, decisions shall rest with the Referee and/or the Organising Committee.

1.2 The Championships has been approved by World Aquatics to act as a Qualifying Event for the World Aquatics Championships – Singapore 2025.

1.3 The Championships is a Qualifying Meet for the following:

- World Aquatics Championships – Singapore 2025;
- World Aquatics Junior Swimming Championships 2025;
- 33rd SEA Games 2025;
- Any other international competitions as determined by MAS.

1.4 All entries must be submitted through MAS State Affiliates, or Clubs/Sports Schools/Schools affiliated to MAS State Affiliates or MAS, or World Aquatics-affiliated Federations.

1.5.1 SAFE SPORT

- A signatory to the Safe Sport Code Malaysia, MAS is committed to ensuring a healthy and safe environment which is respectful, equitable and free from all forms of misconduct, harassment and abuse;
- As a condition of participation in the Championships, each individual, by virtue of participation, assistance, involvement or preparation are automatically bound by and are required to comply with the Policies of Safe Sport Code Malaysia;
- Any individual with first-hand knowledge, or has specific and credible information from a victim or third-party has the responsibility to report any incident of misconduct, harassment or abuse.

1.5.2 Reporting Channels:

- a. Police Diraja Malaysia (PDRM)
- b. Malaysia Swimming Federation (MAS)
Secretary General
secgen@malaysiaaquatics.org
- c. Ministry of Youth and Sports (KBS)
<http://kbs.spab.gov.my>

2.0 ELIGIBILITY

2.1 The Championships are open to the following:

a. Swimmer – State/s

Swimmers who are existing members of Malaysia Swimming Federation (MAS) Affiliates (thereafter known as “Affiliates” or “State/s”), and who meet the Minimum Time Standards for a particular event (where applicable) of the Championships;

b. Swimmer – Club/s

Swimmers who are existing members of Clubs/Sports Schools/Schools duly registered and affiliated to their respective States and MAS with a MAS National Registration ID (thereafter known as “Club/s”), and who meet the Minimum Time Standards for a particular event (where applicable) of the Championships;

c. Swimmer – International Federation/s

Members of other Federations affiliated to World Aquatics (thereafter known as “Foreign Team/s”) who meet the Minimum Time Standards for a particular event (where applicable) and hold a valid clearance from their respective National Federation.

- 2.2** All entries must be submitted through MAS State Affiliates, or Clubs/Sports Schools/Schools affiliated to MAS State Affiliates or MAS, or World Aquatics–affiliated Federations.

2.3 Swimmer Representation Policy:

(members of Clubs/Sports Schools/Schools registered and affiliated to MAS State Affiliates and MAS with a MAS National Registration ID)

- a. All swimmers participating in the Championships must represent either a MAS State Affiliate or a Club, and must meet the Minimum Time Standard/s for a particular event to participate in that respective event in the Championships;
- b. Swimmers representing local Clubs must be registered with MAS with a MAS National Registration ID **AND** their respective State Associations;
- c. Swimmers may only represent either their State or Club at the Championships and priority of representation is given to the State;

- d. Swimmers selected to represent their State MUST represent their State and shall not be permitted to represent their Club;
- e. Swimmers who meet the Minimum Time Standard/s for a respective event and who wishes to represent a Club MUST receive approval from their respective State Association to participate;
- f. The States will have entry priority to ensure State representation. Should a State decide not to send a team for participation at the Championships, swimmers who meet the Minimum Time Standard/s for a respective event shall have the option to represent their Club at the Championships.

2.4.1 Club Representation Rule for Multi-Location Clubs/Swim School/School

- a. Clubs operating across multiple locations in different states within Malaysia must participate as separate entities based on their specific state locations;
- a. Clubs operating across multiple locations in different states within Malaysia must participate as separate entities based on their specific state locations;
- b. Each club must compete under its own distinct banner corresponding to its specific state location;
- c. Merging swimmers from various state locations to compete under a single club banner will not be permitted;
- d. Clubs found in violation of this rule may face disqualification or other penalties as deemed appropriate by the Organising Committee and/or MAS.

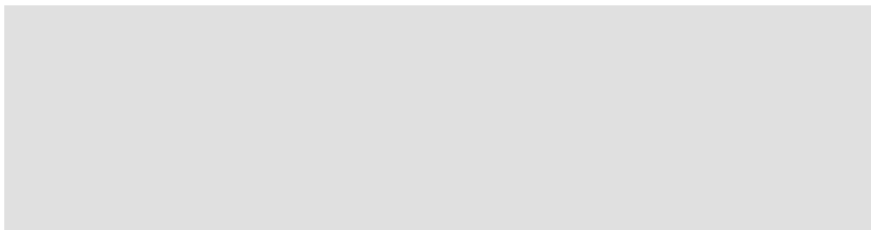
2.4.2 Clause 2.4.1 applies to all clubs, swim schools, sports schools and schools who are participating in the Championships.

2.5 Minimum Time Standards apply for the Championships

- a. Swimmers are eligible to participate in the Championships only if the swimmer's recorded personal best time for the event falls above the Minimum Time Standards for a particular event.
- b. An administrative fee of **RM150.00 per event** will be imposed on any swimmer who returns a time slower than the Minimum Time Standards for that particular event.
- c. A swimmer's time achieved during the Championships may be used towards meeting qualification time standards for team selection for MAS approved competitions.

3.0 ENTRY REGULATIONS

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3.2 Date of age reckoning for each swimmer will be calculated as of 31st December in the year of competition.

3.3 All entries are to be submitted through the Hy-Tek Team Manager software and emailed to 

3.5 Each swimmer participating in a relay event must be registered to participate in at least 1 individual event.

3.4 There is no limit to the number of individual entries per Swimmer. Each participating team is limited to **1 relay entry per relay event**.

3.5 Minimum Time Standards apply for the Championships

- a. **Minimum Time Standard** – The minimum recorded time a swimmer must have achieved for a particular event in order to enter that event.
- b. A swimmer may enter an event only if the swimmer's recorded personal best time for the event is faster than the Minimum Time Standard for a particular event.
- c. An administrative fee of **RM150.00 per event** will be imposed on any swimmer who returns a time slower than the Minimum Time Standard for that particular event.

3.6 All entries must be submitted with a time equivalent or faster than the Minimum Time Standard for that particular event.

Entries submitted with No Time (NT) will automatically be rejected.

Incomplete / incorrect entries will be rejected.

3.7 Maximum Entries Cap

Entries will be capped at a limited number of participants per event per gender.

a. Maximum Entries Cap for the 50m and 100m events

Entries will be capped at **200 participants** for each of the 50m and 100m events per gender.

b. Maximum Entries Cap for the 200m events

Entries will be capped at **200 participants** for each of the 200m events per gender.

c. Maximum Entries Cap for the 400m Freestyle and 400m Ind. Medley events

Entries will be capped at **100 participants** for each of the 400m events per gender.

d. Maximum Entries Cap for the 800m/1500m Freestyle events

Entries will be capped at **50 participants** for the 800m Freestyle and 1500m Freestyle events per gender.

e. Entries will be seeded from fastest to slowest with the fastest participants up to the entry cap for each event contesting the event.

f. Entries seeded lower than the capped number will be placed on a waiting list and informed in the event of any event withdrawals or non-participation.

The number of participants informed shall be dependent on the number of vacant sports due to event withdrawals or non-participation.

For example:

For the 200m Freestyle – No. 201 shall be informed first, followed by no. 202, followed by no. 203 and so forth.

g. Withdrawals are required from participants including those on the waiting list should the participant no longer wish to participate in the event.

3.8 All entries must be submitted by the Entries Closing Date. Late entries will not be entertained.

3.9 No pool side entries or new entries will be accepted after the Entries Closing Date.

3.10 Entries for International Teams must be accompanied and submitted together with a Letter of Clearance/Endorsement from their respective National Federation.

3.11.1 Fees – Local Entries

a. Swimmer National Registration Fee (Annual) – RM50.00 per Swimmer (new) or RM30.00 per Swimmer (renewal)

**not applicable for those already paid for 2025*

b. Entry Fees (Individual Event) – RM15.00 per individual event per Swimmer

c. Entry Fees (Relay Event) – RM60.00 per relay event per Team

3.11.2 Fees – International Entries for Foreign Overseas Teams

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| a. International Swimmer Admin Fee | - USD50.00 per Swimmer per International Team (inclusive of Entry Fees)
OR
USD80.00 per Swimmer per International Team (if not staying in the Official Accommodation) |
| b. Entry Fees (Individual Event) | - NIL |
| d. International Coach/ Team Official/ Support Staff Admin Fee | - USD50.00 per individual and per accreditation pass for entry to the meet and is applicable to all foreign coaches, team managers and support staff from overseas participating teams
OR
USD80.00 per individual per International Team (if not staying in the Official Accommodation) |

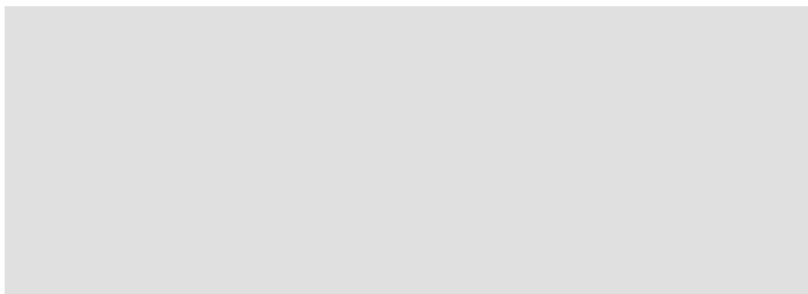
3.12 All entries must be accompanied by FULL PAYMENT of the Registration Fee and/or Entry Fees or the International Swimmer Admin Fees and International Coach Admin Fees and International Team Official/Support Staff Admin Fees, wherever is applicable, by the Payment Deadline.

3.13 Payments received AFTER the Payment Deadline and before the Late Payment Deadline, will incur additional Late Charges as follows:

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| a. Late Charges (Local Entries) | - Double the amount of total entry fees |
| b. Late Charges (International Entries) | - Double the amount of total entry fees |

3.14 Swimmers will not be eligible to participate should full payment not be received by MAS by the Late Payment Deadline.

3.15 All payments are to be made via direct banking or online transfer to:



4.0 WITHDRAWALS

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4.2 Preliminary Entries List (Psych Sheet) shall be sent to all participating teams for review and checking by 16 April 2025.

4.3 Withdrawals MUST be submitted before the Withdrawals Closing Date, and will not be accepted during the Team Manager's Meeting. There will not be any refund of entry fees for the respective swimmer, in the event of withdrawal/s.

4.4 Any withdrawals after the Withdrawals Closing Date or on the day/s of the Championships with or without notification shall be deemed as 'Did Not Show' or 'Did Not Start' (DNS). A **penalty of RM150.00** shall be imposed on any 'DNS' and payment must be made immediately.

4.5 Penalties are to be borne by the respective team concerned. The Organising Committee reserves the right to withdraw any swimmer/team failing to pay the penalty.

4.6 The penalty will be waived if the swimmer produces a valid medical certificate for the relevant day of the event. However, the swimmer will not be permitted to participate in any further events for the day.

4.7 All medical certificates must be produced before the end of the day's session, failing in which the penalty as indicated in Clause 4.4 will be imposed.

4.8 Scratch Procedures for Finals

a. Heat Results Summaries of each event will be posted daily at the Secretariat Room after completion of the associated morning's Heats Session.

b. The **SCRATCH / WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE** for each evening's Finals Session shall be **thirty (30) minutes** after the time established for the completion of the associated morning's Heats Session.

c. Team Managers are required to submit all withdrawals for the evening's Finals sessions **BEFORE** the Scratch / Withdrawal Deadline.

d. **For events with A Finals only** – Swimmers seeded 1-20 in the Heat Results Summary are required to inform of their intention to scratch / withdraw from the respective event.

e. **For events with A / B Finals only** – Swimmers seeded 1-30 in the Heats Results Summary are required to inform of their intention to scratch / withdraw from the respective event.

f. **For events with A / B / C Finals** – Swimmers seeded 1-40 in the Heats Results Summary are required to inform of their intention to scratch / withdraw from the respective event.

- g. Withdrawals not submitted within the Scratch / Withdrawal Deadline shall be deemed as 'Did Not Show' or 'Did Not Start' (DNS) and a **penalty of RM150.00** shall be imposed on any 'DNS' with payment to be made immediately before the swimmer's next event.

5.0 ACCREDITATION

- 5.1** The pool deck at all MAS-sanctioned competitions is strictly reserved for registered participants, coaches, technical officials, essential support staff or other persons approved by the Organising Committee and/or MAS.

- 5.2** Starting from 1 March 2024, coaches who wish to apply for an accreditation pass to be on deck during MAS-sanctioned competitions must be registered with MAS.

5.3 Fees – Local Coaches

- a. Coach National Registration Fee (Annual) – RM100.00 per Coach (new) or RM50.00 per Coach (renewal)

**not applicable for those already paid for 2025*

- 5.4** Team Accreditations for foreign teams (coaches, team manager/s and support staff only) will be issued based on the team size in the Championships as follows:

Number of Swimmers	No. of Coaches Pass	No. of Team Managers Pass
1-5	1	1
6-10	2	1
11-15	3	1
16-20	4	1
21-30	5	1
31-45	6	2
46-60	7	2
61-75	8	3
76 and above	9	3

- 5.5** All Accreditation Cards remain the property of MAS, are NON-TRANSFERABLE, and can be withdrawn, refused or revoked at the discretion of the Organising Committee / MAS.

- 5.6** Accreditation will only be issued to the appropriately qualified and eligible persons who are entitled to participate in or perform an official function at the Championships.

- 5.7** In order to ensure a safe and inclusive training and competition environment, all rules and regulations surrounding accreditation will be respected.
- 5.8** Applying for accreditation under false pretences is seen as a violation of accreditation procedures. Anyone found to be in violation of this will have their accreditation revoked and will be asked to leave the venue immediately.
- 5.9** Requests for additional Accreditation Cards in excess of the quantities tabled above in Clause 6.1 are subject to the discretion and approval of the Organising Committee / MAS and will incur charges of RM30.00 per additional Accreditation Card.

5.10 Lost or Misplaced Accreditation Passes

Replacement passes are available at the following cost:

- a. Coach / Team Manager - RM120.00
- b. Swimmer - RM50.00

6.0 RECORDS and TEAM SELECTION

- 6.1** There will be only one (1) set of results and one (1) set of meet records maintained.
- 6.2** The Championships has been sanctioned by MAS as a Qualifying Meet for the 33rd SEA Games 2025, and any other international competitions as determined by MAS.
- 6.3** Only results from individual events may be used towards meeting Qualifying Time Standards for team selection.

7.0 COMPETITION INFORMATION

- 7.1** The Championships will be conducted in the World Aquatics Long-Course Metres (LCM) format.
- a. Heats will be swum in the morning, whilst the Finals will be swum in the evening for the individual events, except for the 800m Freestyle and 1500m Freestyle.
 - b. The 800m Freestyle and 1500m Freestyle will be swum as Timed Finals, with the slowest heats swum in the morning session, and the fastest heat swum in the evening session.
 - c. The relay events will be swum as Timed Finals in the evening session.
- 7.2** Technical Officials – All Technical Officials shall be appointed by the Malaysia Swimming Federation Swimming Technical Committee.

7.3 Events listed below shall be for both Men and Women

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| a. Freestyle | - 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m |
| b. Backstroke | - 50m, 100m, 200m |
| c. Breaststroke | - 50m, 100m, 200m |
| d. Butterfly | - 50m, 100m, 200m |
| e. Individual Medley | - 200m, 400m |
| f. Freestyle Relays | - 4x100m, 4x200m |
| g. Medley Relays | - 4x100m, 4x100m (mixed) |

7.4 Compulsory Events for Malaysian swimmers

- a. There shall be **NO** compulsory events for Malaysian swimmers.

7.5 Competition Format:

- a. The morning heats shall be flighted only if total participant numbers are 600 swimmers or more. Competitors shall be placed in graduated time order from **Fastest to Slowest**.

7.5.1 If total participants are 600 swimmers or more:

Heats-Flighted (10 Lanes)

- a. The morning Heats will be flighted. Competitors shall be placed in graduated time order from **Fastest to Slowest**.
- b. **Flight A** – Fastest 6 Heats per event will swim first.
For the 50m, 100, 200m events, the fastest three (3) heats shall be cyclically seeded.
For the 400m events, the fastest two (2) heats shall be cyclically seeded.
- c. **Flight B** – The remaining heats of the respective events will swim after Flight A.

7.5.2 If total participants are less than 600 swimmers:

Heats-Non Flighted (10 Lanes)

- a. Competitors shall be placed in graduated time order from **Fastest to Slowest**.
- b. For the 50m, 100, 200m events, the fastest three (3) heats shall be cyclically seeded.
For the 400m events, the fastest two (2) heats shall be cyclically seeded.

7.5.3

Finals (10 Lanes) – 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m events

- a. Finalists shall be allocated lanes based on the spearheaded principle from the results of the Heats.
- b. **A Finals** – The fastest 10 qualifiers (1st-10th place) from the Heats of the individual event will advance to the A Finals with a **limit of the fastest two (2) Foreign Swimmers in the A Finals**.
- c. **B Finals** – The next fastest 10 qualifiers (11th-20th place) from the Heats of the individual event will advance to the B Finals provided more than 23 swimmers compete in the associated heats. There is no limit on the number of Foreign Swimmers in the B Finals.
- d. **C Finals** – The next fastest 10 qualifiers (21st-30th place) from the Heats of the individual event will advance to the C Finals provided more than 33 swimmers compete in the associated heats. There is no limit on the number of Foreign Swimmers in the C Finals.
- e. The C Final shall be swum first followed by the respective B Final then followed by the respective A Final.

7.5.4

800m and 1500m Freestyle

- a. The 800m and 1500m Freestyle shall be swum as Timed Finals, with the slower heats swum in the morning Heats session and the fastest heat swum in the evening Finals session.
- b. A maximum **limit of three (3) Foreign Swimmers** with the fastest seed time shall be permitted to swim in the evening Finals session.

8.0 CERTIFICATES, POINTS and AWARDS

8.1 A “Certificate of Participation” will be awarded to all participants in the Championships.

8.2.1 Medals and Certificates of Merit will be awarded to the Top 3 placing in the individual events.

8.2.2 Certificates of Merit will be awarded to the Top 10 Malaysian swimmers in the individual events.

8.3 Medals and Certificates of Merit will only be awarded to Foreign Swimmers if they are in the Top 3 placing in the individual events.

8.4 Affiliates / Foreign Teams are limited to one (1) relay entry per relay event.

8.5 Medals will be awarded to the Top 3 placed Teams in the relay events.

8.6 Championship Awards:

8.6.1 Most Valuable Swimmer (OPEN)

- a. The Most Valuable Swimmer Awards will be presented to the Top 3 Male and Top 3 Female Malaysian swimmers based on the most outstanding performance at the Championships. Determination will be based on the highest accumulated number of World Aquatic Points, from a maximum of three (3) individual Olympic events at the Championships;
- b. The Most Valuable Swimmer Award – highest accumulated number of World Aquatic Points, from a maximum of three (3) individual Olympic events,
- c. The Most Valuable Swimmer Award 1st Runner Up – second highest accumulated number of World Aquatic Points, from a maximum of three (3) individual Olympic events,
- d. The Most Valuable Swimmer Award 2nd Runner Up – third highest accumulated number of World Aquatic Points, from a maximum of three (3) individual Olympic events.

8.6.2 Most Valuable Swimmer (18&U)

- a. The Most Valuable Swimmer Awards will be presented to the Top 3 Male and Top 3 Female Malaysian swimmers based on the most outstanding performance at the Championships. Determination will be based on the highest accumulated number of World Aquatic Points, from a maximum of three (3) individual Olympic events at the Championships;
- b. The Most Valuable Swimmer Award – highest accumulated number of World Aquatic Points, from a maximum of three (3) individual Olympic events,
- c. The Most Valuable Swimmer Award 1st Runner Up – second highest accumulated number of World Aquatic Points, from a maximum of three (3) individual Olympic events,
- d. The Most Valuable Swimmer Award 2nd Runner Up – third highest accumulated number of World Aquatic Points, from a maximum of three (3) individual Olympic events.

8.7 The Overall MO Champion Trophy will be presented to the Affiliate with the highest number of medals won from both individual and relay events. This will be determined from the number of gold medals, followed by the number of silver medals, and lastly followed by the number of bronze medals.

9.0 WARM-UP and COMPETITION POOL GUIDELINES

- 9.1** The Competition and Warm-Up pools will be available for warm-up one and a half (1.5) hours before the competition commences. The Competition Pool will be closed fifteen (15) minutes before the beginning of each session.
- 9.2** Warm-up lanes assignments and regulations for the Competition Pool are as follows:
- a. Lanes 0, and 9 are Dive Sprint Lanes – strictly for Diving and Sprinting only.
 - b. Lane 1 shall be for pace work and Lanes 2 to 8 are Circle Swimming Lanes for general swimming only.
 - c. There shall be NO DIVING in Lanes 1 to 8. Entry to these lanes is via feet first entry from the sitting position at all times.
 - d. The Dive Sprint Lanes are one-way only – swimmers should clear the lanes immediately and walk back. Swimmers are advised to exercise caution when doing Backstroke starts.
 - e. The use of swim paddles and fins are prohibited during warm-up.
 - f. Swimmers are not allowed to sit or press down on the lane ropes.
 - g. Swimmers are required to exit from the Competition Pool from the sides, and not by climbing over the touch pads.
 - h. Only Swimmers, Coaches and Team Officials will be allowed on the Competition Pool Deck during the warm-up sessions.
 - i. In order to ensure a smooth Swimming Competition Time-Lines Compliance, eliminate unnecessary downtime due to infraction enquiry to the Referee, promote Fair Play during the Swimming Competition, and eliminate Technical Officials duty obstruction, the Pool Deck is strictly out of bounds to ALL, except the Technical Officials on duty, Swimming Competition Management Committee, Appointed Volunteer/s and Appointed Media Coverage Personnel.

10.0 SECRETARIAT GUIDELINES

- 10.1** Details of disqualification / infraction committed by any Swimmer shall be made to the Organising Secretary by the Team Manager. No proxies will be entertained.
- 10.2** In the absence of the Organising Secretary, enquiries relating to disqualifications shall be directed to the Secretariat.
- 10.3** Enquiry of disqualification shall be made within the same day of competition.

- 10.4** The Team Manager shall provide the Swimmer's details, i.e. Event Number, Time Final Number, Lane Assigned, Swimmer's Name and Affiliate/Team Name.
- 10.5** ONLY the Team Manager shall be allowed to access the Secretariat for submission of necessary paperwork and/or disqualification enquiry. NO swimmers, parents/guardians or proxies will be allowed.

11.0 PROTESTS

- 11.1** Protests are possible:
- a. If the Rules and Regulations for the conduct of the Competition are not observed,
 - b. If other conditions endanger the Competition and/or Competitors, or
 - c. Against the decisions of the Referee; however no protest shall be allowed against decisions of fact.
- 11.2** All protests shall be considered by the Meet Referee.
- 11.3** If conditions causing a potential protest are noted prior to the Competition, a protest must be lodged before the signal to start the race is given.
- 11.4** Protests must be submitted in accordance with the following:
- a. In writing, with the supporting facts,
 - b. With a deposit of RM400.00,
 - c. Submitted to the Meet Referee by the Team Manager. No proxies will be entertained,
 - d. Submitted within thirty (30) minutes following the conclusion of the respective event.
- 11.5** If the Meet Referee rejects the protest, he/she must state the reasons for his/her decision. The Team Manager may then appeal the rejection to the Jury of Appeal, whose decision shall be final.
- 11.6** If the protest is not upheld, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Organising Committee of the Championships. If the protest is upheld, the deposit shall be returned.

12.0 JURY OF APPEAL

- 12.1** The Chairman of the Jury of Appeal shall be appointed by the Organising Committee / MAS.
- 12.2** A maximum of six (6) and a minimum of four (4) other members of the Jury of Appeal shall comprise of the following:
- a. A maximum of five (5) and a minimum of three (3) representatives from amongst the participating Affiliate Teams not involved in the dispute. The Chairman of the Jury of Appeal shall appoint the representatives.

13.0 DOPING CONTROL

- 13.1** Urine samples will be collected during the Championships for the purpose of doping controls, which will be conducted in accordance with the World Aquatics Doping Control Rules and the World Anti-Doping International Standards found at this link:
<https://www.wada-ama.org/en/what-we-do/international-standards>
- 13.2** The list of prohibited substances can be found in this link:
<https://www.wada-ama.org/en/prohibited-list>
- 13.3** All athletes are strictly responsible for any prohibited substance found in their sample. It is particularly important for athletes to check any medication they take against the prohibited list.
- 13.4** Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUE) Forms must be filled up, should any athlete feel the need to declare the use of any of the prohibited substances listed in the updated Prohibited Lists in the link above.