**RULES OF THE GRAND PRIX OF VAN DER VALK (HOORN)**

Hoorn, open-water swimming town of The Netherlands, offers her guests for the international LEN –cup a special course in the open water of the former Zuiderzee!

During the swim event ‘Ter Rede van Hoorn’ will be organized at Friday evening the special race GRAND PRIX OF VAN DER VALK. Interesting cash prizes are to win:

€ 500,00, € 250,00 and € 125,00, and special prizes of € 50,00: changes for anyone!

Swimmers can sign up themselves in the registration stand at the location (Julianapark) (entry: € 5,00) until one hour before the starts at 19:30 h. The program is to be read on the website [www.terredevanhoorn.nl](http://www.terredevanhoorn.nl).

There are two categories: men open freestyle, and women open freestyle. Each time the male swimmers will start first.

• each category will start with all swimmers together for 1000 m (principal)

• after 125 m will be returned to the start buoy

• near the start buoy the jury let pass just the first 24 swimmers

• these 24 swimmers are swimming a second round

• after the second round the first 16 swimmers will swim a third round

• after the third round the first 12 swimmers will swim a fourth round; the first 8 of them will swim in the final rounds

• the 8 winners of the qualifying rounds will swim steady to the 125 m -buoy

• in sprints of 125 m will be swimmed to the finish in four pairs:

number 1 against 8, 2 against 7, 3 against 6 and 4 against 5

after this quarter final first the quarter final of the other category will be:

• the four winners of the quarter finals will swim steady to the 125 m -buoy

• in the semi final does swim the winner of 1 to 8 against 4 to 5,

and the winner of 2 to 7 against 3 to 6

after this semi final first the semi final of the other category will be:

• the two winners of the semi finals will swim steady to the 125 m –buoy

• in the great final they will show who are the real winners of

the GRAND PRIX OF VAN DER VALK

The winner of a final race will receive € 500,00 cash, the number 2 € 250,00, each number 2 of the semi finals will receive € 125,00. Special prizes of € 50,00 will be disposed among all swimmers, the winners not included.

In all cases of irregularities the referee will decide.