

Registration in the event implies the express acceptance of these Rules by the swimmer.

1. Organization

- The Batalla de Rande open water swim — 27 km from the Cíes Islands to San Simón — is organized by the Batalla de Rande Swimming Club.
- The event will be carried out in accordance with the rules set forth in the present Regulations.
- In case of doubt in the interpretation of any section, the criterion and decision of the Organization will prevail.
- Registration in the event implies full acceptance by all participants of these Rules.
- Acceptance of the Rules also entails acceptance of the liability waiver contained in section 5 – Conditions of Participation.
- The Organization reserves the right to modify the content of the Rules, as well as any information related to the event, or to cancel the event for reasons of force majeure. Any modification will be duly published through the official channels of the event.

2. Date

The event will take place in the Ría de Vigo on **Saturday, June 20, 2026**, starting at 08:30 h (CEST).

3. Route

- The course will be approximately **27 kilometres**, entirely within the Ría de Vigo, between the Cíes Islands and the island of San Simón.
- The start will be from Rodas beach, in the Cíes Islands (Vigo), and the finish will be on the island of San Simón (Redondela).
- If meteorological conditions, sea state or visibility prevent carrying out the original route, or exceed the safety limits established by competent authorities, the Organization may set, if circumstances allow, an alternative route of approximately 27 km. The decision may be made up to the day of the event and will be communicated to participants as soon as possible.
- This alternative route will maintain distance, technical conditions, and safety criteria established, ensuring compliance with the sporting objectives of the event.

4. Participation & Available Places

- The estimated number of participants is about **110 swimmers**.
- Any person over **16 years old** (born in 2010 or earlier) who meets the participation conditions set out in section 5 and completes registration according to the indicated procedures may participate.
- Participants under 18 (ages 16–17) must present a signed authorization from a parent, mother, or legal guardian to take part.
- The Organization reserves a limited number of places for commitments with collaborators and sponsors.
- Also, the Organization reserves the right to expand or reduce the number of available places for reasons of safety or other factors that may affect the proper development of the event. Any modification in this regard will be communicated in advance via the event website and social media.

5. Conditions of Participation

- All necessary authorizations from competent bodies (Maritime Captaincy, Port of Vigo, Xunta de Galicia) will be secured.
- Maritime safety and surveillance during the event will be coordinated with public emergency, rescue and maritime security services.
- The technical control of the event will be performed by specialized personnel of the Organization, ensuring compliance with protocols and correct execution of the event.

Insurance coverage

- All participants will be covered by civil liability and accident insurance, in accordance with Article 14 of Annex II of Royal Decree 62/2008, which approves maritime safety, navigation, and life regulations applicable to nautical-sporting events.
- Because this is a federated event, swimmers with federation membership will also be covered by the relevant federative insurance.

Medical assistance

- During the event, there will be vessels with qualified medical personnel and a first aid medical team on land at the finish area and the nearest evacuation point.

Physical condition of participants

- Each swimmer is exclusively responsible for ensuring they are physically and mentally fit to participate in the event. This implies good general health

and having the proper physical, technical, and psychological readiness to face a 27 km open water swim.

- A medical check prior to the event is strongly recommended, especially for persons with cardiovascular, respiratory, or metabolic disease histories.
- Once preselected and participation confirmed by payment, swimmers are required to complete a medical questionnaire. A medical certificate proving fitness for a long-distance open water swim may be required.
- If the medical questionnaire is not completed or the certificate is not presented in time, the swimmer will be excluded from the event and will receive a full refund of registration.
- The Organization and its collaborators will not be liable for injuries or conditions stemming from imprudence, negligence or lack of physical fitness by the participant.

Mandatory equipment

The following are mandatory:

- Swimming goggles
- Safety buoy with a watertight compartment for GPS and timing devices (opening the buoy during the race is strictly prohibited and causes immediate disqualification)
- Whistle
- Swim cap provided by the Organization
- Swimmers must wear an identifying cap of a specific color and have the dorsal (race number) visibly marked on both arms or hands
- See section 15 for regulations on swimwear and neoprene

Time limits

- The maximum time to complete the course is **10 hours** from the start of the first group. After this limit, participants who haven't finished will be removed from the water.
- Any swimmer not having crossed the Rande Bridge within **9 hours** from the first group's start will also be removed.
- These time limits are established by Maritime Captainty to ensure participant safety and manageability of the event.

Personal belongings

- The Organization is not responsible for theft, loss, or damage of personal items during the event.

6. Cancellation of the Event Due to Force Majeure

- The Organization reserves the right to modify, postpone or cancel the event if unforeseeable, unavoidable or external circumstances impede safe and adequate holding of the event.
- Such circumstances may include:
 - Adverse meteorological conditions (storms, extreme waves, dense fog, etc.)
 - Alerts issued by competent authorities (Civil Protection, Maritime Captainty, etc.)
 - Sanitary, environmental or public safety situations
 - Administrative conflicts or restrictions affecting use of maritime or coastal space
 - Presence of marine flora/fauna whose interaction may endanger swimmer health
- **Communication protocol**
 - If a change or cancellation is necessary, the Organization will notify with as much advance as possible via:
 - Event website
 - Official social media accounts
 - Email to registered participants
 - SMS/WhatsApp
 - In emergency or last-minute changes, a direct notification system (email/SMS) will be enabled to ensure participants are informed immediately.
 - Notifications may be done even on the day of the event if required.

7. Admission Rights

- The Organization reserves the right of admission of participants, in accordance with Article 59.1.e) of Royal Decree 2816/1982 of August 27, which governs general regulations for shows and recreational activities.

- This right may be used to deny or cancel registration of any participant if justified (technical, disciplinary, organizational, failure to meet requirements in these Rules).

8. Registrations

- The registration fee is **€325**.
- Pre-registrations will be open from **1 to 15 October 2025**. The list of selected swimmers will be published no later than **1 November 2025**.
- Selected participants will be notified by email, SMS, and WhatsApp, and will have **48 hours** from publication to pay a **€25 reservation fee**. This reservation fee is non-refundable if the swimmer does not pay the remaining **€300** before **30 November 2025**.
- If reservation payment is not made within the deadline, the spot will be assigned to another swimmer from the waiting list.
- Swimmers who are not selected will be placed on a waiting list; vacant spots will be assigned by registration order, and selected swimmers will have **24 hours** to confirm.
- Registration is personal and nontransferable.
- Registration entitles participants to:
 - Participate in the swim
 - Identifying cap
 - Diploma (only if finishing)
 - Polo shirt / Sweatshirt
 - Transport to the Cíes Islands
 - Transport from San Simón to Vigo
 - Rental of geolocator and timing chip
 - Assistance at the dinner

9. Unregistered Swimmers

Any person swimming without proper registration does so at their own risk and will not be covered by the Organization. If detected, they will be asked to leave the area.

10. Delivery of Documentation & Identifications

The briefing and delivery of documentation and IDs will be held on **Friday, June 19, 2026**, starting at 16:00 h (CEST).

11. Aid Stations (Feedings)

- There will be **7 feeding points**: first at 5,000 m, subsequent every ~3,000 m (except last two at ~2,500 m).
- The first four are **mandatory** and each has a **maximum stop time of 3 minutes**, as the race is still in groups.
- The remaining are mandatory as checkpoints (not necessary to stop).
- At feeding stations, participants receive water, isotonic drink, fruit, bars, energy gels, and hot drink.
- These serve as mandatory control points. Any swimmer failing to pass a required station will be disqualified, unless justified and communicated to the Organization.
- During feeding, participants may touch the boat with one or both hands, but **climbing** onto the boat (fully or partially) is strictly prohibited and results in immediate disqualification.
- In addition to disqualification, time penalties may apply (added to total time) for, e.g., repeated delays at mandatory feedings.

12. Groups

- Different swimming groups will be formed, each of about **15 to 20 participants**.
- Group assignment will be done during registration based on each swimmer's estimated time in pre-registration.
- During the first **14 kilometres**, swimmers must stay within their assigned group, without changing group or separating more than 5 m from it — for safety and logistical control.
- After that point, each swimmer may adopt their own pace, respecting time limits.
- The requirement to remain grouped may be modified by the Organization depending on sea, weather or safety conditions, even on the day of the event.
- **Important warning**: any conduct that alters the group pace — advancing ahead or lagging behind during feedings — may result in disqualification.

- Approximate swimming pace groups:
 - **Group 1:** for swimmers with a pace of $\leq 2h10m$ per 10,000 m
 - **Group 2:** $\leq 2h25m$ / 10,000 m
 - **Group 3:** $\leq 2h40m$ / 10,000 m
 - **Group 4:** $\leq 2h55m$ / 10,000 m
 - **Group 5:** $\leq 3h10m$ / 10,000 m
 - **Group 6:** $\leq 3h25m$ / 10,000 m
 - Stop times during feedings are not included in pacing times.
 - The pace will be set by the slowest swimmer in the group, provided they swim within the group's pace limits.
 - The group leader may vary pace depending on sea conditions.
 - A **seventh group** may be included for safety or balancing.
 - Individual accompaniment via boats, kayaks or any external medium is **not allowed**, unless expressly authorized by the Organization for medical or safety reasons. Violation means immediate disqualification.

13. Disqualifications

The Race Direction reserves the right to remove any participant from the event who commits any of the following:

- Be in a physical condition that, in the Organization's judgment, compromises their safety or that of others
- Fail to complete the full course
- Repeatedly alter group pace (advance or lag) unjustifiably
- Not carry or visibly display official identification, manipulating or replacing it, or displaying unauthorized advertising
- Display unsportsmanlike behavior or constant protest toward the Organization
- Break any of the rules set in this Regulation

14. Awards

- The awards presentation will take place during the celebration dinner after the swim.

- All swimmers who complete the event will receive a certificate.

Prizes:

- **Absolute Female**
 - 1st – Trophy + invitation to Batalla de Rande 2027
 - 2nd – Medal
 - 3rd – Medal
- **Absolute Male**
 - 1st – Trophy + invitation to Batalla de Rande 2027
 - 2nd – Medal
 - 3rd – Medal
- **Special Female – Traditional Swim**
 - 1st, 2nd, 3rd – Medals
- **Special Male – Traditional Swim**
 - 1st, 2nd, 3rd – Medals
- Trophies, keepsakes, or lost items not collected the day of the event will be shipped by courier (postage due).

15. Swimwear / Neoprene Regulations

- Swimming with neoprene is permitted, but there will be **two classifications**:
 - **Traditional swim**: with swimsuit, no neoprene
 - **Assisted swim**: with neoprene or other assistance elements

Rules for traditional (unassisted) swim:

Allowed:

- A porous swimsuit (non-impermeable fabric)
- Goggles
- A cap (non-neoprene)
- Earplugs

Details:

- The swimsuit must be porous (water-permeable fabric)

- Typical materials: lycra, nylon, cotton or similar textile blends
- It cannot cover more than a standard competitive swimsuit:
 - Men → from waist to just above the knees
 - Women → up to shoulders and above the knee (standard racing suit, no long sleeves or legs)
- Must fit the body without special compression or sealed seams that improve hydrodynamics
- Only one layer (no double layering)

Not allowed (would be categorised as assisted):

- Neoprene or any material providing buoyancy or thermal insulation
- High-tech suits with sealed seams, polyurethane, carbon or non-porous fabrics
- Full-body suits covering arms or legs beyond allowed coverage

16. Authorization for Use of Image & Personal Data

- By participating, the swimmer authorizes the Organization to use their name and image (photos, videos, etc.) in media related to the event (TV, press, digital media, social networks).
- Participants may revoke this authorization by written request to the Organization (via email: info@batalladerande.com).
- In accordance with GDPR (EU Regulation 2016/679) and the Spanish Organic Law 3/2018 on data protection, participants are informed that their personal data will be incorporated into a file managed by the Organization.
- The purpose is to manage participation and send information about future editions.
- Participants may exercise rights of access, rectification, deletion, limitation, portability and objection via written request to the email provided, attaching a copy of their identity document.

17. Refund Policy

- No refunds of the registration fee will be allowed, except in case of injury or illness, properly certified and presented before **May 1, 2026**. In such cases, **50 %** of the amount paid will be refunded.
- Outside this period, no refund is possible.

18. General Conditions

- The Organization reserves the right to reject any registration that does not accept the terms and conditions.
- In case of doubt or situations not expressly contemplated, the organizer's decision applies.

19. Tide (Marea)

- (Reference to the tide and lunar predictions via MeteoGalicía)
- [MeteoGalicía – tides & moon]

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