

## INVITATION

### Austrian Open 2026 - in memoriam Walter Bär

**Datum:** July 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Ort:** Panorama Badewelt, Pass-Thurn-Str. 3; 6380 St. Johann/ Tirol  
50 m pool, 8 lanes, OMEGA timing

#### Competition schedule:

#### Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Warm Up: 15:00

1.	200m	Freestyle	Women	Heats
2.	200m	Freestyle	Men	Heats
3.	400m	Individual Medley	Women	Heats (max 3 heats)
4.	1500m	Freestyle	Men	Heats (max 2 heats)
5.	200m	Backstroke	Women	Heats
6.	200m	Backstroke	Men	Heats
7.	800m	Freestyle	Women	Heats (max 2 heats)
8.	400m	Individual Medley	Men	Heats (max 3 heats)

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Competition Session:

Competition start: 16:30

#### Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Warm Up: 08:00

9.	50m	Freestyle	Women	Prelims
10.	50m	Freestyle	Men	Prelims
11.	200m	Breaststroke	Women	Heats
12.	200m	Breaststroke	Men	Heats
13.	100m	Butterfly	Women	Prelims
14.	100m	Butterfly	Men	Prelims
15.	100m	Backstroke	Women	Prelims
16.	100m	Backstroke	Men	Prelims
17.	50m	Breaststroke	Women	Prelims
18.	50m	Breaststroke	Men	Prelims

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Competition Session:

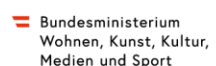
Competition Start: 09:30

Warm Up: 15:30

13.	100m	Butterfly	Women	Final B & A
14.	100m	Butterfly	Men	Final B & A
19.	400m	Freestyle	Women	Heats (max 4 heats)
20.	400m	Freestyle	Men	Heats (max 4 heats)
15.	100m	Backstroke	Women	Final B & A
16.	100m	Backstroke	Men	Final B & A
17.	50m	Breaststroke	Women	SKINS
18.	50m	Breaststroke	Men	SKINS
9.	50m	Freestyle	Women	SKINS
10.	50m	Freestyle	Men	SKINS

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Competition Session:

Competition Start: 17:00



**Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Warm Up: 08:00

21.	50m	Backstroke	Women	Prelims
22.	50m	Backstroke	Men	Prelims
23.	200m	Butterfly	Women	Heats
24.	200m	Butterfly	Men	Heats
25.	100m	Breaststroke	Women	Prelims
26.	100m	Breaststroke	Men	Prelims
27.	100m	Freestyle	Women	Prelims
28.	100m	Freestyle	Men	Prelims
29.	50m	Butterfly	Women	Prelims
30.	50m	Butterfly	Men	Prelims

**4<sup>th</sup> Competition Session:**

Competition Start: 09:30

Warm Up: 15:00

27.	100m	Freestyle	Women	Final B & A
28.	100m	Freestyle	Men	Final B & A
31.	200m	Lagen	Women	Heats
32.	200m	Langen	Men	Heats
25.	100m	Breaststroke	Women	Final B & A
26.	100m	Breaststroke	Men	Final B & A
21.	50m	Backstroke	Women	SKINS
22.	50m	Backstroke	Men	SKINS
29.	50m	Butterfly	Women	SKINS
30.	50m	Butterfly	Men	SKINS

**5<sup>th</sup> Competition Session:**

Competition Start: 16:30

**Registration, participation, and eligibility:** According to WKBSW, athletes born in 2013 and before are eligible to participate in this competition, athletes younger than 13 years of age are not permitted to participate. All participants registered for an OSV member club must be properly registered in accordance with WKBSW. This also means that all documents relating to the active athletes must be uploaded to the OSV online system by the registration deadline.

By submitting their registration, non-Austrian clubs declare that they belong to a national member federation of AQUA and that all registered athletes are eligible to compete for the club. An international competition permit in accordance with the requirements of their national federation must be presented upon request.

**Classification:** 2013 and older

By submitting their entries, the clubs declare that the swimmers they have entered can provide proof of their fitness to participate in the sport and that the examination was carried out no more than 12 months prior to the entry deadline.

**General conditions:** The competitions will be held in accordance with the competition rules of AQUA and the OSV.

The seeding of the swimmers in the prelims and heats will be set according to the best times in accordance with the WKBSW of the OSV. The eight fastest swimmers from the preliminaries of each competition are eligible to participate in the finals. The seeding will be set in accordance with the WKBSW of the OSV.

In events with a limited number of heats (400m freestyle (4), 400m individual medley (3), 800m & 1500m freestyle (2)), these will be seeded according to best times. If the number of participants is exceeded, the remaining entries will be rejected.

The organizer reserves the right to set a limit on the number of heats in the remaining events as well, if there is a large number of registrations, and to reject the remaining registrations, according to best times, if the number of participants is exceeded.

In events with preliminaries, B finals will be held in addition to the finals with the 9th to 16th fastest swimmers from the heats. B Finals will be held prior to the A finals

**SKINS:** The finals of the 50m events will be held in the form of "SKINS Race." The eight fastest swimmers from the 50m preliminary rounds qualify for their respective 50m SKINS event. SKINS rounds take place every 3 minutes. After each round, the athletes return to the starting blocks.

**Butterfly, Backstroke & Breaststroke:** Round 1: 8 athletes; Round 2: 4 athletes (the 4 fastest from the first round); Round 3: 2 athletes (the 2 fastest from the second round).

**Freestyle:** In 7 heats, the slowest swimmer is eliminated in each heat until the winner is determined. The qualified athletes are not permitted to cool down in any pool between rounds and must leave the pool within 30 seconds of the end of their respective round.

If registrations are not complied with, or if a withdrawal from the final is not announced within the deadline, a penalty fee will be imposed in accordance with the WKBSW.

### **Referees**

For the successful running of the competition, we would also appreciate it if clubs could support us with referees (even half-day referees). Please simply include your name and desired referee position with your registration. Good food and drinks will be provided.

**Entries:** Must be submitted in accordance with the WKBSW of the OSV (please refer to the AWKB of the OSV). Entry times are automatically determined from the OSV's online ranking system. Only times achieved in a long course competition within the last 18 months prior to the entry deadline will be considered. Members of a foreign club belonging to AQUA must submit their registration times in accordance with the above-mentioned period. If this is not done or if incorrect registration times are submitted, these registrations will be rejected. (times must be registered in swimrankings.net)

**Registration deadline:** Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 20:00

**Late registrations will not be accepted under any circumstances!**

After the registration deadline, a confirmation of registration will be sent out. This must be checked immediately, and any errors must be reported to the registration address by Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 20:00. Corrections received after this time will not be considered without exception.

**Registration address:** Austrian Swimming Federation [meldungen@schwimmverband.at](mailto:meldungen@schwimmverband.at)

**Entry fee:** per individual competition € 7.50

The entry fee must be transferred upon receipt of the invoice. Any penalty fees for missing the withdrawal deadline will be included in the invoice after the competition.

**Notification of club representative:** When submitting the entry, each club must submit its official club representative for this competition to the registration address.

### **Categories & Awards**

The three fastest participants in the Heats, A-Finals & SKINS (3<sup>rd</sup> from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to last run & 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> from the last run) will receive medals.

**Organizer:** Austrian Swimming Federation

**Host:** WSV St. Johann

**Doping controls:** We would like to point out that doping controls may be carried out during the event. The relevant regulations of the NADA (National Anti-Doping Agency) must be observed.

**Photos/film recordings:** It is expressly pointed out that photos and film recordings will be made during the event by persons accredited by the OSV and that these will also be used in the media. By submitting their entries, the clubs agree to the production and publication of photo and film material.

The OSV accepts no liability or responsibility for recordings made and published by active participants, spectators and officials.

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