



Event Regulations: 24-Hour Swim L'ADOVÉ MEDVEDE Veľká voda, o. z.

6th Annual 24-Hour Open Water Long-Distance Endurance Swim, June 13 - 14, 2026

(the organizer, L'ADOVÉ MEDVEDE Veľká voda, o. z., reserves the right to make modifications and clarifications)

Venue

- Area of the small lake Nové Košariská, Dunajská Lužná.

Date and Time

- **June 13, 2026, from 12:00 PM** (entry into the water and start of the race) **to June 14, 2026, until 12:00 PM** (exit from the water and end of the race).
- Entry to the event is permitted only upon registration and cashless online payment of the entry fee by **June 10, 2026**.
- The registration fee for the 24-hour event is non-refundable if the swimmer cancels after the registration deadline or fails to start the race. After this date, refunds are no longer possible, even in case of non-participation due to illness, injury, or other personal reasons.
- Presentation of registered participants and allocation of starting numbers - June 13, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Categories

- Individuals - women and men:

Children: 10 - 18 years

Youth: 19 - 34 years

Adults: 35 - 50 years

Seniors: 51 - 64 years

Pensioners: 65 years and over

- Relays - 4, 5, 6 members (women's, men's, mixed); relays with other numbers of members will not be evaluated.
- The maximum number of participants is 200 swimmers.

Conditions of Participation

- Registration at www.velkavoda.sk
- Individuals register separately.

- Relay members register separately and must provide the name of the relay captain and the relay name during registration. The relay captain organizes the relay and supervises it during the race. The relay captain is the primary contact for the organizers.
- A swimmer may swim only as an individual or only as a member of one relay.
- **Payment of the entry fee and other fees associated with the race must be made by June 10, 2026 (12:00 PM), exclusively cashless, online to the bank account of L'ADOVÉ MEDVEDE Vel'ká voda, o. z. Cash payment on site is not possible.**
- **IBAN: SK51 8330 0000 0029 0190 3361** (include your name in the payment note)
- The organizer reserves the right not to accept the application of an individual swimmer in case of high interest in this category. The selection will be based on previous participations and achieved results in endurance swimming.
- Individual swimmers and relay swimmers must sign an affidavit during presentation stating that they are in good health, are aware of the event's difficulty, and participate at their own risk.
- The number of participating relays is not limited.
- In justified cases, a relay member or the nature of the relay (due to a change in the number of members) may be changed with the registration manager two hours before the start of the race. This change remains valid throughout the event; if a relay member drops out during the race, the relay continues as is or terminates its participation.

Entry Fee

- **From April 22, 2026, to May 15, 2026 - €50 per person**
- **From May 16, 2026, to May 31, 2026 - €55 per person**
- **From June 1, 2026, to June 10, 2026 - €65 per person**

Mandatory Equipment for Participants

- All swimmers are required to use a safety float (buoy) and, during night swimming, a light signaling device on their heads or on/in the float.
- Every male/female swimmer in the individual and relay categories must be marked with a starting number on the right shoulder or on the swimming buoy. In relays, each member has the same number assigned to the relay during presentation.

Permitted Equipment for Participants

- During the 24-hour event, the use of sun protection swimming shirts is allowed, but they must not be made of neoprene. Only shirts made of thin, breathable materials designed for swimming that protect against the sun are permitted.

Prohibited Equipment for Participants

- Swimmers are not allowed to use wetsuits or neoprene swimsuits, shirts, fins, and other swimming aids, or any clothing elements that demean the nature of the sporting event.
- Swimmers in the Children category may use a wetsuit or neoprene swimsuit.

Swim Route

- Length of one segment - day route 1200 m and night route 300 m.
- Swimmers in the Children and Pensioners categories must choose (the legal representative in the case of children) the length of the day route - 1200 m or 300 m during presentation. This choice cannot be changed during the entire event.
- The route will be marked with buoys and illuminated during night swimming. Buoys will be marked with a flashing light; the shore and finish gate with a static spotlight.
- Expected water temperature is 18°C to 22°C.

Swimming Format

- The individual swimmer category may take breaks and exit the water at their own discretion; the exit is recorded by passing through the timing gate in the depot zone. The number and length of exits are not limited.

- A relay has only one swimmer in the water at all times during the event. The time spent by one relay swimmer in the water is not fixed, and swimmer rotation is not predetermined by a reported order and is arbitrary. For relays, one member must always be in the water. All swimmers leaving the water or leaving the chip in the water without a swimmer will automatically result in the disqualification of the entire relay!
- Both individuals and relays may end their participation prematurely, and their swum time and distance will be counted and evaluated.

Distance and Time Measurement

- The swum distance is measured cumulatively.
- The swum distance is calculated based on laps completed by swimming through the finish gate.
- Between 12:00 PM and 9:00 PM, 1200 m (300 m) is counted; between 9:00 PM and 6:00 AM, 300 m is counted; between 6:00 AM and 12:00 PM, 1200 m (300 m) is counted.

Chip Placement and Swimmer's Responsibility

- To ensure accurate performance measurement during the 24-hour event, proper chip placement is essential. The timing chip can be placed in the following ways:
 - ON THE ARM - The chip is attached around the wrist using the provided strap.
 - ON THE LEG - Alternatively, the chip can be attached around the ankle using the provided strap.
 - ON OR IN THE SWIMMING BUOY - The chip can also be placed on the outside of the buoy so that it is visible and stable, or placed inside its storage compartment, if possible. It is necessary to ensure that the chip's position does not interfere with the proper functioning of the buoy or swimming.
- It is extremely important for the swimmer to ensure the correct and secure placement of the chip.
- Every swimmer or relay is responsible for their chip throughout the entire duration of the race. In the event of chip loss or its incorrect placement, leading to unrecorded swum segments, the swimmer's result cannot be guaranteed, and the organizer bears no responsibility for missing data.

Swimming Through the Timing System (Gate)

- For the correct recording of each completed lap, swimming through the timing system, the so-called "gate," correctly is crucial. Attention must be paid to the following instructions:
 - The gate must be swum through with the entire body.
 - After swimming through the gate, you must continue swimming for at least 5 to 10 meters past it.
 - It is important not to stop or stand directly in the timing gate. If the measuring chip is placed on the leg and the swimmer stops or stands up directly in the gate, there is a risk that the time will not be recorded correctly. The gate's sensors require the chip to pass through their zone dynamically enough for accurate recording.
- Adhering to these instructions will ensure that all swum laps are accurately recorded in the results list.

Penalties

- A swimmer will be penalized for unauthorized course cutting by the deduction of an entire lap, i.e., 1200 m or 300 m, depending on the swimming period during which the course cutting occurred.
- **In the case of a relay - All swimmers leaving the water or leaving the chip in the water without a swimmer will automatically result in the disqualification of the entire relay!**
- For repeated rule violations, the organizer is entitled to expel the swimmer or relay from the competition.

Organizer's Reserved Rights

- In case of extreme weather deterioration, the organizer reserves the right to suspend or cancel the event, which will be announced in a timely manner via an acoustic signal.
- The event may be canceled or postponed to another date during its preparation phase.
- The organizer reserves the right not to accept registration in the event of late payment of the entry fee, or for undignified participant behavior, as assessed by the event's organizing committee. In this case, the entry fee is not refunded.
- The consumption of alcoholic beverages, narcotics, psychotropic substances, and banned performance-enhancing substances by participating swimmers during the event is prohibited. The organizer reserves

the right to exclude (DSQ) individual swimmers or relay members from participation without a refund of the entry fee if the consumption of alcoholic beverages and the aforementioned substances is proven.

- Participant safety is our absolute priority. The organizer and the event's medical staff reserve the exclusive right to pull a swimmer out of the water at any time and end their participation in the race if there is a reasonable concern for their health, extreme exhaustion, or safety. The decision of the organizer or medical personnel is final, immediately valid, and not subject to any discussion or appeal.

Refreshments, Catering, and Camping Provision During the Event

- The organizer will provide for the participants:
 - hydration/drinking water
 - catering: Saturday – warm dinner; Sunday – breakfast and warm lunch
- Additional refreshments and meals are provided by the participant at their own expense. An open buffet will be available throughout the event according to need and interest.
- The organizer will provide space for placing tents or caravans from Saturday, June 13, 2026, to Sunday, June 14, 2026. Rental for the space is paid to the landowner. Rental fees are collected by the event organizer.
- Necessary hygiene facilities will be provided at the event venue.
- The participant is responsible for maintaining hygiene and environmental protection at the event venue.
- The participant is obliged to avoid disturbing the nighttime peace between 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM, avoiding excessively loud vocal expressions and playing recorded music at high volume.

Security and Protection

- A permanent 24-hour emergency medical service with an emergency vehicle will be provided at the event.
- A rescue boat will be on the water throughout the entire event for rapid intervention if needed.
- If a swimmer has trouble continuing to swim, they should signal the rescue boat by waving their arms above their head.

Awards and Souvenirs

- All active participants will be rewarded with a participant diploma.
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be evaluated in each category.
- The male and female swimmer with the highest number of kilometers swum will be awarded the Cup of the Mayor of Dunajská Lužná.

Media and Publicity

- Media coverage is provided by the organizer together with a partner.
- The organizer reserves the exclusive right to provide information to the media and the public about the holding, progress, and results of the event.
- Event participants agree to the making of audio and video recordings and their publication in the media.

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