

## RULES ABOUT RELAY IN MONATE

1. The event is part of the Italian open water tour circuit.
2. The event is not competitive, but the competition route time of every single participant will be noted to determine a ranking in order to take part in the daily and circuit ranking.
3. The competition enrollment form and the signatory in connection with the instructions: state of good health, swimming ability, waiver, personal information, alternative route, registration fee and signature, are compulsory. The registration can be completed only on the website: [www.italianopenwatertour.com](http://www.italianopenwatertour.com).
4. The final acceptance of the registration is to the unquestionable discretion of the organization and is to be considered confirmed only with the publication of his/her own nominative on the starting list published on the website: [www.italianopenwatertour.com](http://www.italianopenwatertour.com).
5. The certificate of **Not Competitive** sporting activity fitness in progress of validity is compulsory.
6. We recommend the swimmer wear a wetsuit (even if optional) in addition to a swimming cap and goggles. Moreover, swimsuits, short wetsuits, sleeveless swimsuits and long big swimsuits are allowed. Any other equipment is forbidden.
7. It's up to total discretion of the organization to require all the athletes to wear a wetsuit or restrict it if they consider it necessary to health protection connected to the water temperature. Temperatures below 18° and above 24° are to be considered and evaluated by the organization.
8. The organization staff will check the correct implementation of the competition. The participants can be forced to leave the competition at any time to the unquestionable judgment of the organizers or doctors. The participants will be required to follow every other safety measure predisposed by the organization.
9. For organizational and safety reasons, the swimming competition will be limited to 70 teams.
10. Minimum age required to take part to the competition: 14 years old.
11. For the participants under 18 it's compulsory to have the consent of one of the parents, with two signatures (participant and person having parental authority) specifying the number and the type of document of recognition of the parent by means of copy of the same.
12. Once registered, enrollment fee cannot be returned.
13. The organization reserves the right to suspend or to modify the competition to its own unquestionable judgement for reasons or conditions that cannot guarantee safety conditions. In case of failure to carry out the competition because of bad weather conditions or other serious reasons, the amount paid as enrollment fee won't be returned, but a special prize will be given as a souvenir to remember the event.
14. Maximum time allowed for the competition: 1h45m.
15. Registrations will be closed on 10 June 2019 or to achieving 70 relays.
16. The disqualification for being unsportsmanlike is at unquestionable judgement of the organization.
17. The route is indicated by 3 big buoys on the left, in addition to the finishing corridor. Every swimmer has to carefully watch the route map noticing **there aren't** food or drink stations.
18. The athlete losing the chip during the competition will be disqualified. The 10 € deposit given at the moment of taking the race bag won't be returned.

### TECHNICAL RULES

1. It's compulsory to wear the swim caps provided by the organization. They are in three different colours, one for each part of the competition.
2. In the first part the starting mark is in the water whereas the two others are from the shore.
3. The changeover among athletes during three parts of the competition is by chip exchange out of the water following the route specified by the organization in the pre-competition briefing.
4. Every part of the competition is about 925 mt and it is delimited by three buoys.

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5. It's forbidden to hinder, interfere and intentionally come into contact with other competitors. If you do that, you will be disqualified. The immediate disqualification is to unquestionable judgment of the organization.
6. The time of each relay of the competition finishes when the athlete crosses the starting line with timing near the inflatable structure.

## **USEFUL TIPS FOR PARTICIPANTS**

1. Adequate training in a swimming pool or trying to swim in open waters for at least 40/50 min.
2. Have a light breakfast, rich in sugars and poor in fats; don't drink alcoholic beverages before the competition.
3. For the swimmers not wearing wetsuits, we recommend lanolin and camphorated oil (both purchasable in a pharmacy).
4. Start moderately and try to find your own breathing rhythm before forcing the pace.
5. The safety balloon must be tied to the waist and kept at a distance of approximately a metre from the body, avoiding to use it as a life belt, since it increases the attrition with the water and it prevents moving forward.
6. In case of excessive breathlessness, stop and catch breath using the balloon as support.
7. Any possible request for help in the water to the closest rescue boats, must be performed maintaining aloft an outstretched arm and using the buoy to hold up.
8. The organizers decline any responsibility regarding thefts or loss of valuables, purses, watches, clothes, etc. in the race bags that you will receive upon enrollment during the race.