



JAPAN OPEN 2009
The 50th Japan Swimming Championships(25m)
February 21-22, Tokyo, JAPAN



Information Bulletin

Event Title:	The 50th Japan Swimming Championships (25m)
Abbreviation:	JAPAN OPEN 2009
Organizer:	Japan Swimming Federation
TV Broadcast:	TV Asahi (tentative)

Dates: Competition: February 21 (Sat) – 22 (Sun), 2009 (2 days)
Official Training: February 19 (Thu) – 20 (Fri)
* On February 19, only Warm-up Pool is available.

Venue: Tokyo Tatsumi International Swimming Center
(2-8-10 Tatsumi, Koto-ku, Tokyo, JAPAN)

Competition Events:

17 Men's events, 17 Women's events / a total of 34 short course events (25m)
Freestyle: 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m (Women), 1500m (Men)
Backstroke: 50m, 100m, 200m
Breaststroke: 50m, 100m, 200m
Butterfly: 50m, 100m, 200m
Individual Medley: 100m, 200m, 400m

Order of Events:

See the attached order of events.

Rules: Competitions will be held under FINA rules

- * Heats in the morning, Finals & B Finals in the afternoon
- * Each event will be swum for women and men separately.
- * Finals and B-finals will take place at Pool A and Pool B simultaneously.
- * Women's 800m & Men's 1500m: Timed finals
400m freestyle & 400m individual medley: Heats & Finals
Other than above: Heats, B-finals & Finals



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Qualifications:

All who have exceeded the performance standards shown on the attached sheet at least once in the past.

Doping: To be conducted when each new world record is set

Deadline: Preliminary Entry Form Due Date: December 12, 2008
Hotel Reservation & Travel Form Due Date: January 16, 2009
Final Entry Form Due Date: January 23, 2009
The above forms must be submitted to the organizer not later than each due date.

Schedule: February 19 (Thu) Arrival in Japan, Official Training Day-1
February 20 (Fri) Official Training Day-2, Managers Meeting
February 21 (Sat) Competition Day-1
February 22 (Sun) Competition Day-2, Farewell party
February 23 (Mon) Departure from Japan

Managers Meeting:

To be held on February 20 (Fri) 15:00 – at the conference room in Tokyo Tatsumi International Swimming Center

One representative from each Federation is requested to attend the meeting.

Farewell party:

To be held on February 22 after all the program has finished

All the delegations are invited. Please make sure to attend the party.



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Awards: -Award ceremonies will be held for those placing 1st through 3rd in all events.
(Athletes with a new world record will be awarded prize money at the above ceremonies.)
-MVP will be awarded prize money (one each from men and women)

Prize: -In each event, 1st: JPY100,000, 2nd: JPY50,000, 3rd: JPY30,000
-Men's and Women's MVP: JPY1,000,000 (to be selected based on FINA point)
-World record: JPY2,000,000
(If one person sets a new world record more than once in the same event, e.g. both in heat and final, only one world record prize will be awarded.)
* All the prizes above are gross amount.
(There will be 20% tax deduction from the above prize amount.)

Invited Competitors:

-Invited Competitors A:
Medalists at 12th FINA World Championships in Melbourne or the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games (including relay events)
-Invited Competitors B:
Finalists at 12th FINA World Championships in Melbourne or the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games (including relay events)
-Regional Invitation:
Competitors from members of Asian Swimming Federation



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The organizer will be responsible for the following expenses:

Conditions for Invited Competitors A:

-Round-trip airfare (actual amount, maximum JPY100,000), accommodation & meals (4 nights, with 3 meals/day) and local transportation in Japan

-For accompanying coaches, Conditions for Invited Competitors A are applicable for the numbers below.

Number of Invited Competitors A	1-3	4-6	7+
Number of accompanying coaches	1	2	3

Conditions for Invited Competitors B:

-Accommodation & meals (4 nights, with 3 meals/day) and local transportation in Japan (Round-trip airfare is to be covered by each team).

-For accompanying coaches, Conditions for Invited Competitors B are applicable for the numbers below.

Number of Invited Competitors B	1-3	4-6	7+
Number of accompanying coaches	1	2	3

Conditions for Regional Invitation (Members of Asian Swimming Federation):

-Round-trip airfare (actual amount, maximum JPY50,000), accommodation & meals (4 nights, with 3 meals/day) and local transportation in Japan

-The condition is applicable to a maximum of 3 participants including 1 coach per each team.

(Competitors must have exceeded the performance standard)

-If there are more participants than the above number, round-trip airfare, accommodation and meals for the exceeding number of participants are to be covered by each team.



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Accreditation:

To be issued at check-in at the official hotel

Training pools:

-Main pool: A & B ; 2 areas of 25m x 8 lanes, depth: 2m

February 19: Only Warm-up Pool is available

February 20: Official Training Day-2 (11:00 – 18:00)

February 21: Competition Day-1

(7:15 – 8:45, and after the heats until 15 mins before finals start)

February 22: Competition Day-2

(7:15 – 8:45, and after the heats until 15 mins before finals start)

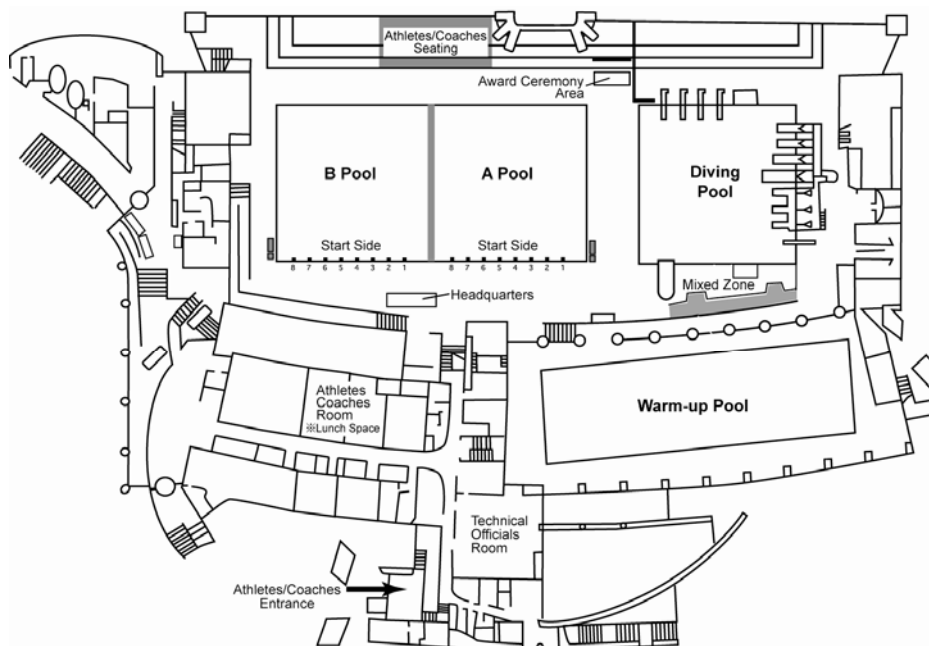
-Warm-up Pool: 50m x 7 lanes, depth: 1.2 – 1.4m

February 19: Official Training Day-1 (13:00 – 18:00)

February 20: Official Training Day-2 (11:00 – 18:00)

February 21: Competition Day-1 (7:15 – 19:00)

February 22: Competition Day-2 (7:15 – 19:00)





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Transportation:

The organizer is responsible for the following expenses.

- Local transportation within Japan (Narita Airport / Haneda Airport – Hotel, Hotel – Venue)

Shuttle bus service will be available between the official hotel and the venue (approx. 25 min.) during February 19 – 22.

Official hotel:

Hotel Sun Route Asakusa

1-8-5 Kaminarimon, Taito-ku, Tokyo

Tel: +81-3-3847-1511

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<http://www.sunroute-asakusa.co.jp/>

Accommodation:

Single Room JPY11,400 (per person, tax inclusive)

Twin room used by two persons JPY10,400 (per person, tax inclusive)

- The above rate includes 2 meals per day (breakfast and lunch)

- Other expenses are to be covered by each team.

Hotel Reservation & Travel Form: Not later than January 16, 2009

After the submission of Hotel Reservation & Travel Form, TOPTOUR Corporation, the official travel agency for the meet will contact each team for confirmation and payment method.

* Should you have any inquiries about other details regarding accommodation, meals and transportation for the meet, please contact the agency.

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VISA: In order to comply with the VISA arrangement regulations, necessary documents must be coordinated as needed for prospective participants, both the officials and the athletes. Those who need to get the VISA, please send the following information by FAX or e-mail to us as soon as possible. In some cases, it may take longer depending on countries and regions.

- (1) Name (Please put surname and given name in the order of what is mentioned in the passport)
- (2) Gender
- (3) Date and year of birth
- (4) Age
- (5) Nationality
- (6) Affiliate
- (7) Position (athlete, coach, official, etc)
- (8) The date of arrival and departure of Japan
- (9) Contact (telephone, fax, e-mail)

* For information about which countries and regions need to acquire VISA to enter Japan and what kind of documents are necessary, please visit the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan at;

http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/index.html

Enquiries: Please address the inquiries regarding the Championships and accommodation / transportation by e-mail or fax to the following parties.

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