

Swimmers' Rules

THE FOURTH WRIGLEY MARATHON

CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION

Women's Event, Friday, August 23rd, 1929

Open Event, Wednesday, August 28th, 1929

Competitor

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You have been entered officially in the above-mentioned events. Your official number will be issued to you at the Sports Headquarters, Canadian National Exhibition. This number must be called for at least one day previous to the date of your event.

Both events will start between 10 o'clock and 12 o'clock on the mornings of Friday, August 23rd, and Wednesday, August 28th. You will report at 9 o'clock on the morning of your event at the dressing enclosure close to the starting line in Exhibition Park. At the entrance to this enclosure, you will be officially checked in. You will remain in this dressing enclosure, which is very close to the starting line, until you receive the warning to proceed to the starting platform.

Thirty minutes before the actual start of the race, a signal of one whistle by the steamer *Dalhousie City* will be given. This will be a simple notification that the race will actually start in thirty minutes.

All contestants in the Women's event must report for medical examination at the Mutual Street arena on Wednesday, August 21st, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

All contestants in the Open event must report for medical examination at the Mutual Street arena on Monday, August 26th, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

It is absolutely necessary that each contestant receive this medical examination and be issued a certificate by the chief medical examiner.

Fifteen minutes before the actual start of the race, the steamer *Dalhousie City* will give two whistles. This will be a final signal for all boats to leave the area near the start, as no boats of any description will be permitted within the immediate area of the start. As no boats of any description will be permitted to accompany the swimmers during the first leg of the course, it will be necessary for all boats to move outside the outer sea wall and proceed down the course past the line of buoys defining the second leg of the course and there pick up their swimmers. Your boat will carry the number which has been assigned to you. It is absolutely necessary for you to be prepared to proceed to the starting platform when the 15-minute signal is given.

The numbers for your boat, which will be issued to you, must be fastened securely to each side of the bow of the boat, in order that they may be readily seen throughout the entire race.

The signal for starting will be a cannon shot fired by the official starter. The start will be made from a floating platform between the inner and outer sea walls immediately south of the Princes' Gates. Power boats and larger boats will be required to stay outside of the course of the swim. Once the swim is actually started and the swimmers having completed the first leg of the course, which is 7-8 of a mile in length, the rowboats will be permitted to come within fifteen feet of the swimmer. It is permissible to come alongside the swimmer for the purpose of supplying food when desired. On such occasions, the rowboat must only stay alongside long enough to actually permit the giving of food and the swimmer must not touch the boat or oars, or the person supplying the food or nourishment.

IMPORTANT

No contestant will be permitted to start without an accompanying boat, which must be manned by a competent oarsman. Each boat must be a seaworthy craft and be equipped with a blanket, at least three towels, and a life preserver.

Officials in charge of the event will be found aboard boats bearing official flags. These boats will be found at intervals around the entire course.

To assist boatmen and attendants to quickly identify and pick out their swimmer at the end of the first leg, an official will be stationed on the sea wall where the turn is made into the lake and if approaching swimmers will announce their number to this official he in turn will relay the number to the waiting boats.

It is the desire of the Canadian National Exhibition authorities that every contestant in this race shall have full opportunity to win and shall not be handicapped in any way. However, the race must be won fairly, and while we do not propose to impose drastic rules, it is absolutely necessary that any orders given by the referee, judges, observers, or checkers, must be promptly complied with, otherwise the result will be disqualification. The ruling of the referee shall be final.

An effort has been made to select officials of good judgment, men whose honesty and fairness will be above reproach. Observers have been instructed to warn a swimmer of any infraction of rules and if such warnings are not immediately complied with, disqualify the swimmer. Official observers will be placed in accompanying boats at the discretion of the Chief Observer. We trust you will render us every assistance in this regard.

There will be no instructions issued on the morning of the race. Consequently, familiarize yourself with all conditions or inquire previous to the event at the Sports Headquarters, Canadian National Exhibition, immediately in the rear of the Press Building.