



SHORT COURSE  
**SWIMMING**  
**CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**OTOPENI 2023**

# INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## European Short Course Swimming Championships

**December 5 – 10, 2023**

**Otopeni – Bucharest, Romania**



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## European Aquatics President's Welcome Message

On behalf of European Aquatics it gives me great pleasure to write this message for the first Bulletin of the 2023

European Short Course Swimming Championships.

Inside these pages you will find useful and practical information about all aspects of organisation connected to this event, which is the most important in the 2023 European Calendar for Swimming.

Short course competition, with fast turns and exciting ambience, is popular amongst athletes and fans, and I am confident that we will have an excellent support from our member federations. With less than a year to go before the Paris Olympics, this high level competition provides an excellent opportunity for all swimmers to judge their form in winter, as well as to ensure that swimming remains in the public eye, outside of the traditional summer season.

The event will take place over 6 competition days, from 5-10 December, at the Aquatics Complex of Otopeni, just outside the Romanian capital Bucharest.

The Romanian Aquatics and Modern Pentathlon Federation, the National Agency of Sports and the City Council of Otopeni Town have worked hard to provide the best facilities and environment for delegations, closely supported by the European Aquatics Office and Technical Swimming Committee. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the President of the Federation Camelia Potec as well as the local organising committee team and their counterparts at European Aquatics. By working together we can achieve great results.

I look forward to seeing you all in Otopeni!

Warm regards,

Antonio Silva

President European Aquatics



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## **Romanian Aquatics and Modern Pentathlon Federation**

### **President's Welcome Message**

# Welcome to Romania!

Dear LEN Family,

On behalf of the Romanian Aquatics and Modern Pentathlon Federation it is an honour to welcome you to the European Short Course Swimming Championships 2023 which will be staged this December in Otopeni/Bucharest, Romania.

With the support of the LEN – European Aquatics family, the National Agency of Sports, City Council of Otopeni the Ilfov County, we are thrilled to be the hosts of the largest event of this year's swimming calendar.

It is the first time that this top competition will be held in Romania and we are proud to open our doors and to showcase the facilities, accommodations and experiences that will make it truly unforgettable for all involved.

I am grateful to have the opportunity to welcome you dear athletes, coaches and team members, friends and supporters from all over Europe to be an inspiration for all those who love our sport.

Thank you for joining us.

Enjoy the competition and the experience in Romania!



*Camelia Potec*

President of the Romanian Aquatics and  
Modern Pentathlon Federation

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## **BUCHAREST**



### **The Palace of the Parliament**

There's a good reason why everyone wants to see this building when traveling to Bucharest! Also named the House of the People, The Palace of the Parliament is the heaviest building in the world and the second largest and most expensive administrative building, right after the Pentagon. The Palace was ordered by Nicolae Ceaușescu, the dictator of Communist Romania, and it houses the Parliament of Romania along with three museums and an international conference center. If you want to find out how much it weighs and other interesting facts about it, we suggest visiting this place.

**The Romanian Athenaeum** is a concert hall in the center of Bucharest, Romania and a landmark of the Romanian capital city.

Opened in 1888, the ornate, domed, circular building is the city's main concert hall and home of the "George Enescu" Philharmonic and of the George Enescu annual international music festival.



### **Little Paris**

Bucharest earned the nickname "Little Paris" in the period between the two World Wars because of the beautiful architecture built at that time. Little Paris also has its own Arc de Triomphe built after Romania gained its independence in 1878 so that the victorious troops could march under it. Inspired by the famous Arc de Triomphe in Paris, this Arc is a little smaller than the one in Paris but still impressive and worth the visit. The Unirii Boulevard was also ordered to be like the Champs-Élysées, only bigger.



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## LOCATION

**Otopeni** is a town in Ilfov County, Muntenia, Romania,  
10 km north of Bucharest along the DN1 road to Ploiești.

**Henri Coandă International Airport** is located inside Otopeni.

### HISTORY

The oldest discovered human settlements in the region are very old. On the occasion of excavations in 1966 to expand the nearby Henri Coanda International Airport, archaeologist Margaret Constantiniu of the History Museum of Bucharest identified fragments of ancient pottery and other objects that belonged to an important human settlement existing since the first period of the Iron Age. In an overlay was discovered another settlement are dated to the 10th century.

By charter of 14 February 1587, Mihnea Turcitu - voivode of Romanian - gave Holy Trinity Monastery half to the village of Islazul and half to the village of Hodopeni (today Otopeni) mills and gypsies.

On 20 May 1620, Maria, great Baneasa, Holy Trinity monastery was given back (later Radu Voda) half the village Hodopeni with Ruman, given by Master Villa, commanding Ruman listen. Historian Giurăscu Constantin believes that Hodopeni name of the village, comes from an Hodopa or Hodoba.

At the end of the 19th century, Otopeni town was part of Dâmbovița County, Ilfov Province, consisting of two villages, Otopeni Lower and Otopeni Upper, with 851 inhabitants in total. The commune operated a school with 29 students and two churches (one in each village). The village chambers were then part of town Bucoveni, with 125 inhabitants.

Otopeni was transformed into a city as part of Nicolae Ceaușescu's Systematization plan. It replaced the semidetached houses with four-story high apartment buildings.



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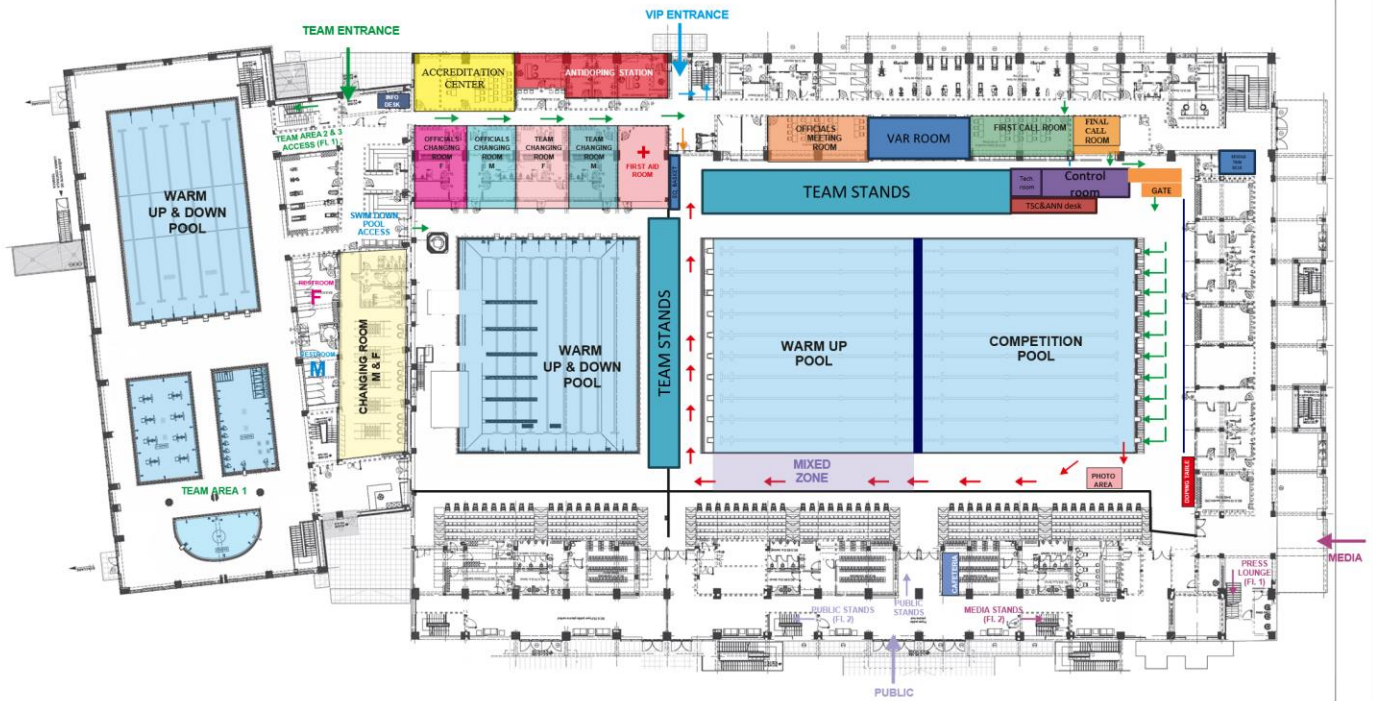
# VENUE FLOW



Olympic Complex Otopeni  
Ground Floor



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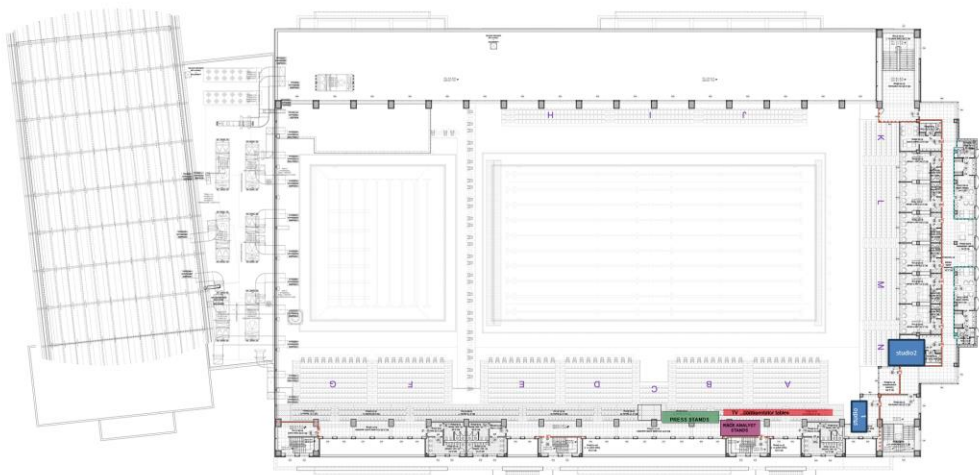
# VENUE FLOW



Olympic Complex Otopeni  
First Floor



Olympic Complex Otopeni  
Second Floor



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## USEFUL INFORMATION

### HOST

The *host* of the **European Short Course Swimming Championships** is the **Romanian Aquatics and Modern Pentathlon Federation** in collaboration with the **National Agency of Sports**, and the **City Council of Otopeni Town**, under the control and supervision of the **LEN – European Aquatics Bureau**.

**The event will be held according to the following schedule:**

#### Key dates - Swimming

**December 2**

Earliest arrival

**December 2-4**

Training days

**December 5-10**

Competition days

**December 11**

Latest departure

### CONTACT DETAILS FOR THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

**Address:** Maior Ion Coravu 34-36, District 2, 021972, Bucharest, Romania

**For accommodation and travel:** [hospitality.scec23@frnpm.ro](mailto:hospitality.scec23@frnpm.ro)

**For any other information:** [info.scec23@frnpm.ro](mailto:info.scec23@frnpm.ro)

**Phone No.:** +40 749 087 165 – Andreea Frigioiu

### VENUE

The event will be held at the

Aquatics Complex

in Otopeni,

075100 Ilfov County





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## **PARTICIPANTS**

All LEN affiliated Federations are eligible to participate in the **European Short Course Swimming Championships**.

## **DEADLINE DATES:**

Preliminary accommodation Requirement Form: **October 24, 2023 -**

[hospitality.scec23@frnpm.ro](mailto:hospitality.scec23@frnpm.ro)

Final accommodation form: **November 17, 2023 –** [hospitality.scec23@frnpm.ro](mailto:hospitality.scec23@frnpm.ro)

**Sport entries deadline: November 25, 2023. Each Federation will receive a personal email with activation link for the registration system. The platform will allow the submission of all delegation members: athletes and Team Officials at once.**

## **PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

**50% deposit due by October 26, 2023**

**Balance of payment due by November 17, 2023**

**Beneficiary:** Romanian Swimming and Modern Pentathlon Federation

**Tax number:** 10062779

**Address:** Maior Ion Coravu Street No 34 – 36, District 2, Bucharest 021972, Romania

**Name of the Bank:** ROMANIAN COMMERCIAL BANK-UNIREA BRANCH

**Bank Address:** Unirii Boulevard 43-45, Bucharest, Romania, 030824

**IBAN:** RO20RNCB0082044164790004

**SWIFT:** RNCBROBU

## **CANCELLATION FEES:**

**Changes done within November 17, 2023 will not be charged.**

After **November 17, 2023** any cancellations will be subject to 100% penalties.

**Final Travel Form:** **November 17, 2023**

[hospitality.scec23@frnpm.ro](mailto:hospitality.scec23@frnpm.ro)

**Rooming List:** **November 17, 2023**

[hospitality.scec23@frnpm.ro](mailto:hospitality.scec23@frnpm.ro)

**For accreditation and sport entries, you will receive information in the next communication.**

## **APPLICATIONS FOR VISAS:**

If you need a Visa in order to travel to Romania, please use the following links for relevant information:

<http://evisa.mae.ro/home> | <http://evisa.mae.ro/info> | <http://evisa.mae.ro/NeedVisa>

After that please contact the Organizing Committee for further assistance [info.scec23@frnpm.ro](mailto:info.scec23@frnpm.ro)

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## **ACCOMMODATION**

To ensure the most favourable prices, and first of all to guarantee the health and safety of all participants, as requested by LEN – European Aquatics, the Organizing Committee is directly in charge of the accommodation process.

Single and Twin rooms will be available. The rates are per person per night, including breakfast, lunch and dinner. The reservations will be made on a first-come-first-served basis.

Reservation will be confirmed upon receipt of 50% deposit payment.

### **TEAM HOTELS:**

#### **Hotels, details and pictures including:**

- Single occupancy: 230 euro full board
- Double occupancy: 180 euro/ person full board
- City tax

#### **1. PHOENICIA GRAND HOTEL 4\* - ALEXANDRU SERBANESCU BLD. NO. 87, BUCHAREST**

- 20 minutes transfer from "Henri Coandă" International Airport;
- 25 minutes transfer to the Aquatic Center;
- The hotel offers the possibility of accessing in a favorable way the main points of interest in the area.



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## **ACCOMMODATION**

### **2. VIENNA HOUSE 4\* - 283 Calea Bucurestilor, 75100 Otopeni**

- 10 minutes transfer from “Henri Coandă” International Airport;
- 20 minutes transfer to the Aquatic Center;
- Located near the airport, in Otopeni city.



### **3. RIN HOTEL AIRPORT 4\* - Calea Bucurestilor 255a, 075100, Otopeni**

- 10 minutes transfer from “Henri Coandă” International Airport;
- 20 minutes transfer to the Aquatic Center;
- Located near the airport, in Otopeni city.



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## **ARRIVALS & TRANSPORTATION**

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The Organizing Committee will facilitate airport welcome and transportation services upon input of the correct travel information no later than **November 17, 2023**.

The Organizing Committee will welcome all members of the participating Federations at the Bucharest "Henri Coandă" Airport (OTP).

The Organizing Committee will be providing transportation services between the airport, the official team hotels, and the competition venue. Transportation schedules will be provided upon arrival.

No other transportation will be allowed.

## **TRAINING & COMPETITION**

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During the training and competition period, transport (bus service) between the pool and the official hotels will be organized for the event. It's mandatory to take **ONLY** the buses of the Organizing Committee and not public transports or others.

Transport service will operate during:

- **training days** at every hour between: 07:30 – 13:30 and 15:00 – 20:30
- **competition days** at every 30 min. between: 07:00 – 13:00 and 14:00/15:00 – 20:30/21:30.

## **SCHEDULE**

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### **TEAM LEADERS MEETING:**

Monday, December 4, 2023 at 11:00 - at the Press Conference room at the venue

### **OFFICIALS MEETING:**

Monday, December 4, 2023 at 13:30

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## SUPERVISION OF THE EVENT

**Management Committee:** the LEN – European Aquatics Technical Swimming Committee

**Jury of Appeal:** in accordance with LEN – European Aquatics Rules and Regulations.

**National Anthems:** Instructions will be forwarded.

**Passport Check:** The Head of Delegation must present the passport of each team member before collecting the accreditation cards. The data on accreditation card will be compared to the data on valid passports of all participants and staff members.

**Awards:** Medals will be awarded for 1st– 3rd places in all events.

## SWIM CAP ADVERTISING REGULATIONS

Please refer to our recent communication and European Aquatics website. In case your federation has a commercial partner to be printed on the cap, please share it with European Aquatics at [swimming@len.eu](mailto:swimming@len.eu) as soon as possible, in order to confirm such partner is not in conflict with a European Aquatics partner.

## DOPING CONTROL

During the Championships the doping control may be conducted. Any competitor participating in the Championships may be subjected to doping control.

## INSURANCE

The Insurance of the participants is the responsibility of the respective federations. Insurance is also valid in the case of a Covid-19 infection.

### Training programme

02.12.2023	03.12.2023	04.12.2023
<b>Morning session</b>		
x	08:00 - 13:00	07.30 – 13.00
<b>Afternoon session</b>		
15:30 - 20:00	15:30 - 20:00	15:30 - 20:00

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## Competition programme

The Championships will be staged over six (6) days with preliminary heats in the morning sessions and the semi-finals and finals in the evening session with subject to minor changes.

### DAY 1 - 05.12.2023

#### Morning session – starting time at 9:30

Women's 400m Individual Medley Heats  
Men's 400m Freestyle Heats  
Women's 50m Freestyle Heats  
Men's 50m Backstroke Heats  
Women's 100m Breaststroke Heats  
Men's 100m Butterfly Heats  
Women's 4x50m Freestyle Heats  
Men's 4x50m Freestyle Heats  
Women's 800m Freestyle Heats

#### Afternoon session – starting time at 18:00

**Women's 400m Individual Medley Final**  
**Men's 400m Freestyle Final**  
Women's 50m Freestyle Semi-Finals  
Men's 50m Backstroke Semi-Finals  
Women's 100m Breaststroke Semi-Finals  
Men's 100m Butterfly Semi-Finals  
**Women's 4x50m Freestyle Final**  
**Men's 4x50m Freestyle Final**

### DAY 2 – 06.12.2023

#### Morning session – starting time at 9:30

Women's 200m Backstroke Heats  
Men's 50m Freestyle Heats  
Women's 200m Butterfly Heats  
Men's 100m Breaststroke Heats  
Women's 100m Individual Medley Heats  
Men's 4x50m Medley Relay Heats  
Men's 1500m Freestyle Heats

#### Afternoon session – starting time at 18:00

**Women's 50m Freestyle Final**  
**Men's 50m Backstroke Final**  
**Women's 100m Breaststroke Final**  
Men's 50m Freestyle Semi-Finals  
Women's 200m Butterfly Semi-Finals  
**Men's 100m Butterfly Final**  
**Women's 800m Freestyle Final**  
Men's 100m Breaststroke Semi-Finals  
Women's 200m Backstroke Semi-Finals  
Women's 100m Individual Medley Semi-Finals  
**Men's 4x50m Medley Relay Final**

Ten (10) lanes of the competition pool will be used for the morning heats, if necessary, while semi-finals and finals will be swum using eight (8) lanes.

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The Championships will be staged over six (6) days with preliminary heats in the morning sessions and the semi-finals and finals in the evening session with subject to minor changes.

### DAY 3 – 07.12.2023

#### Morning session – starting time at 9:30

Women's 100m Freestyle Heats  
Men's 200m Individual Medley Heats  
Women's 200m Breaststroke Heats  
Men's 100m Backstroke Heats  
Women's 50m Backstroke Heats  
Men's 200m Butterfly Heats  
Women's 4x50m Medley Relay Heats  
Women's 1500m Freestyle Heats

#### Afternoon session – starting time at 18:00

**Women's 200m Backstroke Final**  
**Men's 50m Freestyle Final**  
**Women's 200m Butterfly Final**  
Men's 200m Individual Medley Semi-Finals  
Women's 100m Freestyle Semi-Finals  
Men's 100m Backstroke Semi-Finals  
**Women's 100m Individual Medley Final**  
**Men's 1500m Freestyle Final**  
Women's 200m Breaststroke Semi-Finals  
Men's 200m Butterfly Semi-Finals  
Women's 50m Backstroke Semi-Finals  
**Men's 100m Breaststroke Final**  
**Women's 4x50m Medley Relay Final**

### DAY 4 – 08.12.2023

#### Morning session – starting time at 9:30

Women's 100m Backstroke Heats  
Men's 200m Freestyle Heats  
Women's 100m Butterfly Heats  
Men's 200m Breaststroke Heats  
Women's 200m Individual Medley Heats  
Men's 50m Butterfly Heats

#### Afternoon session – starting time at 18:00

**Men's 200m Individual Medley Final**  
**Women's 100m Freestyle Final**  
**Men's 100m Backstroke Final**  
Women's 100m Backstroke Semi-Finals  
Men's 200m Freestyle Semi-Finals  
Women's 100m Butterfly Semi-Finals  
**Women's 200m Breaststroke Final**  
**Men's 200m Butterfly Final**  
**Women's 50m Backstroke Final**  
Men's 200m Breaststroke Semi-Finals  
Women's 200m Individual Medley Semi-Finals  
Men's 50m Butterfly Semi-Finals  
**Women's 1500m Freestyle Final**

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The Championships will be staged over six (6) days with preliminary heats in the morning sessions and the semi-finals and finals in the evening session with subject to minor changes.

### DAY 5 – 09.12.2023

#### Morning session – starting time at 9:30

Men's 50m Breaststroke Heats  
Women's 200m Freestyle Heats  
Men's 200m Backstroke Heats  
Women's 50m Breaststroke Heats  
Men's 100m Freestyle Heats  
Men's 100m Individual Medley Heats  
Women's 50m Butterfly Heats  
Mixed 4x50m Freestyle Heats  
Men's 800m Freestyle Heats

#### Afternoon session – starting time at 18:00

**Women's 100m Backstroke Final**  
**Men's 200m Freestyle Final**  
**Women's 100m Butterfly Final**  
**Men's 200m Breaststroke Final**  
Women's 200m Freestyle Semi-Finals  
**Women's 200m Individual Medley Final**  
**Men's 50m Butterfly Final**  
Men's 100m Individual Medley Semi-Finals  
Women's 50m Breaststroke Semi-Finals  
Men's 50m Breaststroke Semi-Finals  
Men's 100m Freestyle Semi-Finals  
Women's 50m Butterfly Semi-Finals  
Men's 200m Backstroke Semi-Finals  
**Mixed 4x50m Freestyle Final**

### DAY 6 – 10.12.2023

#### Morning session – starting time at 9:30

Men's 400m Individual Medley Heats  
Women's 400m Freestyle Heats  
Mixed 4x50m Medley Heats

#### Afternoon session – starting time at 18:00

**Men's 100m Individual Medley Final**  
**Men's 50m Breaststroke Final**  
**Women's 200m Freestyle Final**  
**Men's 200m Backstroke Final**  
**Women's 400m Freestyle Final**  
**Men's 400m Individual Medley Final**  
**Women's 50m Breaststroke Final**  
**Men's 100m Freestyle Final**  
**Women's 50m Butterfly Final**  
**Men's 800m Freestyle Final**  
**Mixed 4x50m Medley Final**

Ten (10) lanes of the competition pool will be used for the morning heats, if necessary, while semi-finals and finals will be swum using eight (8) lanes.