

WESTERN ZONE OPEN WATER CHAMPIONSHIP

2026



ISLAND AQUATICS SWIM
& WATER POLO

JUNE 20, 2026
KAMAOLE BEACH 1,
KIHEI, MAUI, HI





2026 Western Zone Open Water Championships

Island Aquatics Swim and Water Polo

June 20, 2026

Kamaole Beach 1, Kihei, Maui, HI



SANCTION – HI20260620-MAUI	This meet is held under the sanction of USA Swimming and Hawaiian Swimming.	
HOSTED BY	Island Aquatics Swim & Water Polo	
LOCATION	Kamaole Beach 1, Kihei, Maui, HI (Google Maps Pin: Click here)	
SPECTATOR ADMISSION	Free	
MEET DIRECTOR	Shawn Donohue - ndablu4eva@yahoo.com	
ENTRY CHAIR	Lexi Hatfield - Fishatfd@yahoo.com	
MEET REFEREE	Sandy Drake - sandydrakemaui@gmail.com	
SAFETY MONITOR	Jamie Pagan - jamie.pagan911@gmail.com	
TIMING SYSTEM	NK Timing	
ELIGIBILITY	Swimmer(s) must be registered with USA Swimming to be accepted into this meet. Age as of December 31, 2026, shall determine the swimmer's age for the Open Water Championships (FINA Age Rules).	
EVENTS	AGE	DISTANCES
	OPEN (13&O)	5 Kilometer
	15-16	2.5 Kilometer
	13-14	2.5 Kilometer
	11-12	1.25, 2.5 Kilometer
	9-10	1.25 Kilometer
	<p>The 5K will be combined by gender. All boys 13&O will start first. Followed 10 minutes later by the 13&O girls.</p> <p>Boys start time at 8:00. Girls 8:10.</p> <p>The 1.25K will be combined by gender. All boys 9-12 will start first. Followed 30 minutes later by the 9-12 girls.</p> <p>Boys start time at 10:10. Girls at 10:40.</p> <p>The 2.5K will be combined by gender. All boys 11-16 will start first. Followed 10 minutes later by the 11-16 girls.</p> <p>Boys start time at 11:45. Girls at 11:55.</p> <p>After the first-place finisher, remaining athletes have 10 minutes per 5 km (or part thereof), up to a maximum of 60 minutes, to complete the course."</p> <p>** Race Start Times are Subject to Change. Final Times will be Announced Prior to the Meet **</p>	



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SAFETY CONDITIONS	If the swimming conditions are not deemed safe (brown water, high surf, etc.), the meet will be rescheduled or canceled. This decision will be made by June 16, 12:00 and will be posted to the Island Aquatics website https://www.islandaquaticsmaui.com/page/open-water .
COURSE	Multiple buoys shall be placed to identify the course boundary.
OFFICIALS	Officials for the event will be wearing white tops over khaki. All visiting officials are welcome. Please register via the Google form, link below, by no later than Wednesday, June 10, 2026. Official's application form: https://bit.ly/26_WZ_OW
ENTRY PROCEDURE	The race entry file will be available for download from the Open Water Event Landing Page on the Island Aquatics Website, or the Western Zone Website, on Monday, April 20, 2026. <u>Entries will be due no later than Wednesday, June 10, 2026.</u> Please email entry files to Lexi Hatfield at Fishatfd@yahoo.com
TECHNICAL MEETING	All swimmers and coaches must attend the technical meeting prior to race day. Each coach and swimmer are responsible for all the information distributed at the meeting. Technical meeting(s) will be conducted virtually, via Zoom. Meeting information will be published the week of the meet (anticipated to be held, Monday, June 15, 2026, at 1:00 PM HST.
PRE-RACE COURSE & SAFETY BRIEFINGS	In addition to the technical meeting, all swimmers must be present for the Pre-Race Briefing at the race start area prior to each race. At the meeting, race officials will distribute last-minute information on weather and water conditions, emergency procedures, etc. Briefings will be held 15 minutes prior to the scheduled race start. Positive check-in is required – once checked into the staging / briefing area, athletes will not be permitted to leave to ensure a final head count prior to entering the water.
ESCORT SAFETY CRAFT	Coaches, or designated personnel by a swimmer, are not allowed on the ocean with any escort safety craft. Only the Meet Referee, Meet Director, Entry Chair or Lifeguards can designate who is on the course at any given time. All motorized safety craft will be operated by USCG licensed captains.



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<p>SAFETY PROCEDURES</p>	<p>There will be a mandatory Pre-Race Briefing held 15 minutes before competition begins to discuss the course, rules and safety procedures. The Referee will remove any swimmer from competition who does not attend the pre-race briefing or is found to be inattentive during the briefing. Course will be patrolled by qualified safety personnel. For safety reasons, participants should be adequately trained for open water competition. County of Maui Department of Fire & Public Safety Ocean Safety Officers (Lifeguards) reserve the right to remove any swimmer from the course. Previous open water experience is recommended. Safety watercraft and lifeguards on paddleboards will monitor the entire course. Swimmers must wear body-marked race numbers on arms for identification. The safety of swimmers is our primary concern. Therefore, this event may be delayed or canceled due to poor conditions.</p> <p>The following have the authority to independently pull the sanction (stop the meet) at any time for safety reasons: Jamie Pagan, Safety Monitor; Sandy Drake, Meet Referee; Shawn Donohue, Meet Director.</p>
<p>MEDICAL FACILITY & PERSONNEL</p>	<p>Maui Memorial Medical Center 221 Mahalani Street Wailuku, HI, 96793 (808)244-9056</p> <p>County of Maui Department of Fire & Public Safety Ocean Safety Officers (Lifeguards) will be on site.</p>
<p>SAFE SPORT</p>	
<p>MAAPP</p>	<p>Current USA Swimming Rules, including the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (“MAAPP”), will govern this meet.</p>
<p>RECORDING DEVICES & MEDIA NOTICE</p>	<p>The use of audio-visual recording devices, including cell phones, are not permitted in locker rooms, changing areas, or restrooms. This meet may be covered by the media, including photographs, video, webcasting and other forms of obtaining images of athletes participating in the meet. Entry into the meet is acknowledged and consent to this fact.</p>
<p>CHANGING AREAS</p>	<p>Except where venue facilities require otherwise, changing into or out of swimsuits other than locker rooms or changing facilities, or other designated areas, is not appropriate and is strongly discourages/prohibited. Deck changing is prohibited.</p>
<p>DRONES/UAVs</p>	<p>Racing may be recorded by a drone/UAV operated by a Part 107 licensed operator designated by the host team, Island Aquatics. This drone/UVA will be the only one permitted and will be flown over the racing area only. Operation of a drone, UAV, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (beach, athlete/coach areas, spectator areas and open ceiling locker rooms) any time athletes, coaches, officials and/or spectators are present</p>
<p>SCORING AND AWARDS</p>	
<p>SCORING</p>	<p>Individual events Individuals will be awarded the inverse of their finishing place (i.e. 8th place is 1 point, 1st place is 8 points.) High scores in age categories will be tallied based on these points.</p>
<p>AWARDS</p>	<p>1st – 8th place finishers, male and female, will be awarded medals for each event.</p>



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<p>FINAL RESULTS</p>	<p>Final results and Hy-Tek Team Manager Results file will be posted to https://www.islandaquaticsm Maui.com/ and the Western Zone's website.</p>
<p>ENTRIES</p>	
<p>ENTRY FEES</p>	<p>Entry fee per individual event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5K Race: \$60 ● 2.5K Race: \$45 ● 1.25K Race: \$30 <p>** There is an additional \$25.00 athlete surcharge per participant.</p> <p>Teams submitting entries for three or more swimmers per event will be eligible for relay competition. Relay fees are free per each group of three swimmers, per age group, per event, per team.</p> <p>Please make checks payable Island Aquatics. You may produce payment at swimmer check-in or mail entry fee check to:</p> <p>Island Aquatics c/o Shawn Donohue 750 Kolani Rd. Wailuku, HI 96793</p>
<p>** If any team has unpaid fees at the start of competition, the entire team will be scratched ** Swimmers will not be allowed in the water without payment being received so please plan ahead.</p>	
<p>DECK ENTRIES</p>	<p>No deck entries accepted.</p>
<p>ENTRY PROCEDURES</p>	<p>Entries and Fees must be received on or before June 10, 2026.</p> <p>Hy-Tek entries only. The Hy-Tek entries must be sent via Email to Lexi Hatfield at Fishatfd@yahoo.com, and a printout to the entry summary, waiver and entry fees to the Meet Director. Following address:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Island Aquatics c/o Shawn Donohue 750 Kolani Rd. Wailuku, HI 96793</p> <p>The e-mailed Entry and Exception Report will be sent to you confirming your entry, along with all subsequent Entry Reports notifying you of changed or updated entries, shall be the official record of your entry. No other information will be considered if there is an entry error or discrepancy.</p> <p>IMPORTANT REMINDER Entering clubs/swimmers need to check all data BEFORE submitting. Entering club with unattached swimmer also needs to check all entry reports (and any exception reports) that the host returns. It is the responsibility of the entering club/unattached swimmer to heed deadlines and be responsible for the accuracy of entries.</p>
<p>ATHLETE ATTITUDE</p>	<p>Athlete conduct will be governed by Part Seven of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations Handbook. Intentional obstruction, interference or intentional contact with another swimmer may be deemed "Unsporting Impedance" and lead to disqualification. Swimmers shall maintain clearance from other swimmers except at the start, turn, and the finish or where the course or race conditions dictate otherwise. <i>Parents and swimmers are advised there are a significant number of entrants, open water swimming may be expected to involve inadvertent contact with other swimmers. It is important that swimmers keep a cool head while in the water.</i></p>



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ATHLETES WITH DISABILITIES	We welcome registered athletes with cognitive or physical disabilities. The Referee will make reasonable accommodations to facilitate participation. Please notify the Meet Director or the Meet Referee in advance, to allow us to understand the nature of any accommodation being requested.
RULES	Current USA Swimming rules, including the <i>Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP)</i> , will govern this meet. Please see Part Seven of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations Handbook for a complete list of Open Water Rules. All coaches on deck must complete the CDC or NFHS Concussion course. <i>USA Swimming Rules 202.3.2 - At a sanctioned competitive event, USA Swimming athlete members must be under the supervision of a USA Swimming member coach during warm-up, competition, and warm down. The Meet Director or Meet Referee shall assist the athlete in making arrangements for such supervision.</i>
	The Western Zone Open Water Championships will have primary entry for participating athletes and clubs from LSCs designated in the Western Zone. Athletes must be currently registered as year-round members with USA Swimming and meet the specific event qualifying criteria. All athletes 18 years or older must complete USA Swimming's ATHLETE PROTECTION TRAINING (APT) no later than their 18th birthday (no grace period). If the meet has space, outside of the zone participants will be allowed in.
SWIMWEAR	No swimmer shall be allowed to use or wear any device that may be an aid to his/her speed, endurance, or buoyancy. Each athlete will be assigned a colored swim cap with their race number on it. This is required to wear as the outer cap. A maximum of two (2) caps may be used. Swimwear must conform to USA Swimming Rule 701.4. Only swimsuits with World Aquatics Open Water specifications per USA Swimming rule 701.4.3 may be worn in any USA Swimming sanctioned or approved competition.
WARMUPS	A designated area off Kamaole 1 beach will be available for warm up prior to races.
REFRESHMENTS	Water will be provided by Island Aquatics on site. Food trucks may be on site or across the street (TBD). An ABC Store is available food and sundries across the street.
PARKING	Parking is free. There is limited parking at the Kamaole Beach park. A sizeable public gravel parking lot is available across the street. There is also street parking along Alanui Ke'ali'i Street.



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QUALIFYING STANDARDS AND AGE DIVISIONS

- **5 K Race:** OPEN - 13 & older as of December 31, 2026
- **2.5 K Race:** 11 – 16 as of December 31, 2026
- **1.25 K Race:** 12 & under as of December 31, 2026

WESTERN ZONE OPEN WATER QUALIFYING STANDARDS							
Age Group	Event	1.25 KILOMETER		2.5 KILOMETER		5 KILOMETER OPEN	
		GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS	WOMEN	MEN
9-10	200 LCM	3:45.79	3:33.49	--	--	--	--
9-10	200 SCY	3:18.99	3:06.69	--	--	--	--
11-12	200 LCM	3:02.29	2:57.49	2:54.29	2:44.09	--	--
11-12	200 SCY	2:40.39	2:34.59	2:32.09	2:22.99	--	--
11-12	400 LCM	6:23.89	6:15.49	6:06.79	5:49.09	--	--
11-12	500 SCY	7:08.79	6:57.29	6:47.79	6:26.59	--	--
11-12	800 LCM	--	--	12:35.99	12:05.89	--	--
11-12	1000 SCY	--	--	14:01.99	13:21.19	--	--
11-12	1500 LCM	--	--	24:06.39	23:06.49	--	--
11-12	1650 SCY	--	--	23:23.49	22:18.89	--	--
13&O	200 LCM	--	--	2:23.19	2:14.79	2:23.19	2:14.79
13&O	200 SCY	--	--	2:04.99	1:57.49	2:04.99	1:57.49
13&O	400 LCM	--	--	6:06.79	5:49.09	5:07.29	4:46.09
13&O	500 SCY	--	--	6:47.79	6:26.59	5:43.39	5:17.69
13&O	800 LCM	--	--	12:35.99	12:05.89	10:35.39	10:00.09
13&O	1000 SCY	--	--	14:01.99	13:21.19	11:50.79	11:02.59
13&O	1500 LCM	--	--	24:06.39	23:06.49	20:20.49	18:59.09
13&O	1650 SCY	--	--	23:23.49	22:18.89	19:47.29	18:30.39

Jr. National Qualifying Criteria: The 2026 Western Zone Open Water Championship will serve as a qualifying event for the 2027 USA Swimming Open Water Junior National Championships.

2027 USA Swimming Open Water Junior National Championships 5K Qualification (Birth year: 2011 & 2012)

Finished in the top 10 overall** at the 2026 USA Swimming 5K Open Water Zone Championships (Open Division Only). The "Open" Division of the 5K Open Water Zone Championships will be the only event used for the qualification towards USA Swimming's National Level Events. Qualification from age group events will not be allowed.

**Overall place finish is the athlete's finish position amongst all competitors, regardless of age.

**Any questions regarding these criteria can be directed toward Yuri Suguiyama (ysuguiyama@usaswimming.org) as the Zone Championship will not be able to make a determination for whether or not a swimmer did or did not qualify.



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ENTRY SUMMARY and WAIVER

Please fill out the information below and submit with your payment. **Checks payable to Island Aquatics.** Thank you.

Mail to: Island Aquatics c/o Shawn Donohue
750 Kolani Pl.
Wailuku, HI 96793

NAME OF CLUB _____ **CODE** _____

Number individual entries	_____	X \$25 =	_____
Numver of 5 K entries	_____	X \$60 =	_____
Number of 2.5 K entries	_____	X \$45 =	_____
Number of 1.25 K entries.	_____	X \$30 =	_____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

NAME & TITLE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY - STATE - ZIP _____

HEAD COACH EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

CLUB OFFICIAL EMAIL _____

COACH _____

COACH _____

COACH _____

Release and Hold Harmless Agreement

In consideration of being permitted to participate in this swim meet, and for other good and valuable consideration, the undersigned, for himself, his successors and assigns, hereby releases and forever discharges Island Aquatics Swimming and Water Polo, Hawaiian Swimming (LSC), and its Board of Directors, USA Swimming Inc., the County of Maui, the State of Hawaii and each of their respective officers, agents, employees, members, successors, and any other persons in any way connected with this meet, from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, actions, or causes of action of whatever kind of character arising out of or in connection with said event.

Further, the undersigned shall indemnify and hold harmless Island Aquatics Swimming and Water Polo, Hawaiian Swimming (LSC), and its Board of Directors, USA Swimming Inc., the County of Maui, the State of Hawaii and the officers, trustees, agents, employees, and members of the foregoing and all other persons in any way and claims arising out of or in connection with any injury, including death, or alleged injury of damage to property sustained or alleged to have sustained in connection with or to have arisen out of said event.

Signature of Club Official/Coach

Date

** Did you include? _____

- Entries Printed
- Check for entries
- This completed form and membership meet entry form



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USA SWIMMING MEMBERSHIP MEET ENTRY FORM

Meet Name: 2026 Western Zone Open Water Championships
Location: Kamaole Beach Park 1, Kihei, Hawaii
Date: June 20, 2026

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR ENTRY FORMS

The undersigned team representative certifies by his/her signature that all athletes participating for or entered by the team in this sanctioned swim meet are currently member athletes of USA Swimming, Inc. The undersigned further certifies that any person appearing on deck in this meet in the capacity of coach is currently a coach member of USA Swimming, Inc.

TEAM: _____ DATE: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

No entrant will be permitted to compete unless the entrant is a member as provided in Article 302.
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RACE SAFETY AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION

SUPERVISION Races will be supervised by Maui County's Ocean Safety Officers, staged along the inside of the course at approximately 150m intervals. Motorized safety craft operated by USCG licensed captains will be on the course during races monitoring the athletes and protecting the safety of the course.

ACCOUNTING FOR SWIMMERS Competitors will have pre-assigned race numbers. All swimmers will be marked with their race number at check-in. The number of swimmers in a race that have entered the water, will be announced to all officials and safety personnel prior to the start of each race.

Each swimmer is required to have a Handler present at the meet. The Handler's cell number will be recorded at swimmer check-in and made available to meet staff on a printed list. If a swimmer can't be found, the first call will be to the Handler. A Handler may be responsible for more than one swimmer. This Handler may be a Coach but does not have to be.

Each swimmer will be assigned a unique number and will receive a "ticket", that will include the number matching their body marking and will need to be presented for water entry for their race.

COMMUNICATION Meet officials will have direct radio communication with each other, the Safety Monitor, and the Meet Director. If the lifeguards on the course do not have radio communication, non-verbal communication will be used to indicate a swimmer in distress or an emergency. The non-verbal communication will be lifting and waving their arms or paddles in the air while issuing a series of short whistle blasts.

LIFEGUARDS & HOSPITAL Trained Maui County Ocean Safety Officers (lifeguards) will be on-site and will be responsible for calling additional EMS/ Paramedic personnel if required. Persons with a medical emergency will be transported to:

Maui Memorial Medical Center
221 Mahalani Street
Wailuku, HI, 96793

(808)244-9056

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT Basic first aid will be available near the start/finish line. Maui County Ocean Safety Officers, who will be on site, will also have basic first aid on hand.

THERMAL SAFETY Tents for shade will be set up in the athlete hospitality areas. Post-race, water will be provided, but athletes are strongly encouraged to provide their own hydration.

The event will be in compliance with USA Swimming Rules. See Part Seven of the USA Swimming Rulebook, under Open Water, for more information or topics not addressed in this meet form.



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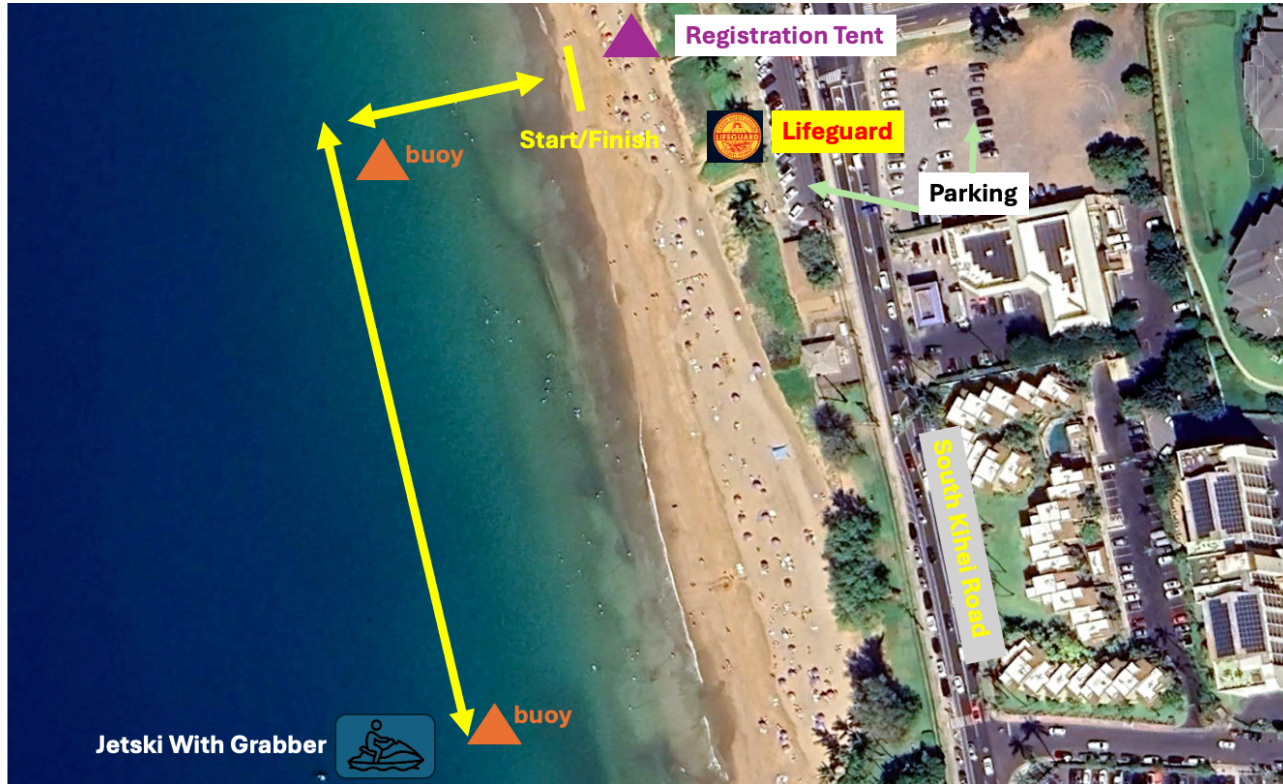
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COURSE MAP



The course will be open for training on Friday, June 19th with exact time TBD. There will be a limited number of kayaks available for check-out during this time. Swim Buoys will be required while on the course so please plan on bringing one along for each swimmer.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Hotels on Maui remain legendarily expensive. Condo rentals may provide a cheaper alternative and many are within walking distance of the Kamaole 1 Beach Park.

Island Aquatics has arranged discounted rates to competitors with the following hotels:

Hampton Inn & Suites Maui North Shore (30 minute drive to Kamaole 1 Beach Park)

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/rooms/?ctyhocn=OGGMKHX&arrivalDate=2026-06-16&departureDate=2026-06-22&groupCode=IAQ&room1NumAdults=1&cid=>

Wailea Beach Resort (7 minute drive to Kamaole 1 Beach Park)

<https://book.passkey.com/go/2026WesternZoneOpenWater>