

2025-2026 HKUST Intramural Aquatic Meet

Event Rules

The 2025-26 HKUST Intramural Aquatic Meet will be conducted in accordance with the 2025-26 HKUST Intramural Sports Competitions General Rules and the Event Rules listed below.

1. Event Information

1.1 Date: 11 October 2025 (Saturday)

In case of adverse weather conditions, the notification of the decision CANCELLATION will be announced through email by the organizer by 9 am on 11 October 2025.

1.2 Time: 12pm – 6pm

1.3 Venue: Outdoor Swimming Pool, HKUST

1.4 Event:

Event	Men	Women
50m Front Crawl	*	*
50m Breaststroke	*	*
50m Butterfly	*	*
50m Backstroke	*	*
100m Front Crawl	*	*
100m Breaststroke	*	*
100m Butterfly	*	*
100m Backstroke	*	*
200m Front Crawl	*	*
200m Breaststroke	*	*
4 x 50m Freestyle Relay	*	*
*50m Freestyle (open)	*	*
2 x 50m Freestyle Staff Family Relay	N/A	
2 x 50m Freestyle Student Societies Relay	N/A	
2 x 50m Open Relay	N/A	

\*Only for non-HKUST swimming team members

2. Competition Rules

The latest version of competition rules set by World Aquatics, formerly known as FINA, will be adopted unless specified otherwise.

2.1 Entries

- 2.1.1 All eligible participants may participate in a maximum of 3 individual events.
- 2.1.2 Event with less than 3 entries will be cancelled. Participants who have their events cancelled are allowed to join another event.
- 2.1.3 Only teams which submit the relay forms to the Marshal by **3pm on the event day** are allowed to participate in the relay events.
- 2.1.4 Each departmental team can enter 2 teams in each departmental relay event.
- 2.1.5 Staff can form team with their family members to join the 2 x 50m Freestyle Staff Family Relay. The two participants MUST be from the **same family tree** with no limitation in gender e.g. Father and son, sibling, Grandma and grandson, etc.
- 2.1.6 Each student Society can enter 2 teams in 2 x 50m Freestyle Student Societies relay.
- 2.1.7 Students, alumni, staff and their family members may form a team to join the 2 x 50m Open Relay.
- 2.1.8 Student, alumni, staff and their family members may participate in open 50m freestyle event. The participants must possess a HKUST Student/Staff ID Cards/Alumni ID/ Family Card. 80 quotas are available. If enrollment exceeds the available quota, participants will be selected by drawing lots.
- 2.1.9 The finalized list of participants will be sent to the participants and the concerned Departmental Teams via email by noon on 9 October

## 2.2 Reporting Procedures

- 2.2.1** Participants are advised to arrive at the venue 30 minutes before the event scheduled time.
- 2.2.2** Participants must present their HKUST ID Cards and report to the Marshal by the reporting time of each event as listed at the “Event Schedule”. Participants who fail to present the HKUST ID Card or missed the reporting time will not be allowed to join the competition (Swimmers participate in consecutive events should inform the Marshal for special arrangement when report for the first event).

## 2.3 Finalists

- 2.3.1** Straight finals will be arranged for all events except 50m Front Crawl, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Butterfly and 50m Backstroke.
- 2.3.2** If less than 8 participants report to the Marshal in the heats of 50m Front Crawl or 50m Breaststroke or 50m Butterfly or 50m Backstroke, a straight final will be held immediately.
- 2.3.3** The best 8 participants in heats will be qualified as finalists. In the case of more than one participant tying for the 8<sup>th</sup> position in the heat, the decision will be decided by lot drawing.
- 2.3.4** The allocation of lanes in the final will be arranged as follows:

Lane	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Position	7 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>

## 2.4 Individual Scoring

### 2.4.1 Participation Score

- 2.4.1.1** ONE participation score will be awarded to each participant who has successfully completed a heat or straight final event. The maximum points awarded to each team in each event is 7 points.
- 2.4.1.2** No participation score will be awarded to the participants in all relay events.

### 2.4.2 Position Score

- 2.4.2.1** The best 8 participants of each individual event will be awarded position scores as follows:

Position	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>
Scores	9	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

- 2.4.2.2** In case of more than one participant tying for the same position, the mean of the position scores concerned will be awarded to all participants concerned and the subsequent position(s) will be cancelled.

### 2.4.3 New Record Score

Two scores will be awarded to the participant who has set a new record in an individual event.

### 2.4.4 Men’s and Women’s Individual Championship

- 2.4.4.1** Participants with the highest scores in total from individual events in the Men’s and Women’s Group will be the respective Individual Champion.
- 2.4.4.2** If more than one participant attains the highest scores, the decision to determine the Individual Champion title will be in accordance with the following priorities:
- The number of gold medals obtained in individual events;
  - The number of new records set;
  - The number of silver medals obtained in individual events;
  - The number of bronze medals obtained in individual events;
  - If more than one participant attains the highest score after considering all the above factors, the Individual Champion will be awarded to all of them.

## 2.5 Departmental Scoring

### 2.5.1 Overall Team Score

The total scores of individual events (participation scores, position scores and setting new record scores), the total position and new record scores of inter-departmental relay events will be counted towards the overall of the team scores.

### 2.5.2 Position Score of Relay Events

Position	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>
Scores	18	14	12	10	8	6	4	

### 2.5.3 New Record Score

Four scores will be awarded to the team for each new record set in relay event.

#### **2.5.4 Overall Championship**

**2.5.4.1** The team with the highest overall score in the Men's and Women's Groups will be the respective Overall Champion of the Men's and Women's Group.

**2.5.4.2** The team with the highest overall scores will be the Overall Champion.

#### **2.6 Disqualification**

Non-eligible competitors will be disqualified. Competitors who are disqualified will not be allowed to compete in the remaining events and the result of the previous events will be abolished.

#### **2.7 Technical Rules**

**2.7.1** The "One Start Rule" will be adopted.

**2.7.2** The start in all races can be from the starting platform or in the water.

### **3. Prizes**

**3.1** Upon completion of the event, all participants will receive a soft copy certificate recognizing their participation, which is equivalent to passing the Swimming Proficiency Assessment required by On-Campus Water Sports Courses.

**3.2** Medals will be awarded to the three winners of each individual event.

**3.3** Medals will be awarded to the three winning teams of each relay event.

**3.4** A souvenir will be given to 50m Freestyle (Open) participants who meet the following standards: 45 seconds.

**3.5** Trophies will be awarded to the Individual Champion of both the Men's and Women's groups.

**3.6** Trophies will be awarded to the Champion, 1st Runner-up and 2nd Runner-up of the Men's and Women's groups. The awarded teams have the responsibility to keep the trophies in good condition and return the intact trophies by 31 October 2025. Replacement fee will be charged for any loss, damage and delay in returning the trophies.

**3.7** Shield will be awarded to the Overall Champion for an academic year. The awarded department has the responsibility to keep the shield in good condition and return the intact shield by 31 October 2025. Replacement fee will be charged for any loss, damage and delay in returning the shield.

### **4. Dress**

All participants must wear appropriate swimming gear. Please refer to World Aquatics' recommendation.

### **5. Appeals**

**5.1** All appeals must be made in writing to the Organizer via the Chief Recorder within 15 minutes after the announcement of results.

**5.2** Appeal forms are available at the Official Stand. HKD500 must be submitted together with the completed appeal form.

**5.3** The HKD500 will be refunded if the appeal is successful.

**5.4** The decision of the Jury of Appeal is final.

### **6. Others**

**6.1** Under no circumstance would there be allowance for extra warm-up time. Participants have their own responsibility to arrive on time for the warm-up period.

**6.2** The Organizer reserves the right to make any changes to the Rules as deemed necessary without prior notice.