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PANAM AQUATICS

OPEN WATER SWIMMING SERIES STOP 2

SALINAS, ECUADOR





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FROM MAY 11TH TO MAY 16TH





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1. MESSAGE FROM THE FENA PRESIDENT



Twenty years have passed since Ecuador last hosted a continental open water swimming competition.

Today, the sea of Salinas calls to us once again.

It does so not merely as the setting for a race, but as a place that demands respect for this discipline, for our rivals, and for the endurance required to face fatigue and to discover who we truly are when there are no walls, no lane lines, and no excuses left to hide behind.

As an athlete who loves open water swimming, I know that every stroke in the sea is a conversation with oneself. Here, we do not compete only against other swimmers; we compete against fear, against the waves, against doubt... and ultimately, against our own limits.

Today, I have the honor of leading this event as President of the Ecuadorian Swimming Federation, and I do so with the same passion as someone who once entered the water with a heart full of hope. This Panamerican Cup and XX Pacific Open Water Cup – Salinas is not merely a competition: it is a reunion with history, an opportunity to place Ecuador once again on the continental map, and a chance to inspire new generations of swimmers.

We invite our brotherly Nations, their athletes, coaches and delegations to be part of this moment. The Ecuadorian sea awaits you with respect, challenge and greatness.

We will meet in the water.
Where we are all equal.

Where the true essence of the swimmer truly begins.

Santiago Enderica Salgado

President of the Ecuadorian Swimming Federation 2025 – 2029



2. IMPORTANT INFORMATION



2.1 DATE OF THE EVENT

From may 11 to may 16.



2.2 CITY

Salinas / Santa Elena / Ecuador



2.3 UBICATION

Navy pier, in front of the Harbour Master's Office,
Salinas Malecón, in San Lorenzo Beach.



2.4 TECHNICAL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, may 12, 2026
Time: 19H00 GMT-5 (Perú, Colombia)
Venue: Blue Bay Hotel, Lobby



2.5 REGULATIONS

World aquatics and FENA regulations governing the conduct of
the events to be contested.

3. OFFICIAL INVITATION / CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

The Ecuadorian Swimming Federation, in its capacity as host of the Pan American Cup – Second Stop and the 20th Edition of the Pacific Open Water Cup 2026, invites all countries and clubs of the continent to participate in this championship under the following conditions:

3.1 REGULATIONS

All provisions set forth in the current World Aquatics and FENA regulations shall apply to the events. It should be noted that any national team or club wishing to participate must have the official endorsement of its respective national federation.

3.2 PANAMERICAN CUP EVENTS

5 km (five kilometres) for the 14–15 years, 16–17 years, 18–19 years and 20 years and over categories, the latter designated as open.

10 km (ten kilometres) for the 16–17 years, 18–19 years and 20 years and over categories, the latter designated as open.

3.2.1 XX PACIFIC CUP – CLUB EVENTS

- 3 km (three kilometres) for the 12–13 years, 14–15 years, 16–17 years, 18–19 years and 20 years and over categories, the latter designated as open.
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- 5 km (five kilometres) for the 12–13 years, 14–15 years, 16–17 years, 18–19 years and 20 years and over categories, the latter designated as open.
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- 10 km (ten kilometres) for the 16–17 years, 18–19 years and 20 years and over categories, the latter designated as open.
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- Mixed relays 4 × 750 m, with 2 participants (1 female and 1 male) in each of the following categories: 12–13 years, 14–15 years, 16–17 years, 18–19 years and 20 years and over, designated as open.
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- Masters Festival 1.5 km, for athletes aged 25 years and over. Swimmers who compete in the 3 km Pacific Cup and are over 25 years of age may not compete in the Masters Festival, and vice versa.

3. OFFICIAL INVITATION / CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

• 3.2.2 XX PACIFIC CUP – NATIONS EVENTS

- 3 km (three kilometres), absolute category.
- 5 km (five kilometres), absolute category.
- 10 km (ten kilometres), absolute category.

3.3 CONDITIONS

The Open Water events of the Panamerican Cup and the XX Pacific Cup 2026 will be held on a clearly marked and delimited course in the city of Salinas–Santa Elena, Ecuador. The average water temperature is expected to range between 23 and 27 degrees Celsius.

3.4 REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Preliminary registrations shall be submitted by March 30, and final registrations shall be accepted until April 30 of the current year. All registrations must be completed through the official platform, for which each country and club will be provided with a username and password.

We wish to inform that three events will be held simultaneously: the second stop of the Panamerican Open Water Cup, the XX Pacific Cup of Nations, and the Pacific Cup for Clubs.

It is important to note that, in order to participate in the Pacific Cup for Clubs, participants must specify their club at the time of registration on the platform. No additional costs will apply. All other competitors will participate representing only their respective countries. For this purpose, all three events will be enabled on the official registration platform.

LINKS

[LICENSING PORTAL](#)[REGISTRATION PORTAL](#)[REGISTER ATHLETE](#)

TUTORIALS

[ADD ATHLETE](#)[AFFILIATE ATHLETE](#)

3.5 TECHNICAL MEETING

The Technical Meetings will be held in person, in accordance with the details set out in the schedule below.

4. COMPETITION SCHEDULE

MAY 2026

MON MAY 11TH	TUE MAY 12TH	WED MAY 13TH	THU MAY 14TH	FRI MAY 15TH	SAT MAY 16TH
Arrival of the delegations	Technical Meeting 3Km, 5Km y 10Km males and females 19h00	5Km males and females Technical Meeting 4x750m relay 19h00	4x750m relay	10Km males and females Technical Meeting 1.5 Km males and females Festival 19h00	3Km males and females 1.5Km Festival Closing of the event Departure of the delegations

The events will be held in the morning. Registered competitors must report to the control desk in accordance with the schedule indicated on pages 19 and 20, in order to receive and place their race numbers. Each country and club may enter an unlimited number of swimmers in each event, by category and gender; however, only the first two finishers in each category will score points.

5. ATHLETES AND ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

Each federation and club may enter an unlimited number of competitors in the following categories:

5.1 PANAMERICAN CUP CATEGORIES

- 14–15 category: (athletes born in 2012–2011)
- 16–17 category: (athletes born in 2010 and 2009)
- 18–19 category: (athletes born in 2008 and 2007)
- 20 years and over category: athletes born in 2006 and earlier.

5.2 XX PACIFIC CUP – NATIONS CATEGORIES

- Absolute category: athletes born in 2012 and earlier.

5.3 XX PACIFIC CUP – CLUBS CATEGORIES

- 12–13 category: (athletes born in 2014–2013)
- 14–15 category: (athletes born in 2012 and 2011)
- 16–17 category: (athletes born in 2010 and 2009)
- 18–19 category: (athletes born in 2008 and 2007)
- 20 years and over category: athletes born in 2006 and earlier.

5.4 XX PACIFIC CUP – CLUBS 1.5 KM FESTIVAL

- Masters category: 25 years and over.

Judges: The number of foreign judges permitted shall be as authorised by each country.

Officials: The number of foreign officials permitted shall be as authorised by each country.

6. SCORING AND AWARDS

6.1 PANAMERICAN CUP – NATIONS

The Panamerican Cup champion shall be determined based on the 5 km and 10 km events in each category and gender, according to the number of gold medals obtained. In the event of a tie, priority shall be given to the overall results of the women's and men's 10 km events. Only the two highest-placed athletes from each country shall contribute medals to the final standings.

6.1.1 PANAMERICAN CUP – ATHLETES' AWARDS

Swimmers placing individually in the first three positions in the events contested shall be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals, respectively.

6.1.2 PANAMERICAN CUP – NATIONS' AWARDS

The titles of champion, runner-up and third place of the Panamerican Cup shall be contested.

6.2 XX PACIFIC CUP – NATIONS

The Pacific Cup medal table shall be determined based on the 3 km, 5 km and 10 km events in each category and gender, as well as the 4 × 750 m relays, according to the number of gold medals obtained. In the event of a tie, silver medals and, if necessary, bronze medals shall be taken into account. Only the two highest-placed athletes from each country shall contribute medals to the final standings.

6.2.1 XX PACIFIC CUP – NATIONS ATHLETE'S AWARDS

Swimmers placing individually in the first four positions in the events contested shall receive medals. First and second place shall be awarded gold and silver medals, respectively. Third and fourth place shall both receive bronze medals.

6.2.2 XX PACIFIC CUP – NATION'S AWARDS

The titles of champion, runner-up and third place of the Pacific Cup shall be contested.

6. SCORING AND AWARDS

6.3 XX PACIFIC CUP – CLUBS

The points to be awarded according to the position obtained by the participating clubs in each event, by category and gender, shall be as follows:

Place	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH	5 TH	6 TH	7 TH	8 TH	9 TH	10 TH	11 TH	12 TH	13 TH	14 TH	15 TH	16 TH
Individual	40	32	26	22	18	14	12	10	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Relays	60	52	44	36	28	20	12	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The points to be awarded according to the position obtained by the participating clubs in each event, by category and gender. Only the two highest-placed competitors from each country shall score points.

6.3.1 XX PACIFIC CUP – CLUBS ATHLETES' AWARDS

Swimmers placing individually in the first three positions in the events contested shall be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals, respectively.

6.3.2 XX PACIFIC CUP – CLUBS AWARDS

The titles of champion, runner-up and third place of the Pacific Cup shall be contested.

In accordance with the national regulations in force, the 12–13 years category shall not be eligible for scoring.

7. ATTENDANCE LIMITATIONS

In accordance with the guidelines established by the Honorable Municipality of Salinas and the Santa Elena Governor's Office, and in coordination with the Department of Risk Management and Cooperation, together with the Salinas Harbour Master's Office, spectators will be permitted. However, only duly accredited swimmers, four officials and two judges per country shall be allowed access to the competition area. In the event that a country brings its own physiotherapist and/or doctor, such person must be registered as one of the officials.

8. PAYMENT

The fee for each individual event is USD 30.00, and the fee for each relay event is USD 50.00 (per team). These amounts must be transferred to the following bank account:

Country Code:	593
Account Holder:	FEDERACIÓN ECUATORIANA DE NATACIÓN
Country/City:	Ecuador / Guayaquil
Holder's Address:	Av. De las Américas, edificio Comité Olímpico Ecuatoriano
Bank Name:	Banco Guayaquil
Bank Address:	Pichincha 107 Y P. Icaza Guayaquil-Ecuador
SWIFT Code (BIC):	GUAYECEG
Checking Account Number:	2541726
Name:	SANTIAGO ENDERICA SALGADO
Position:	PRESIDENT
Email:	secretaria@fena-ecuador.org - financiero@fena-ecuador.org

Cash payments will be accepted upon arrival at the hotel.

9. APPEALS JURY

An Appeals Jury shall be appointed, composed of the President of FENA or his/her delegate, the President of the FENA Technical Commission, and one duly accredited representative of the participating countries, elected by the Board of Representatives.

10. COMPLAINTS AND CLAIMS

The relevant FENA regulations shall apply. Any protest must be submitted in writing no later than thirty minutes after the occurrence of the incident. Such protest must be accompanied by a fee of two hundred US dollars (USD 200). Only duly accredited country delegates are authorised to submit protests.

11. DRESS CODE

DRESS CODE FOR THE PANVAMERICAN CUP AND XX PACIFIC OPEN WATER CUP

NATIONS AWARD CEREMONIES:

National team uniform: participants must wear the complete uniform of their national team. Flags, additional accessories, and garments that expose the shoulders or knees will not be permitted.

CLUBS AWARD CEREMONIES:

Club uniform: participants must wear the complete uniform of their club. As in the nations events, flags and additional accessories will not be permitted, and garments must cover the shoulders and knees.

11. ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

Participating delegations will be accommodated in hotels of no less than three-star quality. Each delegation shall be responsible for paying, in United States dollars, a daily per-person rate for each member of its delegation.

These rates include: airport–hotel–airport transportation, hotel–competition venue–hotel transportation, three buffet-style meals per day, and the use of the jacuzzi, recreational swimming pool and games rooms.

OPTION 1 - BLUE BAY HOTEL ★★★★★

USD 95.00 triple and quadruple room (per person) -

USD 108.00 double room (per person)

USD 120.00 single room

Maximum capacity: 160 persons

OPTION 2 - COLON SALINAS HOTEL ★★★★★

USD 110.00 triple and quadruple room (per person)

USD 120.00 double room (per person)

USD 140.00 single room

Maximum capacity: 180 persons

EARLY CHECK-IN AND LATE CHECK-OUT POLICIES

Room schedules and applicable charges:

SCHEDULES:

Check-in before 14:00 hrs.

Check-out between 12:00 and 18:00 hrs.

Check-out after 18:00 hrs.

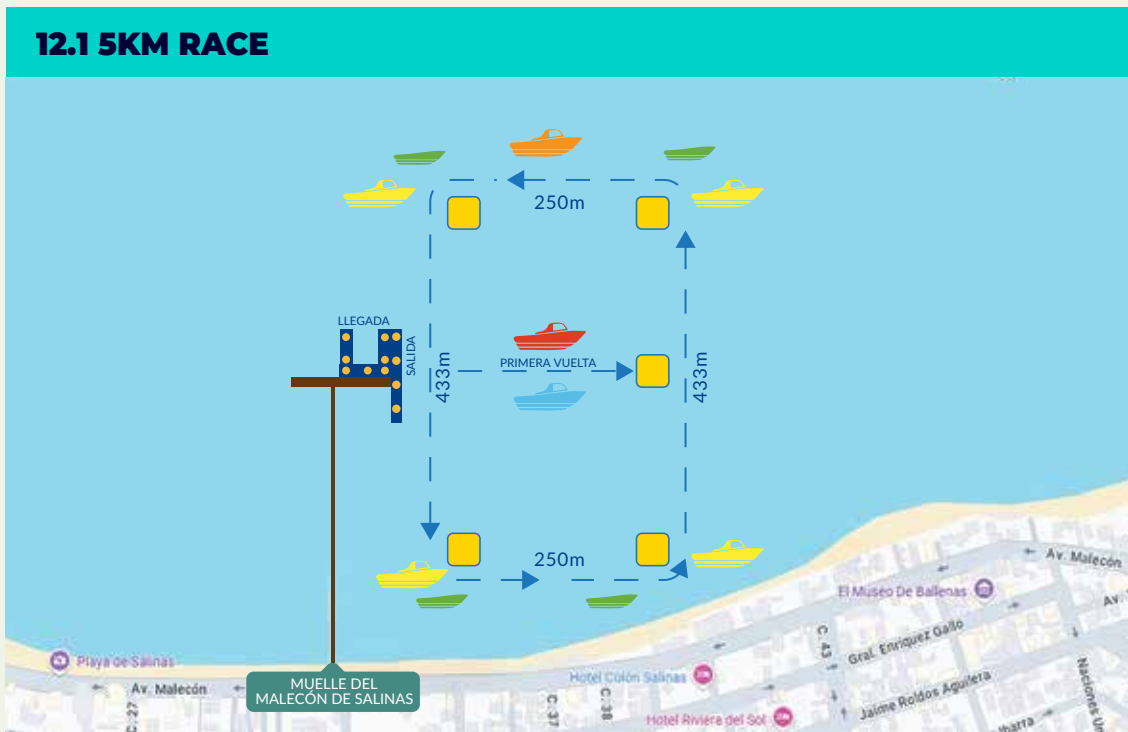
APPLICABLE CHARGES:

100% of the room rate will be charged.

50% of the room rate will be charged.

100% of the room rate will be charged.

12. COMPETITION COURSE 5KM



5KM COURSE



ROUTE

1 lap of 902m
3 laps of 1366m



DATE

Wednesday, May 13th



Referee's boats



Medical boat



Naval boat



Safety boat



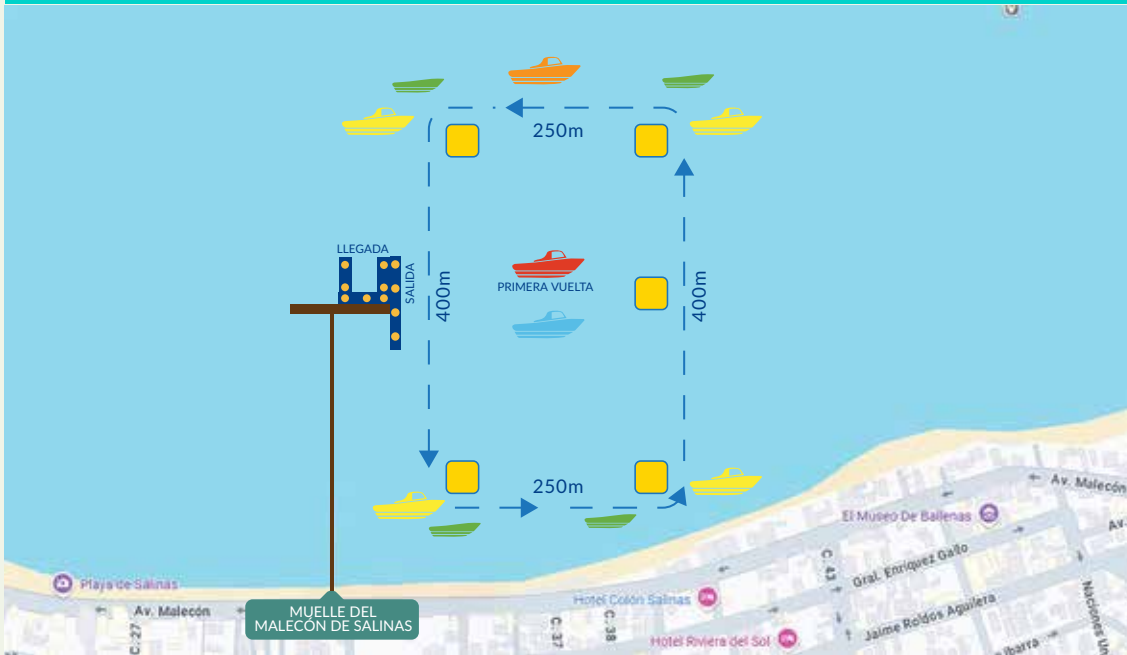
Waterbike with turn judge
and lifeguard



Mandatory turn buoys

COMPETITION COURSE 10KM

12.3 10KM RACE



10KM COURSE



ROUTE

1 vuelta de 900m y
7 vueltas de 1300m



DATE

Friday, May 15th



Referee's boats



Medical boat



Naval boat



Safety boat



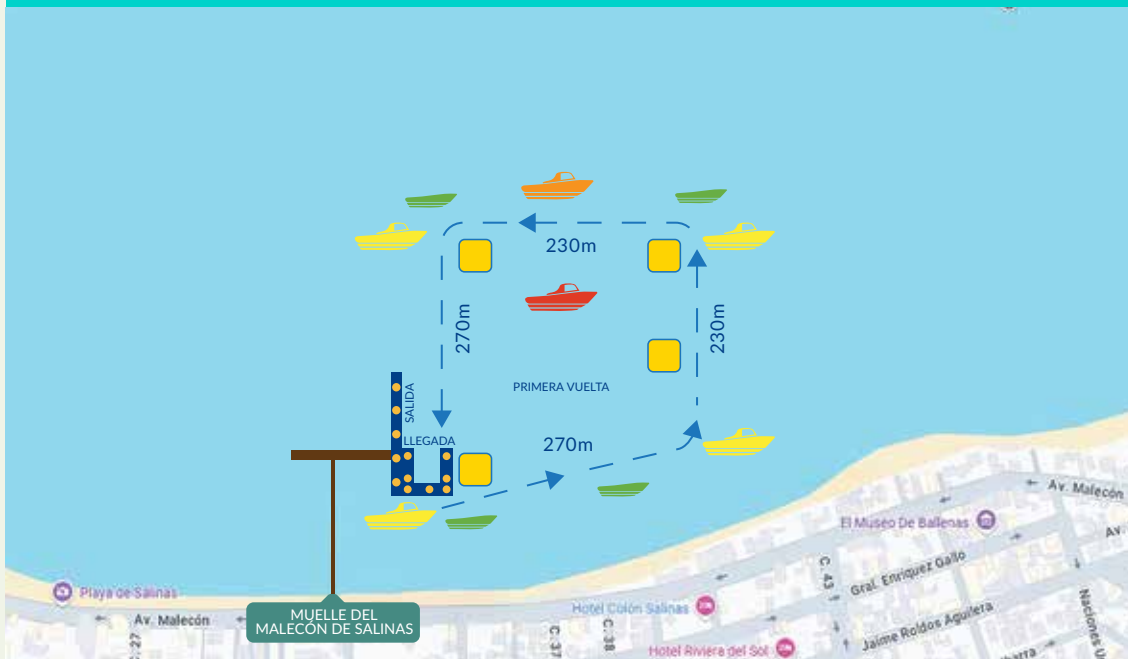
Waterbike with turn judge
and lifeguard



Mandatory turn buoys

COMPETITION COURSE 3KM / 1.5KM

12.4 3KM RACE AND 1.5KM MASTER FESTIVAL



3KM RACE AND 1.5KM MASTER FESTIVAL COURSE



ROUTE

4 vueltas 750m



DATE

Saturday, May 16th



Referee's boats



Medical boat



Naval boat



Safety boat



Waterbike with turn judge
and lifeguard



Mandatory turn buoys

13. COMPETITION PROGRAMME

5 KM MALES AND FEMALES - WEDNESDAY, MAY 13TH

06h00	ARRIVAL OF OFFICIALS ARRIVAL OF ATHLETES / WARM-UP MEDICAL CHECK (BOTH EVENTS) MARKING, CAP AND NAIL CHECK
07h30	DISTRIBUTION OF JUDGES TO BOATS END OF MARKING AND CHECKING
07h45	FINAL CALL BY THE REFEREE - 5 KM MEN
08h00	5 KM MEN - START
09h15	ARRIVAL OF MALE ATHLETES AT THE FINISH (APPROX.)
09h45	FINAL CALL BY THE REFEREE - 5 KM WOMEN
10h00	5 KM WOMEN - START
11h15	ARRIVAL OF FEMALE ATHLETES AT THE FINISH (APPROX.)
11h30	END OF COMPETITIONS
14h30	PACIFIC CUP CLUBS AND NATIONS AWARDS CEREMONY
18h30	PANAMERICAN CUP AWARDS CEREMONY

RELAYS 4X750M - THURSDAY, MAY 14TH

06h30	ARRIVAL OF OFFICIALS ARRIVAL OF ATHLETES / WARM-UP MEDICAL CHECK (BOTH EVENTS) MARKING, CAP AND NAIL CHECK
08h00	END OF MARKING AND CHECKING
08h30	DISTRIBUTION OF JUDGES TO BOATS
08h45	FINAL CALL BY THE REFEREE RELAYS
09h00	4X750M START
10h00	ARRIVAL OF RELAYS ATHLETES AT THE FINISH (APPROX.)
10h45	END OF COMPETITIONS
12h00	PACIFIC CUP CLUBS AND NATIONS AWARDS CEREMONY

COMPETITION PROGRAMME

10 KM MALES AND FEMALES - FRIDAY, MAY 15TH

06h00	ARRIVAL OF OFFICIALS ARRIVAL OF ATHLETES / WARM-UP MEDICAL CHECK (BOTH EVENTS) MARKING, CAP AND NAIL CHECK
07h00	DISTRIBUTION OF JUDGES TO BOATS END OF MARKING AND CHECKING
07h15	FINAL CALL BY THE REFEREE - 5 KM MEN
07h30	10 KM MEN - START
09h45	ARRIVAL OF MALE ATHLETES AT THE FINISH (APPROX.)
10h15	FINAL CALL BY THE REFEREE - 5 KM WOMEN
10h30	10 KM WOMEN - START
12h45	ARRIVAL OF FEMALE ATHLETES AT THE FINISH (APPROX.)
13h00	END OF COMPETITIONS
14h30	PACIFIC CUP CLUBS AND NATIONS AWARDS CEREMONY
18h30	PANAMERICAN CUP AWARDS CEREMONY

3 KM MALES, FEMALES AND 1.5 KM MASTER FESTIVAL- SATURDAY, MAY 16TH

06h00	ARRIVAL OF OFFICIALS MEDICAL CHECK MARKING, CAP AND NAIL CHECK
07h30	DISTRIBUTION OF JUDGES TO BOATS FINAL CALL BY THE REFEREE - MEN
08h00	3KM KM MEN - START
9h00	ARRIVAL OF MALE ATHLETES AT THE FINISH (APPROX.) FINAL CALL BY THE REFEREE - WOMEN
9h15	3KM WOMEN - START
10h15	ARRIVAL OF FEMALE ATHLETES AT THE FINISH (APPROX.)
10h30	ARRIVAL OF ATHLETES AT THE FINISH (APPROX.)
11h00	1.5KM MALES AND FEMALES FESTIVAL
12h00	ARRIVAL OF ATHLETES AT THE FINISH (APPROX.)
14h00	AWARD CEREMONY 3KM
15h00	AWARD CEREMONY 1.5 KM FESTIVAL



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