

OPEN WATER



SHOW WHAT YOU´RE SHOW WHAT YOU´RE MADE OF

The organizing committee of the "IRON SWIM" Crossing invites all swimmers, triathletes, professionals and amateurs from across the world to the fourth edition "Open Water" event, a long-distance, endurance, and effort race.

IRON SWIM

With the recognition and endorsement of the Open Water Swimming Association of Nayarit, in coordination with the XII City Hall of Bahía de Banderas, the Sports Department of Bahía de Banderas and with the support of the Tourism Department of Bahía de Banderas, Nayarit, México.

The event will take place on:

**October 31 and 1st November, 2026 in BUCERIAS,
Bahía de Banderas, Nayarit, México.**

The event consists of **2 stages (two days)**, swimming 10km and 8km.

STAGE #1:

SATURDAY 31 OF OCTOBER.

The race will cover 7km (of 10km.) and 5km (of 8km.), and a half IRON SWIM of 5km (only one day).

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

Finish: Bucerías Beach.

JUVENILE CATEGORY

CATEGORY	AGE	GENDER	DISTANCE
JUVENILE JA	15 to 19 years	Male and Female	10km, 8km and 5km

MASTER CATEGORY

CATEGORY	AGE	GENDER	DISTANCE
MASTER A	20 to 24 years	Male and Female	10km, 8km and 5km
MASTER B	25 to 29 years	Male and Female	10km, 8km and 5km
MASTER C	30 to 39 years	Male and Female	10km, 8km and 5km
MASTER D	40 to 49 years	Male and Female	10km, 8km and 5km
MASTER E	50 to 59 years	Male and Female	10km, 8km and 5km
MASTER F	70 or more	Male and Female	10km, 8km and 5km

In case of not having more than 3 swimmers registrated in a category, they will be moved to the immediate lower category.

Note: The Master category age will be determined until December 31 of 2026.

SCHEDULE AND MARKING:

Juvenile and Masters

The marking for competitors of 7km, 5km and the half IRON SWIM will be at "La Manzanilla" Beach (La Cruz de Huanacastle, Nayarit).

Marking Schedule: 6:30 am

Final instructions from the organizing committee: 7:20 am

First start for the competition: 7:30 am

Start waves will be every 5 minutes.

The Men's category will start first.

Note: The time limit is 2:30 hours for the 5km race and 3 hours for the 7km race.

CHILDREN'S CATEGORY

SATURDAY 31 OF OCTOBER.

The race will cover 500 meters and 1km.

Start: Bucerías Beach.

Finish: Bucerías Beach.

CATEGORY	AGE	GENDER	DISTANCE
CHILDREN'S IA	8 years or less	Male and Female	500 mts
CHILDREN'S IB	9 to 10 years	Male and Female	500 mts
CHILDREN'S IC	11 to 12 years	Male and Female	1 Km.
CHILDREN'S ID	13 to 14 years	Male and Female	1 Km.

Note: At the Children's and Juvenile category the age will be determined until the event day.

ROOKIES CATEGORY

SATURDAY 31 OF OCTOBER.

The race will cover 1KM. in ROOKIES category.

JUVENILE CATEGORY

CATEGORY	AGE	GENDER	DISTANCE
JUVENILE JN	15 to 19 years	Male and Female	1 km.

MASTER CATEGORY

CATEGORY	AGE	GENDER	DISTANCE
MASTER L	20 to 29 years	Male and Female	1 km.
MASTER M	30 to 39 years	Male and Female	1 km.
MASTER N	40 to 49 years	Male and Female	1 km.
MASTER O	49 to 50 years	Male and Female	1 km.
MASTER P	60 or more	Male and Female	1 km.

SCHEDULE AND MARKING:

Children's and Rookies

The marking for Children's and Rookies categories will be at Bucerías Beach.

Marking Schedule: 9:00 a.m.

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

Start time for Rookies 1 Km.: 10:00 a.m.

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

Start time for Children's 500 Mts. 10:10 a.m.

NOTE: THE CHIP SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE WRIST.

Each swimmer will be marked with the number assigned on their registration form. In case of any discrepancies, there will be staff from the organizing committee in charge of supervising. The swimmer may mark themselves, as long as it is done according to the instructions in the guide that will be provided in their competitor kit.

STAGE #2:

SUNDAY 1 OF NOVEMBER

The swimmers will cover **3km** in a circuit in the **IRON SWIM** category, for **Juvenile and Masters**. The distances from the previous day, 7km and 5km, will be accumulated to complete 10km and 8km respectively, thus finishing the **IRON SWIM**.

Start: Bucerías Beach.

Finish: Bucerías Beach.

SCHEDULE AND MARKING:

Competitor marking time: 6:30 am.

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

Race start: 7:30 am.

AWARDS:

For the **Children's Categories**, the awards will take place on Sunday, November 2, at the end of the competition. The top 3 places in each category and gender will be awarded.

For the **IRON SWIM, Juvenile, and Masters Categories**, the awards will be on Sunday, November 1, after the competition ends. The top 3 places in each category and gender that complete the 10km and 8km (combining the times of both distances swum) will be awarded.

For the **Rookies, Juvenile, and Master Categories**, the awards will also take place on Sunday, November 1, at the end of the competition, rewarding the top 3 places in each category and gender.

All competitors who finish their distance will receive a participation medal.

PRE-RACE MEETING:

There will be no in-person pre-race meeting. However, a printed guide will be provided within the competitor's kit, outlining the regulations to follow from the organizing committee. Additionally, an informative video will be published on social media with all the details, including how to mark with the assigned number in case of doing it personally, covering the instructions requested by the event judges. Any doubts can be addressed via WhatsApp messages to the official event number or in person on the day of kit pickup.

REGISTRATION AND PACKET PICKUP:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

The registration desk will be located at the main beach of Bucerías, downtown.
Hours: 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

All competitors must register to verify their registration, number, and electronic chip (which must be returned at the end of their first day's competition, and a new one must be picked up on the second day of competition).

Once registered for **IRON SWIM 2026**, the swimmer will receive a competition kit, including: a commemorative t-shirt, bag, electronic chip, official competition cap (essential for participation and safety of each competitor).

It is necessary to fill out a waiver form and bring it on the kit pickup day. "Without it, you cannot pick up your competitor kit."

Groups of no more than 10 people will be attended to.

For teams, one representative will be attended to.

REGISTRATIONS:

Limited to 250 competitors.

COST:

\$ 95.00 usd. IRON SWIM 10km and 8km

\$ 65.00 usd. Half IRON 5km

\$ 45.00 usd. Children 1Km. and 500mts.

\$ 35.00 usd. Novice 1 Km.

REGISTRATION CLOSES ON OCTOBER 17, 2026.

SURPRISE GIFT FOR THE FIRST 40 REGISTRATIONS.

REGISTRATION:

Deposit or transfer to the account: 159 086 0596; account key 012 320 015908605969 in the name of José Pilar Plascencia Castaneda. Send payment confirmation to WhatsApp: +5233-4337-98-10, and we will send your registration code to enroll on the website ironswim.com.mx
IRONSWIM team can pick up your registration if you have 6 or more registrations from your address in Guadalajara, Jalisco.

REGISTRATION CLOSES ON OCTOBER 17, 2026, AT 8:00 PM.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:

- a) Be physically fit for the competition.
- b) Have paid the registration fee.
- c) Fill out the registration form with truthful information.
- d) Present your registration proof on Kit pickup day.
- e) Present an official ID or proof of age on Kit pickup day.
- f) Sign the waiver form, releasing the organizing committee from any liability.
- g) You may participate representing your Club, Association, Company, State, Municipality, or Country.
- h) Once the number is acquired, it cannot be changed, transferred, or resold under any circumstances by the competitors. Such actions are strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification from the event.

The competitor can register freely, always under their responsibility. Transportation and accommodation are at the competitor's expense.

ACCOMMODATION:

Recommendation for accommodation from the organizing committee and one of our event sponsors, **COSTA BUCERÍAS**, with offices at: Francisco I. Madero #29, Zona Dorada; Bucerías, Bahía de Banderas, Nayarit, Mexico; Lic. Mauricio Meyer, Tel: +523222002620. You can also reach them by email at: mauricio@costabucerias.com.

JUDGES AND TIMING:

Judges will be appointed by the organizing committee and approved by the current ANN. Their decisions will be final. Electronic timing with a chip will be used.

CHIP:

A returnable chip will be used to register the individual competition time.

There will be chip check-ins at the start and finish lines. (After completing your race, you must return your chip at the timing tent; otherwise, you will be required to pay for the chip).

RULES:

The current open water regulations from AQUA only allow the use of swimsuits approved by World Aquatics (shoulders and back uncovered, no zippers, and non-plasticized fibers).

The use of any type of instrument to measure time (watch, heart rate monitor) or electronic devices is not permitted.

SPECIALS:

The event will have full support from the specialized open water event team, including judges and lifeguards, with the participation of the Navy, Civil Protection, and the Mexican Red Cross of Bahía de Banderas.

A private recovery area with medical staff and hydration will be available.

The organizing committee reserves the right to cancel the event at any time if the weather conditions are not suitable or if any circumstances arise that put the swimmers at risk, as well as for any health restrictions imposed by the authorities.

PROTESTS:

Protests must be submitted in writing, with a deposit of \$50 USD or its equivalent in local currency, based on the event's day's exchange rate. This amount will be refunded if the protest is upheld. Protests related to errors in the published times must be submitted within thirty (30) minutes after the results are posted. Protests submitted after this time will not be considered.

TRANSITIONAL:

Any issues not covered by this call will be resolved by the "IRONSWIM" Organizing Committee, and their decisions will be final.

A T T E N T I V E L Y .
I R O N S W I M
Guadalajara, Jalisco, México. March 21, 2025.

Lic. Héctor Javier Santana García
Municipal President of Bahía de Banderas, Nayarit, México.

Lic. Ernesto Eduardo Valdez Ruiz
Director of Municipal Sports Bahía de Banderas.

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Vice President of Open Water Swimming Mexico

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Event Director of IRON SWIM.

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Judge of the Mexican Swimming Federation, Open Water Specialty, Level 2
IRON SWIM Event.

Lic. Jorge Eulogio Saratega Plascencia
Director of Timing, TIM3.

1 MAY, 2026.
Bucerías, Bahía de Banderas.
Nayarit, México.