

XIX OPEN WATER SWIMMING ASTURIAS CUP

GENERAL RULES

1. GENERAL FRAMEWORK & PROMOTER ENTITY

The **OWS Asturias Cup** is a competition promoted by the **Asociación de Amigos de la Ría de Navia/ARNavia**, under the **Real Federación Española de Natación / RFEN** rules for open water swimming competitions. The following clauses are based on those rules.

As happened in previous years, the 2017 *Asturias Cup* will be held at the same time as the **European Open Water Swimming Cup 2016 – Leg 3**. The organization of this *Leg 3* falls on the *Asociación de Amigos de la Ría de Navia (ARNavia)*, through delegation of the *RFEN* and the *LEN (Ligue Européene de Natation)*. This means that:

- Swimmers registered to participate in the aforementioned *Leg 3* will be automatically registered in the *XIX Asturias Cup* and will be participants of their own right in both competitions.
- The Main Referee designated by *LEN* for the *Leg 3*, assisted by the referees nominated by the *RFEN*, will also be the Main Referee for the *XIX Asturias Cup*.
- There will be two race starts, one for male swimmers and another one for female swimmers; women usually start 10/15 minutes after men. However, staggered starts may occur if recommended (e.g. groups of 50 swimmers, in a 2/3 minutes interval). In the case of a staggered start, the ranking list will be determined by the timings instead of the order of arrival at the finish line.
- The *XIX Asturias Cup* is divided into the following age groups: *Junior 1*, *Junior 2*, *Absolute*, *Master* (for more information, please go to swimmers' [age groups](#) section below). *LEN Leg 3* doesn't match with these criteria for the age groups.

If you wish to contact the organizing committee, you can do so:

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- by email inscripciones@rianavia.com
- by post, to **Apartado de Correos nº 5- NAVIA (Spain); post code 33710**

2. VENUE AND DATE

Navia, Saturday 5th August 2017 at 14.00pm

3. DISTANCE AND RACE ROUTE

The XIX Asturias Cup / Leg 3 is 7500m long. The competition will take place on a circuit in the estuary of the river Navia, on swell-free water. Swimmers must complete 4 full laps and then swim towards the finish line inside the harbour.

4. SWIMWEAR

The use of non-textile swimsuits (*neoprene*) is allowed on this competition following the LEN and the FINA regulations. Such regulations allow the use of neoprene when the water temperature is below 20 °C. Please note that its use is mandatory when the temperature is below 18 °C. Every piece of swimsuit must follow the *FINA Requirements for Swimwear Approval*.

5. AGE GROUPS

The criteria for grouping the rankings (*junior* or *master*) follows the rules of the XIX OWS Spanish Championship and are as follows:

- **Junior 1:** Born in 2000 or 2001
- **Junior 2:** Born in 1998 or 1999
- **Master:** Born in 1992 and before (the age group will be mentioned, e.g. 30+, 35+ ...)

This doesn't apply to the *European Open Water Swimming Cup 2017 – Leg 3* swimmers.

Age groups could also be used as a criterion for a staggered start.

6. RANKING LISTS

a.1] General Men Asturias Cup. All men, regardless of being registered to take part in the *Leg 3*, will be included in this ranking¹;

a.2] General Women Asturias Cup. All women, regardless of being registered to take part in the *Leg 3*, will be included in this ranking¹.

b.1] General Men Leg 3, only men registered in the *European Open Water Swimming Cup 2017 – Leg 3*.

b.2] General Women Leg 3, only women registered in the *European Open Water Swimming Cup 2017 – Leg 3*.

¹ The grouping of swimmers from a.1] and a.2] will also appear in the ranking: *Junior 1, Junior 2, Absolute* and *Master* –for *Master* swimmers the age group will also be mentioned, as described by the RFEN (30+, 35+, etc.).

7. REGISTRATION

7.1. Quota of swimmers (only for amateur swimmers)

The number of international swimmers, belonging to a National Federation, coming to compete in the *LEN -Leg 3*, combined with the number of amateur swimmers, makes it necessary to set a limit on the number of amateur athletes wishing to swim in Navia without a supporting federation. A quota of 36 unfederated swimmers (female and male altogether) has been set by the organizing committee. In case of receiving more than 36 applications, a draw will be held in order to decide which swimmers will participate in the XIX Asturias Cup.

7.2. Pre-registration

Pre-registration must be done online at www.rianavia.es by clicking on the **Copa Asturias sign up** link on the homepage. Registration period will be open from 1st June to 12th June at 23:59pm.

A list with the pre-registered swimmers (listed by their ID numbers) will be published on 15th June on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/OWSnavia/>. If more than 36 swimmers apply to compete, each one of them will be given a number in chronological pre-registration order for the draw, as well as details on how the draw will be held and the number of female and male swimmers to be chosen.

The result of the draw will be published on 20th June on our Facebook page, on the same day when the registration period starts (only for those who have been selected).

7.3. Registration

The accepted swimmers must register during the three days after receiving the confirmation. Registration must be done online at www.rianavia.es by clicking on the **Copa Asturias sign up** link on the homepage. A refundable 50€ deposit must be made when confirming the registration. This deposit will not be refunded to swimmers who don't start the race, those disqualified for unsporting action² or those declared out of classification (please refer to 7.5. Other for more information). Swimmers who withdraw will be reimbursed.

Confirmation period ends on 23rd June at 23:59pm. Any accepted swimmer who has not confirmed the registration and made the 50€ deposit will lose the spot. The organizing committee will move on to the next swimmer on the draw list and send an e-mail to inform him/her. The confirmation/registration must be done within two days after the e-mail's delivery (i.e. 23:59pm on the third day, as the delivery day is considered "day one"). If no

² According to the European Open Water Swimming Cup Regulations, Cup-OW 3.4.2.: "If in the opinion of the Referee, an action of a swimmer or an escort craft is deemed to be "unsporting", the Referee shall disqualify the swimmer concerned immediately according to FINA Rules."

http://www.len.eu/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/European_open_water_cup1620.pdf

answer is received within three days (even if the swimmer has not read the e-mail yet), the swimmer will lose his/her spot and the organizing committee will proceed to contact the next swimmer on the list.

The final participants' list will be published on our Facebook page on 30th June. Any swimmer who drops out after finalizing the registration process, even if it is due to force majeure, will not be reimbursed of the 50€ deposit.

7.4. Guest swimmers

The organizing committee reserves its right to include on the XIX Asturias Cup participation list up to 6 additional swimmers, i.e. not belonging to the quota of swimmers and not having taken part in the draw. It is the organizing committee's authority, in its sole discretion, to decide whether to do it or not.

7.5. Other

Registration is limited for holders of a valid license issued by a Swimming National Association (e.g. RFEN). *Asturias Cup's* organizing committee may, exceptionally and based on its own judgment, accept swimmers lacking such a license. If so, ARNavia will get an insurance coverage on behalf of the swimmer (see insurance coverage below).

Registration is free for holders of the aforementioned swimming license. Any other swimmer must pay 10€ so that the organizing committee, acting on behalf of the swimmer, can get insurance coverage for them.

In every race, an individual electronic registration device (*transponder*) will record the start and completion time of each swimmer. In addition, some sort of distinctive sign is to be worn to make swimmer's identification easier during the race. The transponders and the rest of the documents will be collected at the **Logistics' Center** (*Centro de recepción de nadadores*) located in the *Nave Municipal El Puerto* (next to the finish line) on Saturday 5th from 10am to 12pm. Please, bear in mind that 12pm is the time limit, since swimmers must gather two hours before the race start (2pm) in order to carry out the necessary procedures prior to the race (swimwear control, meeting with the Judge Referee...). In order to collect the transponder and be allowed to participate in the *XIX Asturias Cup*, swimmers must hand in the *Acceptance of Terms and Conditions - Declaration of Conformity* (see Appendix) duly completed along with a copy of proof of identity and age (e.g. ID, swimming license, passport...).

If a swimmer cannot collect their own transponder, an authorised person (with a signed permission) can pick it up after having handed over the signed permission and the *Acceptance of Terms and Conditions - Declaration of Conformity* (signed by the swimmer) with a copy of the proof of age and identity.

In the event of dropping out of the race, no money will be refunded; even if this is due to the organizing committee's judgment (e.g. having failed to complete/hand in the *Acceptance of Terms and Conditions - Declaration of Conformity* or the copy of the proof of ID and age).

If the race has to be cancelled due to circumstances beyond the organizing committee's control, the insurance and passes' money will not be refunded.

Any registration form could be rejected if the organizing committee considers it does not entail enough proof of personal responsibility from the swimmer or is not adequately endorsed by a responsible body or person.

A 135 minutes (2h 15m) time limit is established to complete the race. 135 minutes after each race start, the race will end and therefore any swimmer still remaining in the water shall be advised and removed by an assistance boat that will take them to the finish line to record their arrival. They will be considered to have completed the race, so they will be part of the rankings and will appear on the same position they had by the time they were removed from the water (these are not withdrawn or disqualified swimmers and thus are entitled to the 50€ deposit reimbursement). However, shall a swimmer ignore the boat's assistance and refuse to leave the water, he or she will be declared out of classification and lost the 50€ deposit reimbursement.

8. AWARDS

- Specific awards (*Leg 3 medals*) will be awarded to the first three men/women from **b.1]** and **b.2]** rankings.
- There will also be trophies and cash prizes for the first three men/women from **a.1]** and **a.2]** rankings (800€, 500€ and 250€), regardless of their belonging to *Junior 1*, *Junior 2*, *Absolute* or *Masters* grouping. Besides there will be 3+3 additional trophies awarded to the three next men and women who complete 7500m circuit, if they haven't been awarded any of the previous prizes and are not registered as *Leg 3* swimmers.
Junior and *Master* swimmers won't receive a specific age group award.
- All swimmers completing the *XIX Asturias Cup* will receive a commemorative gift for their participation.

If any of the a.1] and a.2] classifications have to be cancelled due to circumstances beyond the organizing committee's control, the prize awarding ceremony will also be cancelled.

9. JURY

As stated above, the Main Referee designated by *LEN* for the *Leg 3* will also be the Main Referee for the *XIX Asturias Cup* and will be assisted by the referees designated by the *RFEN*.

Any queries, rules interpretations or disagreements not covered by any clause in this document will be resolved by the Main Referee (who, if needed, may seek advice from the representatives of the organizing committee). His/her decision will be final.

10. INSURANCE COVERAGE

Any swimmer holding a national swimming license (valid for competitions recognized by the RFEN) must make sure he/she is covered by an insurance embracing the risks of his/her participation in the *XIX Asturias Cup*. The organizing committee acceptance of his/her entry into the races is based on this personal assert/responsibility assumption. For other participants without a license or insurance policy valid to cover the risks that his/her participation might imply, the promoter entity (i.e., the *ARNavia*) will subscribe on his/her behalf an accident's insurance policy to foresee the coverage of these risks. Beyond the subscription of the aforementioned accident's insurance policy, the *Asociación de Amigos de la Ría de Navia* and the *XIX Asturias Cup's* organizing committee (who will provide the convenient aid services) decline any responsibility that the participation in the races might imply –responsibility which falls on the swimmer itself.

Note: The organizing committee reserves its right to add, remove or modify any of the present rules. The registration to swim the *XIX Asturias Cup* automatically implies the full acceptance of all of them.

Navia, 28th April 2017

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siempre los amigos

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