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GUIDING BODIES

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EVENTS

INDIVIDUAL: MEN
 WOMEN

Men's and Women's events shall be offered in the following age categories:

Open: 18 - 29	Grand Master (A): 50 - 54
Senior (A): 30 - 34	Grand Master (B): 55 - 59
Senior (B): 35 - 39	Grand Master (C): 60 - 64
Master (A): 40 - 44	Grand Master (D): 65 +
Master (B): 45 - 49	

COURSE

Minimum of 2 mile (3.2 Km) course T-shaped or triangular.

SCHEDULING

This is a one day Sport, and should take about 5 hours; from beginning of site check-in to the conclusion of medals' presentation.

This Sport should be scheduled so there is one day between the Triathlon and Open Water Swim and one day between Open Water Swim and Swimming.

SCORING

Total time taken at or near the finish line with the finish order decided at the water line.

GENERAL SPORT RULES for Open Water Swimming

Wet suits or open water suits are mandatory if water temperature is below 70 degrees F (21degrees C). Water temperature is measured in the center of the course, one foot (1/3 M) below the surface. Wet suits or open water suits are NOT permitted when water temperature

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is 70 degrees F (21 degrees C) or above. Exceptions to the mandatory wearing of a wetsuit will be given to those who have a recorded completion of an English Channel or Catalina Channel crossing or have finished the Swim around Manhattan.

Each competitor will be required to wear a bright colored cap. Caps will be provided by the Host. (Open water caps are acceptable).

No floatation devices of any kind. No fins allowed. No devices on the hands allowed.

Competitors will be advised that a raised hand indicates trouble or withdrawal from competition and when given aid, or picked up by a safety boat, results in disqualification.

The sport may be postponed, rescheduled or cancelled if unavoidable for stormy conditions or high waves.

No aid may be given to competing swimmers until they have crossed the finish line.

The start will be a mass water start with all competitors in the water up to their waists.

Finish line shall be at the water's edge to eliminate medal-place changes out of the water. If for any reason the finish line is removed from the water's edge, swimmers must be escorted physically (by the arm if competitors are close) from the water's edge to the finish line to avoid any position change out of the water.

Swimmers that swim off course and miss a buoy will be disqualified.

A time limit of 2 hours will be given the swimmers. After that, all remaining swimmers will be asked to leave the water or be picked up by safety boats.