

# Open Water

## Show what you're made of

The "IRON SWIM" organizing committee invites all professional and amateur swimmers, triathletes, and athletes from across Mexico to the third "Open Water" event, a test of endurance, strength, and effort.

With the recognition and endorsement of the Nayarit Open Water Association, in coordination with the 12th Bahía de Banderas City Council, the Bahía de Banderas Sports Directorate, and the support of the Bahía de Banderas, Nayarit, Tourism Secretariat.

To be held on:

**November 1 and 2, 2025, in Bucerías, Bahía de Banderas, Nayarit, Mexico.**

The event consists of two stages (two days): a 10km and an 8km swim.

### STAGE 1:

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

There will be a 7km (10km) and a 5km swim. (8 km); and a 5 km half IRON SWIM.

Start: La Manzanilla Beach (Cruz de Huanacastle, Nayarit).

Finish: Bucerías Beach.

### CATEGORIES

CATEGORY	AGE	GENDER	DISTANCE
JUVENIL JA	15 to 19 years	Male and Female	5 and 7 Km
JUVENIL JN	15 to 19 years	Male and Female	1 Km
MASTER A	20 to 24 years	Male and Female	5 and 7 Km
MASTER B	25 to 29 years	Male and Female	5 and 7 Km
MASTER C	30 to 34 years	Male and Female	5 and 7 Km
MASTER D	35 to 39 years	Male and Female	5 and 7 Km
MASTER E	40 to 44 years	Male and Female	5 and 7 Km
MASTER F	45 to 49 years	Male and Female	5 and 7 Km
MASTER G	50 to 54 years	Male and Female	5 and 7 Km
MASTER H	55 to 59 years	Male and Female	5 and 7 Km
MASTER I	60 to 64 years	Male and Female	5 and 7 Km
MASTER J	65 to 69 years	Male and Female	5 and 7 Km
MASTER K	70 or more	Male and Female	5 and 7 Km
MASTER L	20 to 29 years	Male and Female	1Km

MASTER M	30 to 39 years	Male and Female	1Km
MASTER N	40 to 49 years	Male and Female	1Km
MASTER O	50 to 59 years	Male and Female	1Km
MASTER P	60 or more	Male and Female	1Km
INFANTIL IA	8 years or less	Male and Female	500m
INFANTIL IB	9 to 10 years	Male and Female	500m
INFANTIL IC	11 to 12 years	Male and Female	1Km
INFANTIL ID	13 to 14 years	Male and Female	1Km

If there are no more than 3 swimmers registered in a category, they will be relegated to the next lower category.

**Note:** Age will be determined for the master categories by December 31, 2025.

#### **SCHEDULE AND TIMETABLE:**

##### **Youth and Masters**

Timetable for competitors in the 7km and 5km, and the Half IRON SWIM 5km, will be at "La Manzanilla" beach (La Cruz de Huanacastle, Nayarit).

Timetable: 6:30 am.

Final instructions from the organizing committee: 7:20 am.

First start for the competition: 7:30 a.m.

There will be starting waves every 5 minutes.

The men's division will begin.

**Note:** Time limit: 2:30 a.m. for the 5km race, and 3:00 a.m. for the 7km race.

##### **Infant and Novice (Saturday, November 1).**

The 500m and 1km swim will be held.

Start: Bucerías Beach. Finish: Bucerías Beach.

**Note:** For the children and youth categories, the age will be determined on the day of the event.

#### **TIME AND MARKING:**

Children and Novice

Marking for the children and novice categories will be at Bucerías Beach.

Marking Time: 9:00 a.m.

Final instructions from the organizing committee: 9:45 a.m.

Competition Start: Novices 1km. 10:00 a.m.

Competition Start: Children's 1km. 10:05 a.m.

Competition Start: Children's 500m. 10:10 a.m.

**NOTE: THE CHIP MUST BE PLACED ON THE WRIST.**

Each swimmer will be marked with the number assigned on their registration card. In case of any anomalies, there will be personnel from the organizing committee in charge of supervising. Swimmers may mark themselves, as long as they follow the instructions in the guide that will be given to them in their competitor pack.

**STAGE 2:**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2.**

A 3km circuit swim will be held in the IRON SWIM, Youth, and Masters categories. Accumulating the distances covered the previous day (7km and 5km) to complete the 10km and 8km respectively, thus completing the IRON SWIM.

Start: Bucerías Beach.

Finish: Bucerías Beach.

**SCHEDULE AND MARKING:**

Competitor Time-In: 6:30 am.

Final instructions from the organizing committee: 7:15 am.

Competition Start: 7:30 am.

**AWARDS:**

For the IRON SWIM, Junior, and Master categories, the event will be held on Sunday, November 2nd, at the end of the competition. The awards ceremony will be given to the top three finishers in each category and branch who complete the 10km and 8km swims (adding the times of the two distances swum). The top 3 finishers in each category and branch who complete the 5km (half IRON) will receive awards.

For the Novice, Junior, Children, and Medium Master categories, the event will be held on Sunday, November 2nd, at the end of the competition. awarding the first 3 places in each category and rama.

All competitors who complete their swim distance will be awarded a participation medal.

**PRE-SURVEY MEETING:**

There will be no in-person pre-swimming meeting. However, a printed guide will be provided inside the competitor packet, detailing the rules to be followed by the organizing committee. An informational video will also be posted online with all the details, including

how to mark the assigned number if you do so in person, and covering the instructions requested by the event judges. Any questions will be answered via WhatsApp messages from the official event number, or in person on the day of the packet pick-up.

**REGISTRATION AND PACKET DELIVERY:**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31.**

The registration table will be located on the main beach in Bucerías, half a block from the main plaza. Hours: 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

All competitors must register to verify their registration, number, and electronic chip (which they must return at the end of their first-day competition and pick up a new one on the second day of competition).

Once registered for IRON SWIM 2025, swimmers will receive a competition kit containing: a commemorative T-shirt, backpack, electronic chip, and official competition cap (essential for the participation and safety of each participant).

It is necessary to complete the waiver form and bring it on the day of the package pick-up. Without it, you will not be able to pick up your competitor kit.

Groups of no more than 10 people will be accommodated.

For teams, one representative per team will be provided.

**REGISTRATION:**

Capacity is limited to 300 competitors.

**COST:**

\$1,600.00 IRON SWIM 10km and 8km.

\$1,100.00 IRON 5km half-course.

\$750.00 Children's 1000m and 500m.

\$750.00 Beginners 1km.

REGISTRATION CLOSING OCTOBER 31, 2025.

**REGISTRATION:**

**Option 1.-**

Deposit or transfer to BBVA account: 159 086 0596; account code 012 320 015908605969 in the name of José Pilar Plascencia Castaneda. Send payment confirmation to WhatsApp: 33-102-47-257 and we will send you your registration code so you can register on the IRONSWIM Buceria event page [www.tim3.com.mx](http://www.tim3.com.mx).

**Option 2.-**

You can register through the Tim3 platform at the following link: [www.tim3.com.mx](http://www.tim3.com.mx) IRONSWIM Bucerías event, charged to PayPal, credit card, Visa, MasterCard, and American Express with a 10% commission.

**Option 3.-**

Contact Jorge Antonio Cesar Ramírez (organizer and judge) at 3342068921. You can also find him on Facebook under the name Jorge Cesar.

Note: The IRONSWIM team can pick up your registrations at your address in Guadalajara, Jalisco, if there are 6 or more registered participants.

REGISTRATION CLOSES OCTOBER 31, 2025, AT 8:00 PM.

**REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:**

- a) Be physically fit for the competition.
- b) Have paid the recovery (registration) fee.
- c) Fill out the registration form with accurate information.
- d) Present your registration receipt on the day of package delivery.
- e) Present official identification or proof of age on the day of package delivery.
- f) Sign a release form, releasing the organizing committee from any liability.
- g) Participants may participate representing their Club, Association, Company, State, Municipality, or Country.
- h) Once a number has been purchased, it may not be exchanged, transferred, and/or resold under any circumstances by competitors. Such actions are strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification from this event.

Competitors may register freely, but are always at their own risk.

Transportation and lodging are the competitor's responsibility.

**ACCOMMODATION:**

Accommodation recommendation from the organizing committee and one of our event sponsors, COSTA BUCERÍAS, offices at: Francisco I. Madero # 29, Zona Dorada; Bucería, Bahía de Banderas, Nayarit, Mexico; Lic. Mauricio Meyer, Tel: +523222002620 or Email: mauricio@costabucerias.com

**JUDGES AND TIMING:**

Judges will be appointed by the organizing committee and approved by the current ANN (National Association of Nationalities of the Region). Their decisions will be final. Electronic timing with a chip will be used.

**CHIP:**

A returnable chip will be used to record individual competition times. Chip registration will be provided at the start and finish line (at the end of your race, you must return your chip to the timing tent; otherwise, the cost of the chip will be charged).

**RULES:**

The current AQUA Open Water competition requires that only World Aquatics-approved swimsuits (shoulder-length, backless, zipperless, and non-plastic fibers) be worn.

No pace-keeping devices (watches, heart rate monitors) or electronic devices may be used.

**SPECIALS:**

The event will be held with the full and unconditional support of the specialized event body. Open water, judges, and lifeguards, with the participation of the Navy, Civil Protection, and the Mexican Red Cross of Banderas Bay.

Private recovery area with medical and hydration personnel.

The organizing committee reserves the right to cancel the event at any time if weather conditions are unsuitable and/or any circumstance puts swimmers at risk. It may also be canceled by the corresponding authority due to health restrictions.

**PROTESTS:**

Protests must be in writing and include a deposit of \$50 USD or its equivalent in local currency, as quoted on the day of the event. This amount will be refunded if the protest is successful. Protests regarding errors in published times must be submitted within thirty (30) minutes after the results are published. If submitted after this time, they will not be processed.

**TRANSITORY PROCEDURES:**

Cases not covered in this Notice will be resolved by the IRONSWIM Organizing Committee, and its decisions will be final.

KINDLY NOTE.

IRONSWIM

Guadalajara, Jalisco, March 21, 2025.

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