



## HONG KONG AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

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### **Athletes' Competition Eligibility and Event Sanctioning**

#### Eligibilities in participating Local Competition

Athletes should register with HKASA (to respective discipline) as "Competition Athlete" and meet respective competition requirements and standard before they are eligible to participate in any HKASA swimming competition. Please refer to respective rules of "Athletes Registration" and "Competition Rules".

Swimming - Championship Eligibility: Swimmers who were not born in Hong Kong should continuously reside in Hong Kong for over one year and have to submit one-year residency evidence\* to HKASA.

\* Swimmers who were born in Hong Kong or Hong Kong permanent residents are exempted from this rule.

#### Eligibility Rules for Representing Hong Kong & Holding Hong Kong Records

1. Registered "Competition Athletes" (hereafter referred to "Swimmers") must belong to one of the following categories to be eligible to hold Hong Kong Records and to represent Hong Kong in local and international competitions.
  - I. Swimmers who were born in Hong Kong and have not represented any other country in any sport at any level previously.
  - II. Swimmers who were born in Hong Kong and have represented another country in one or more disciplines of sport. These swimmers must reside in Hong Kong for over one year\* and file a petition to HKASA to change their sports nationality to Hong Kong. Swimmers must continue to meet the General Residency Requirements.
  - III. Swimmers who were not born in Hong Kong. These swimmers must reside in Hong Kong for over one year\* and file a petition to HKASA for Hong Kong sports nationality. Swimmers must continue to meet the "General Residency Requirements".

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*\* The one year residency rule stipulates that the swimmer's normal residence must be in Hong Kong for the entire year immediately before the swimmer's registration/petition to HKASA as a Hong Kong swimmer. The residency must be for a continuous period of at least one-year and is NOT an accumulation of the time a swimmer has spent in Hong Kong over a period of time.*

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## General Residency Requirements

Swimmers must belong to one of the following two categories in order to satisfy the Residency Requirements:

- I. Swimmers who generally reside in Hong Kong; or
  - II. Swimmers who need to leave Hong Kong and temporarily reside elsewhere due to further education must fulfill the following:
    - A. Swimmers must not represent any other country in any sport at any level during his/her further education abroad
    - B. Swimmers must stay in touch with the HKASA through their respective club, coach, or National Coach.
    - C. Swimmers' family must reside in Hong Kong.
2. Representing Hong Kong: Swimmers are required to meet the above rules as well as the conditions listed below before they can represent Hong Kong:
- 2.1 Fulfill eligibility rules<sup>#</sup> as set by International Olympic Committee ("IOC"), Federation Internationale de Natation ("FINA"), Asian Swimming Federation ("AASF") and Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China ("SF & OC") and HKASA and applied to respective competitions;
  - 2.2 **Must** participate in **at least one** of the three local major competitions namely: - a) Hong Kong Open Swimming Championships, b) Hong Kong Age Group Long Course Swimming Championships and c) Festival of Sports – Hong Kong Long Course Time Trial Swimming Competition organized by HKASA in Hong Kong to be eligible for consideration for the Hong Kong Swimming Team.
  - 2.3 Attain required qualifying standard as set by the FINA and/or the HKASA;
  - 2.4 Nominated by HKASA Member and successfully being selected by HKASA;
  - 2.5 Successfully selected by the SF & OC (if applicable).

<sup>#</sup> Respective eligibility rules can be downloaded at HKASA website.

**Should any dispute arise from the above rules or if any situation occurs which is not covered by the above rules, a final decision will be made by a duly constituted meeting of HKASA.**