



X ALGARVE INTERNATIONAL MEETING

1. **DATE** 08-09-10th November 2024
2. **VENUE** Albufeira City Council Swimming Pool Complex (8-lane 25m racing pool / Myrtha Track Start Absolute starting blocks / Constantly available 4-lane 17m swim down pool / Electronic timing and 8-lane video display screen
3. **OFFICIALS** Members of the Regional Swimming Officials Council and National Swimming Officials Council.

Open-age event: Boys born in 2012 and older / Girls born in 2013 and older

4. MEET CONDITIONS

- 4.1 The competition will be run on an **Open-Age format** and will be held over five sessions: Friday (afternoon) + Saturday (morning + afternoon) + Sunday (morning + afternoon).
- 4.2 The events will be held in a (single) timed final format (800 and 1500m), a two-heat timed final = a “slow heat” + a “fast heat” (400m EST and 400m LIV), and heats + finals (50, 100 and 200m).
- 4.3. In the 2nd and 3rd days (Saturday and Sunday), the morning sessions will be held in 2 rounds: in the 1st round, the 3 fastest heats of the 50, 100 and 200m heats will be held + the “slow heats” of the 400m events; in the 2nd round, the remaining (slower) heats of the 50, 100m and 200m heats will be held.
- 4.4. There will be “B” and “A” finals for each 50, 100 and 200m event, the “B” finals being swum before the “A” Finals of each event.
- 4.5. The swimmers ranked in the top eight places in the heats of each event shall advance to the “A” finals, with the 9th and 10th placed swimmers being reserves. The swimmers ranked between 9th and 16th in the heats of each event will have access to the “B” finals, with the 17th and 18th placed swimmers being reserves. In both cases, the reserves must report to the Call Room before the event, in case a last-minute *force majeure* prevents one of the finalists from swimming.
- 4.6. **Scratches from events (cancellation of entries) must be communicated to the organization by midnight on 02-11-2024.** Failure to do so will result in the imposition of a fine to the club/team in the amount of **€30 per scratch**. Scratches from finals must be declared to the organization, using the appropriate form, within **30 minutes** after the conclusion of the respective heats. All absences from finals that are not communicated to the organization within the aforementioned deadline will be subject to the imposition of a fine of **€60** to the club/team of the swimmer in question.



4.7. Timetable for Warm-ups and Competition:

Date	Day	Sessions	Warm-up start (25m pool)	End of Warm-up (25m pool)	Competition begins
08 th November	1	Single session	14:00	15:15	15:30
9 th November	2	1 st session	1st round: 08:00	08:45	09:00
			2nd round: 11:00	11:45	12:00
		2 nd session - Finals	14:30	15:45	16:00
10 th November	3	1 st session	1st round: 08:00	08:45	09:00
			2nd round: 11:00	11:45	12:00
		2 nd session - Finals	14:30	15:45	16:00

5. PROGRAM

09-11-2024 Morning session				10-11-2024 Morning session			
50m Backstroke	M	Heats		200m Butterfly	M	Heats	
50m Backstroke	F	Heats		200m Butterfly	F	Heats	
400m Freestyle	M	Slow heat		50m Freestyle	M	Heats	
400m Freestyle	F	Slow heat		50m Freestyle	F	Heats	
200m Breaststroke	M	Heats		200m Medley	M	Heats	
200m Breaststroke	F	Heats		200m Medley	F	Heats	
10' Break				10' Break			
100m Butterfly	M	Heats		100m Breaststroke	M	Heats	
100m Butterfly	F	Heats		100m Breaststroke	F	Heats	
400m Medley	M	Slow heat		200m Freestyle	M	Heats	
400m Medley	F	Slow heat		200m Freestyle	F	Heats	
200m Backstroke	M	Heats					
200m Backstroke	F	Heats					

08-11-2024 Afternoon session			09-11-2024 Afternoon session				10-11-2024 Afternoon session			
50m Butterfly	M	Heats	400m Medley	M	Fast heat		200m Butterfly	M	Final	
50m Butterfly	F	Heats	400m Medley	F	Fast heat		200m Butterfly	F	Final	
100m Backstroke	M	Heats	200m Backstroke	M	Final		50 Freestyle	M	Final	
100m Backstroke	F	Heats	200m Backstroke	F	Final		50 Freestyle	F	Final	
1500m Freestyle	M	Timed Final	Awards Ceremony				Awards Ceremony			
50m Breaststroke	F	Heats	50m Breaststroke	M	Final		800m Freestyle	M	Timed Final	
50m Breaststroke	M	Heats	50m Breaststroke	F	Final		800m Freestyle	F	Timed Final	
100m Freestyle	F	Heats	100m Butterfly	M	Final		100m Breaststroke	M	Final	
100m Freestyle	M	Heats	100m Butterfly	F	Final		100m Breaststroke	F	Final	
1500m Freestyle	F	Timed Final	Awards Ceremony				Awards Ceremony			
100m Medley	M	Heats	400m Freestyle	M	Fast heat		200m Medley	M	Final	
100m Medley	F	Heats	400m Freestyle	F	Fast heat		200m Medley	F	Final	
Awards Ceremony			100m Medley	M	Final		50m Butterfly	M	Final	
			100m Medley	F	Final		50m Butterfly	F	Final	
			Awards Ceremony				Awards Ceremony			
			50m Backstroke	M	Final		100m Backstroke	M	Final	
			50m Backstroke	F	Final		100m Backstroke	F	Final	
			200m Breaststroke	M	Final		200m Freestyle	M	Final	
			200m Breaststroke	F	Final		200m Freestyle	F	Final	
			100m Freestyle	M	Final		Awards Ceremony			
			100m Freestyle	F	Final					
			Awards Ceremony							



6. PARTICIPATION/ENTRY QUOTAS PER EVENT

All swimmers affiliated with World Aquatics through their national governing bodies may participate.

6.1. QUOTAS PER EVENT

50m and 100m events: 56 best entry times + 8 best entry times from swimmers from the Algarve (the Algarve Swimming Association) * = 8 heats (of each gender)

200m events: 42 best entry times + 6 best entry times from swimmers from the Algarve = 6 heats (of each gender)

400m events: 16 best entry times → 2 heats (each gender)

800m and 1500m events: 8 best entry times → 1 timed final (each gender)

* *Quotas for the participation of Algarve swimmers in the 50, 100 and 200m events do not contemplate swimmers from Algarve who due to the level of their entry times will have direct access to the Entrylist.*

6.2. A competitor may enter a maximum of 6 events throughout the competition.

6.3. Each club/team may enter a maximum of 24 swimmers (male and/or female) in the competition.

6.4. Given that the 1500m and 800m LIV events are very access-restricted, and in order to make logistics for both clubs and the organization more fluid, all swimmers registered for these events may be entered by their clubs/teams in an additional 6 events, for a total of up to 8 events: 2 distance events (800/1500m) + 6 events of 50, 100, 200 or 400m. When the Entry List is published, and given the outline of entries for the 800/1500m events, the clubs will decide (and inform the organization **by 2nd November at 24:00 hours**) which event/s they will scratch their athlete from (if he/she has been accepted in one or two of the distance events), within the 7 or 8 in which he/she has been entered. **(Each club must include in the email message containing the entries a separate list of the swimmers who are registered in 7 or 8 events, under the above provisions.)** If, even so, for any given event the entry quota is not fulfilled, the vacant lanes may be filled by athletes registered (in other events) in the competition, according to the following descending order of priority: (a) swimmers affiliated with the Algarve Swimming Association; (b) older swimmers. **To this end, the teams must indicate in the technical meeting before the session on Friday the swimmers they propose to fill the vacancies.**

7. POINT SCORES

The assessment of the overall point score will be achieved through the sum of points awarded by event, according to the following table:

Classification (Finals only)	Scores
1st Place	8 points
2nd Place	7 Points
3rd Place	6 Points
4th Place	5 Points
5th Place	4 Points
6th Place	3 Points
7th Place	2 Points
8th Place	1 Point



8.1. INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- Top Three podium finishes
- 200 euros Prize Money for the best (1) male and (1) female times (World Aquatics point scoring) throughout the competition.

8.2. TEAM AWARDS

- Top Six Best Club teams
- Top Three Best National or Regional teams. (This prize will only be awarded if there are at least three national/regional teams participating in the competition.)

9. ENTRIES

9.1. “No Time entries” will not be allowed.

9.2. Entries should be sent to inscricoes@fpnatacao.pt by **midnight on 29 October 2024** and must be submitted electronically using the Team Manager software. [Teams from countries that do not use Team Manager should send their entries via the Excel document to be made available by the organizing committee.] Any anomaly in the process may result in the cancellation of the entries. Acceptance of entries is subject to receipt of payment.

9.3. **Race entry fee will be €6 per event.** There will be no refunds on entry payments made after the Entries Close Date, except in the case of payments made for entries of athletes who fall outside the entry quotas for The respective events.

9.4. Payment for entries must be made by bank transfer to:

NIB: 0010 0000 35234660001 47 ou IBAN: PT50 0010 0000 3523 4660 0014 7

9.5. Entries will only be processed after confirmation of payment.

9.6. For entry purposes, only times obtained between 1st October, 2023 and 20th October, 2024 must be considered. Entry times obtained outside the aforementioned period will not be accepted.

9.7. After the closing date for entries, only scratches of athletes may be made. No other changes will be allowed.

9.8. **The Entry List for the competition will be made available on the SwimRankings webpage on 31st October**, so that clubs can organize their logistics, depending on the number of swimmers entering the quotas defined in point 6.3 of these regulations.

9.9. **The Start List will be published on November 5th**, after considering any scratches/withdrawals presented by the clubs (and respective adjustments to fill quotas) or corrections of errors, until November 3rd.

10. OMISSIONS

Over and above these rules, and for any omission, the Organizing Committee and the Officials will abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Portuguese Swimming Federation.

11. JURY OF APPEAL

11.1 Any protests must be submitted in writing to the Referee of the competition, within 30 minutes of the end of the respective session, accompanied by a fee of €100. If the protest is upheld, the amount of the fee will be refunded.

11.2 All protests must be based on matters of fact and shall be considered by the Appeals Jury, composed by the following members: the Meet Director, the Meet Technical Director and the Representative of the Regional Swimming Officials Council.