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CODE OF CONDUCT

PREAMBLE

In accordance with the FINA Constitution Rule C 5 the first three objectives of FINA are to promote and encourage the development of Swimming in all possible manifestations throughout the world, to provide drug free sport and to promote and encourage the development of international relations.

The purpose of this Code is to guarantee that the objectives of FINA will be executed in a fair manner without disturbance and to sanction incidents, which damage the image of the FINA activities or bring them into disrepute.

This Code establishes basic regulations for fair play and moral behaviour and general discipline in all the FINA activities and covers offences committed by Members, continental organisations included, clubs, teams, officials, athletes, supporters, spectators or other persons involved in these activities.

This Code has been adopted by the FINA Bureau at its meeting in Fukuoka (JPN) on 24 July 2001, amended at the Bureau meeting in Shanghai (CHN) on 3 March 2005 and at the Bureau meeting in Montreal (CAN) on 13 July 2005.

Article 1 SUBORDINATE AND SUPPLEMENTARY TO FINA RULES

This Code is subordinated and supplementary to all FINA Rules adopted by the FINA Congresses from time to time.

Article 2 APPLICATION OF CODE

The following incidents or offences shall be subject to the application of this Code:

(a) acts of discrimination (FINA Rule C 4)

(b) acts of misbehaviour including but not limited to abusive, violent conduct in a disturbing, ugly or provocative manner, unjustified interference including disobedience with obstruction of the orderly conduct of any sporting event within or outside of the venue(s), malicious alteration, damage or destruction of property or infliction of physical or mental harm on others,

(c) cheating including but not limited to doping, falsification or alteration of birth certificates, documents of identification or any other document indicating false age, false nationality or any other false information with the purpose of obtaining unfair advantage for an official, an athlete or a team.

(d) convicted of a criminal offence.

(e) acts of misconduct, including those caused by consumption of alcohol or other substances, whether prohibited in the FINA Rules or not, and similar acts,

(f) acts of indiscretion,

(g) acts of insubordination, and

(h) partiality.

Unjustified offences may be considered independent of any action taken or not taken by the referee or the Technical Committees of FINA.

The "Regulations for Disciplinary Actions in Water Polo at FINA Events" adopted by the FINA Bureau shall be in force for water polo but shall not restrict the application of this Code.

Article 3 SANCTIONS

Any Member of FINA, or club, or team or individual person covered in this Code may be sanctioned by the FINA Bureau or when the Bureau is not assembled by the FINA Executive in accordance with FINA rule C 12 "Sanctions". Sanction for partiality can only be imposed on officials in any position in FINA. Sanctions may also be imposed by the Management Committees duly appointed by the FINA Executive subject to the right of appeal to the FINA Bureau in accordance with FINA Rule C 12.9.2.

Article 4 CONSIDERATION

In the imposition of any sanction, the nature of the offence, the circumstances under which it occurred, the gravity of the offence, the character of the action and other consideration that is in harmony with the objectives of FINA must be taken into account.

Article 5 PROCEDURES FOR IMPOSING SANCTIONS

Upon learning, verbally or in writing of any offence included in this Code FINA Rule C 12.7 shall be applied.

Article 6 APPEALS

For appeals against sanctions for incidents or offences in Article 2 of this Code FINA Rule C 12.9 shall be valid.

BL 1 PROCEDURE AND REGULATIONS COVERING AFFILIATION FEES

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BL 1.1 The Treasurer shall send to all the affiliated Members of FINA, during the first week of October each year, a notice accompanied by an invoice requesting payment of the affiliation fee in January for the subsequent year.

BL 1.2 Any Member whose affiliation fee is not paid by the end of January each year must be notified immediately by the Treasurer, requesting payment and advising the delinquent Member that if payment is not received by March 31st, they will be under suspension from April 1st until the fee is paid or until the Bureau has decided otherwise.

BL 1.3 The Treasurer shall, in the month of April, notify any Member whose affiliation fee has not been paid by March 31st that they are suspended and that any Member whose fee is not paid by the July 1st may be declared unaffiliated by the Bureau.

BL 1.4 The Treasurer, in the months of April and July, shall forward to the President and Honorary Secretary of FINA, the list of the Members who have not paid the affiliation fee.

BL 1.5 The Honorary Secretary shall notify all Members of all suspensions and loss of affiliation and when membership status has been reinstated.

BL 1.6 All notices related to BL 1.2 BL 1.4, forwarded to Members by the Treasurer or Secretary, shall be sent by registered mail.

BL 2 MAIL VOTE

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BL 2.1 Where a vote by mail is required or decided to be taken, the Honorary Secretary shall mail by registered air mail, to each member of the Bureau a clear statement to the question to be voted upon with a request that each member shall send his vote thereon to the Honorary Secretary of FINA and the request shall state on what date the voting shall be closed. This date shall not be less than one calendar month after the question has been mailed.

BL 2.2 The Honorary Secretary may at any time, when sufficient votes have been received to either carry or reject the question, announce the result of the same and the result so announced shall be decisive. The ballots cast by each member shall be kept in the files.

BL 2.3 Within five days of closing the mail vote the Honorary Secretary shall mail to each Bureau member a copy of the question and a result of the vote.

NOTE: These procedures for the taking of a mail vote shall apply not only to the FINA Bureau but also to all of the FINA Technical Committees, except that the procedure will be carried out by the Secretary of the respective Technical Committee rather than by the Honorary Secretary of FINA.

BL 3 RULES OF ORDER FOR CONGRESSES

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BL 3.1 The President or other person appointed pursuant to C 15.3 or C 16.4, as Chairman, regulates the course of business of the meeting and is assisted by the presidium as follows:

- a) The Executive Committee members of the FINA Bureau.
- b) The Honorary Life President.

BL 3.2 At the Congress meeting, only matters appearing on the agenda may be discussed as provided by C 15.4 or C 16.2. All discussions, proposals, recommendations, and resolutions shall be on the basis of the established rules of FINA. If such one of those proposed recommendations or resolutions is not in accordance with the established rules, it shall be automatically rejected.

BL 3.3 Motions for changes or extensions of the agenda may be proposed by accredited members of the Congress at any time up to the end of the Congress, provided they are urgent and are approved by two thirds majority vote in favour, as provided in C 15.9 or C 16.7.

BL 3.4 Procedures

BL 3.4.1 Motions shall be dealt with according to the order of precedence as printed in the respective supplement or bulletin, providing that the proposals of the Bureau shall take precedence.

BL 3.4.2 Motions are listed by number in order of precedence number 1 having a higher priority than any greater number.

BL 3.4.3 The action proposed by the FINA Bureau shall be first announced at each motion. (Motion recommended or not recommended.)

BL 3.4.4 The main motion may be amended and the amended motion also amended (i.e. further amendment). An amendment to a motion must be voted on before the main motion as amended is brought to a vote.

BL 3.4.5 The proposals, in order of precedence, shall be discussed and voted upon, provided that such proposals are not similar in meaning and intent to those already rejected.

BL 3.4.6 Motions, except those of the Bureau, require a second before discussion can commence. The President must explicitly ask for a second to the motion. Questions on the motion, points of order, or withdrawn motions do not require a second.

BL 3.4.7 The delegate proposing the motion shall be given the privilege of speaking briefly to the motion if he wishes. He has the right of reply before a vote is taken.

BL 3.4.8 Except as provided in BL 3.4.7, delegates may speak only once to the motion. The period of speeches may be limited. If this is the case, the duration will be announced previously.

BL 3.4.9 All accredited members of the Congress, according to C 15.2 or C 16.3 have the right to ask questions during the debate on any agenda item and make comments on the method of voting. In addition, the Bureau has the right to present to the delegates, in written form, its recommendation in relation to a motion submitted pursuant to C 15.4 or C 16.2, provided always that such a submission is made not later than one hour before the beginning of the Congress.

BL 3.4.10 The President or Chairman has the flexibility and power to make any necessary decisions in order to expedite the business of the Congress in an efficient and practical manner.

BL 3.5 Voting

BL 3.5.1 Before submitting a motion to a vote, the President shall present the question concerned in concise, clear, and unequivocal terms.

BL 3.5.2 The decisions shall be made on the basis of simple majority vote of the delegates present and voting.

BL 3.5.3 The Chairman will propose for the approval of the Congress at least three scrutineers, for all votings. Their report shall be given to the Chairman or the Secretary.

BL 3.5.4 The methods of voting which may be adopted by the meeting (for and against) are

(i) by show of hands,

(ii) by a standing vote (Division)

(iii) by calling the roll (Division), or

(iv) by a secret ballot, proposed and seconded.

BL 3.5.5 If the correctness of a vote is questioned, the President or Chairman of the meeting shall decide the validity of the complaint, taking care that this correctness will not be a reopening of a motion already voted. If somebody asks to reopen the question, it shall be necessary to have two-thirds majority in favour. If not, this motion shall be rejected.

BL 3.6 Elections

If required, the election of the Bureau and officers shall be by secret ballot and in conformity with the provisions of C 17.3, C 17.4 and C 17.5. In the case of a draw for place in the ballot for the election of the Bureau, a new ballot will be taken based on the candidates involved.

BL 3.7 Revision Committee

BL 3.7.1 At all Congresses a Revision Committee shall be appointed in order to correct, improve, update, change, or amend amendments to motions suggested during the discussion of a motion or any other recommendation to the Congress made by the Bureau or proposed by the delegates for the conformity of the decisions of the Congress.

BL 3.7.2 When an amendment or a recommendation has been referred to the Revision Committee, decisions concerning the motion in question shall be adjourned, but the Congress shall continue with the agenda until the Revision Committee has reported back to the Congress.

BL 3.8 Minutes of the Meeting

BL 3.8.1 At each Congress, a full record of the minutes of the proceedings of the Congress shall be kept. The minutes must be available to all Members within a period of four (4) months following the Congress.

BL 3.8.2 If no objections arise within a period of an additional two (2) months, the minutes stand approved as circulated.

BL 3.8.3 The original draft minutes must be retained until they are finally confirmed.

BL 3.8.4 The minutes shall be published in the FINA Circular. For special reasons, the FINA Members may be informed in written form of the decisions reached before they are published in the Bulletin.

BL 4 RULES OF ORDER FOR THE BUREAU AND COMMITTEES

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BL 4.1 The Honorary Secretary shall ensure that the first notice of any duly called meeting will be mailed at least four (4) months ahead of the date of the meeting. If a quorum is not assured thirty (30) days before the date of the meeting, the meeting is to be cancelled.

BL 4.2 The President of FINA or in his absence the appointed Vice President shall take the Chair at all meetings of the Bureau.

BL 4.3 Should neither the President nor a Vice President be present at the meeting, those present and entitled to vote shall elect one of their members as Acting Chairman.

BL 4.4 The Chairman shall have a second or casting vote in the event of a tie in the voting.

BL 4.5 The President or Chairman has the authority and power to make any necessary decisions in order to expedite the business of the meeting in an efficient and practical manner.

BL 4.6 In the interval between meetings, any action that might lawfully be taken may also be taken by a mail vote.

BL 4.7 The Honorary Secretary shall keep records of each meeting.

BL 5 SELECTION OF MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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BL 5.1 The composition of the Standing Committees as listed in C 18.1 shall consist of at least one member from each geographical region as listed in C 17.4. For the elections of geographical representatives, only Bureau members from the respective continent may nominate and vote on the candidates.

BL 5.2 Each Member shall have the right to make proposals for candidates for membership on the Standing Committees as described in C 18.2 to the Honorary Secretary.

BL 6 TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

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The maximum age of Technical Officials (Judges, Starters and Referees) when officiating at FINA Championships or FINA Competitions, except Masters and Water Polo, shall be sixty five (65) years during the year of competition. For Water Polo, the age limit shall be fifty five (55) years during the year of competition. Technical Officials on the FINA Lists of International Referees, Starters or Judges above that age shall be entitled to officiate until the end of their appointment.

BL 7 ADVERTISING AT FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND FINA COMPETITIONS

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PREAMBLE: Identification in FINA Rule GR 6.1 means the normal display of the name, designation, trademark, logo or any other distinctive sign of the manufacturer of the item or of any other advertiser permitted in accordance with this rule.

BL 7.1 Advertising

Advertising identification appearing on swimwear, pool deck equipment and official's uniforms at FINA Championships and Competitions, with exception for FINA World Masters Championships, is permitted as follows:

BL 7.1.1 Swimsuits:

- One (1) manufacturer's logo of a maximum size of 30 square centimetres when worn. Where one-piece body suits are used, two (2) logos of the manufacturer shall be permitted, one above the waist and one below the waist of a maximum size of 30 square centimetres each when worn. These two (2) logos of the manufacturer shall not be placed immediately adjacent to each other. Where two-piece body suits are used, the two (2) logos of the manufacturer shall be placed on one part each.
- One (1) flag and one (1) country name or code of a maximum of 30 square centimetres when worn.
- One (1) sponsor's logo of a maximum of 30 square centimetres when worn.

BL 7.1.2 Caps:

- One (1) manufacturer's logo of a maximum of 20 square centimetres on the front.
- One (1) FINA Partner's logo of the size decided by FINA from case to case. The side on which the Partner's logo shall be printed will be advised by FINA.
- One (1) flag and/or country name (code) of the size of 32 square centimetres. The side on which the flag and country name (code) shall be printed will be advised by FINA.

- Athlete's name of the size of 20 square centimetres. The athlete's name shall be printed on the same side as the flag and country name (code).



BL 7.1.3 Goggles:

- Two (2) manufacturer logos of maximum 6 square centimetres are allowed on goggles but only on the spectacle frame or band.

BL 7.1.4 Athletes Bibs:

- The maximum size of the Bibs shall be 24 cm (width) x 20 cm (height).
- The height of the digits on the Bibs shall be no less than 6 cm and no more than 10 cm.
- The maximum height of the identification above the digits shall be 6 cm. The identification may display the name/logo of a Sponsor.
- The maximum height of the identification below the digits shall be 4 cm. The identification may display the name/logo of the Host City.
- The Bibs shall be printed in suitable colours in order to ensure maximum visibility of the digits.
- The Bibs must be worn fully visible during Athletes' introduction and award ceremonies.

An athlete removing the Bib before being presented at the start of an event or before completion of the victory ceremony may be disqualified.

Only one FINA Sponsor may be displayed on Bibs. However, there may be one sponsor for men and another for women at the same Championships.



Award Bibs

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Numbered Bibs

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BL 7.1.5 Pool deck equipment

Two (2) advertising identifications of which one shall be of the manufacturer logo and the other one of the sponsor logo are permitted, with a maximum size of 40 square centimetres each when worn for any of the clothing items listed below, and a maximum size of 6 square centimetres each for any of the accessories and equipment items listed below.

Identification on clothing must be placed on the top breast side so that Bibs requested by FINA may be worn well visible below.

For upper-body clothing items only, the manufacturer's logo (being a design mark of maximum of 8cm in width) may additionally be displayed in the form of a strip in one of the following positions:

- a) around the bottom of both sleeves; or
- b) centered down the outer seam of both sleeves (from the collar across the top of the shoulders down to the bottom of the sleeve).

For lower-body clothing items only, the manufacturer's logo (being a design mark of maximum of 8cm in width) may additionally be displayed in the form of a strip centered down the outer seam of both legs (from the waistband down to the bottom of the leg).

- T-shirt (40 square centimetres)
- Polo shirt (40 square centimetres)
- Casual shirt (40 square centimetres)
- Sweat shirt (40 square centimetres)
- Bath robe (40 square centimetres)
- Tracksuit top (40 square centimetres)
- Pants (40 square centimetres)
- Shorts (40 square centimetres)
- Skirts (40 square centimetres)
- Windbreaker (40 square centimetres)
- Towels (6 square centimetres)
- Baseball caps (6 square centimetres)
- Hats (6 square centimetres)
- Socks (6 square centimetres)
- Footwear (6 square centimetres)
- Bags (not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60 square centimeters)

BL 7.1.6 Any advertising identifications which are not indicated in these regulations are not permitted. In the event that any clothing contravenes these regulations, the competitor must immediately remove the offending item(s) and replace it/them with clothing that complies with FINA rules. In the event that the breach is not immediately remedied the competitor may be requested to wear attire provided by the Organising Committee.

BL 7.1.7 FINA reserves the right to request Federations taking part in FINA Championships and Competitions to present any advertising identification in this rule for examination and approval of FINA prior to the event in question.

BL 8 SWIMWEAR

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BL 8.1 All swimwear used at Olympic Games and FINA Events (pool and open water competitions) shall be swimwear approved by FINA in accordance with the rules and procedures set forth in the FINA Requirements for Swimwear Approval (FRSA) issued by the FINA bureau and valid on the date of approval. Following an approval process conducted by the Swimwear Approval Commission, a list of approved swimwear is published by FINA (the Approved List) each year. The Approved List is published each year before December 31 and is valid starting from January 1 of the subsequent year.

BL 8.2 In swimming competitions the competitor must wear only one swimsuit in one or two pieces. No additional items, like arm bands or leg bands shall be regarded as parts of a swimsuit.

BL 8.3 From January 1, 2010 swimwear for men shall not extend above the navel nor below the knee, and for women, shall not cover the neck, extend past the shoulder, nor shall extend below knee. All swimsuits shall be made from textile materials.

- [“FINA Requirements for swimwear approval” \(from 01.01.2010\)](#)
- [Application form for approval of swimsuits](#)
- [Application form for approval of caps & goggles](#)

BL 8.4 From June 1, 2010 Open Water swimwear for both men and women shall not cover the neck, extend past the shoulder, nor shall extend below the ankle. All Open Water swimsuits shall comply with the FINA Criteria for Materials and Approval Procedures.

BL 8.5 From January 15, 2010 in Masters Pool Swimming competitions the rules BL 8.1, BL 8.2 and BL 8.3 apply. From June 1, 2010 the rule BL 8.4 applies also for the Masters Open Water competitions.

[Note to BL8.5: It is clarified that swimsuits which fulfill the shape requirement set forth in BL 8.3, respectively BL 8.4 (for Open Water Swimming) can be accepted even if they do not bear a valid FINA approval label provided they effectively and evidently fulfill the material requirements set forth in the current FINA Requirements for Swimwear Approval. This is the case for swimsuits made of traditional permeable textile (i.e. open mesh material) material (such as cotton, Nylon, Lycra and the like) with no application of surface treatment closing the open mesh structure. In case of doubt in this respect and when notably such doubt concerns a swimsuit used at the occasion of a World record, an actual check of the swimsuit can be required from the competitor or Certifying Official and the swimsuit is to be forwarded to the FINA Office for submission to an actual control of all or parts of the requirements.]

BL 9 OLYMPIC GAMES, WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND WORLD SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS (25m)

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Preamble: The programme of events at the Olympic Games established by the IOC on proposal of the FINA Bureau shall be announced as soon as it has been approved. The programme of events at the World Championships shall be as in GR 9.6

BL 9.1 Officials

The Judges nominated must be of the same nationality as the FINA Member Federation signing the form and fully certified by the respective Technical Committee.

The FINA Technical Committees will propose Technical Officials (Judges and Referees) to act at the Olympic Games or World Championships from the current FINA Officials Lists in the respective discipline, for approval by the FINA Bureau or FINA Executive.

For no show of nominated officials the respective Federation will be fined 2'000 Swiss Francs.

BL 9.2 Facilities

BL 9.2.1 At Olympic Games and World Championships Rules FR 3, FR 6, FR 8 and FR 11 shall apply.

BL 9.2.2 At Olympic Games and World Championships approved Automatic Officiating Equipment shall be provided and used.

BL 9.2.3 All pools shall be available for use by entered competitors before the competition begins. Swimming, Water Polo, Synchronised Swimming - five (5) days prior, Diving - eight (8) days prior.

BL 9.2.4 During the competition days the pools shall be available for training when competitions are not in progress.

BL 9.2.5 Seating positions along the side of the pool shall be provided for all competitors, team officials and unassigned technical officials, from which they may properly observe training and competitions.

BL 9.3 Entries

BL 9.3.1

a. Each Federation concerned must confirm its desire to take part in the World Championships to the Organising Federation at least four (4) months before the beginning of the Championships with a copy to the FINA Office. Forms for confirmation shall be distributed to all Members of FINA to reach them at least one (1) month in advance of the required date.

b. Thirty (30) days before: Final confirmation by each Federation of the actual number of male and female competitors they will be sending.

BL 9.3.2 For Olympic Games, entries shall be made on official forms signed by the Secretary of the respective National Olympic Committee and delivered to the Organising Committee of the Country holding the Games, on or before the date determined by the International Olympic Committee. The Honorary Secretary of FINA or his deputy shall claim these entries at least seven (7) days before the start of the first competition.

BL 9.3.3 For World Championships, entries shall be made on official entry forms signed by the Secretary of the respective Member and delivered to the Organising Committee on or before the date determined by FINA. The Honorary Secretary of FINA or his deputy shall claim these entries at least five (5) days before the start of the first competition.

BL 9.3.4

BL 9.3.4.1 Competitors entered for Diving, Water Polo, and Synchronised Swimming cannot swim relay events, and those entered for Swimming, Diving, and Synchronised Swimming cannot be used as Water Polo reserves, with the proviso that one and the same swimmer could compete in Water Polo as well as other Swimming competitions, if officially entered for such competitions.

BL 9.3.4.2 Each competitor at World Championships and FINA competitions must wear on the chest over their tracksuit such advertising as supplied by FINA when being introduced prior to the start of each event and during the victory ceremony.

BL 9.3.5 At least seven (7) days before the commencement of the Olympic Games or the World Championships, the Secretaries of the Members sending competitors shall forward to the Organising Committee of the Country hosting the competition a list of any competitors entered who are not starting, so that the non starters may be eliminated from the entries.

BL 9.3.6 Swimming

BL 9.3.6.1 For each individual event at the World Championships, the FINA Bureau will establish Standard Entry Times in two levels: "A" and "B", of which "B" shall be easier to achieve. Standard Entry Times can only be achieved in competitions approved for that purpose by FINA.

For each individual event at the World Championships, each National Federation may enter a maximum of two (2) competitors. To enter two swimmers in the same event, both of them must have achieved the “A” Standard Entry Time. To enter one swimmer in an event, the competitor must have achieved at least the “B” Standard Entry Time.

BL 9.3.6.2 At the World Championships, National Federations may enter swimmers who have not achieved either Standard Entry Time as follows:

- With no swimmers who have achieved the “A” or “B” Standard Entry Time: National Federations may enter up to three (3) swimmers, not all of whom are of the same gender.
- With only one (1) swimmer who has achieved the “A” or “B” Standard Entry Time: National Federations may enter up to two additional swimmers, as long as all of the swimmers are not of the same gender.
- The swimmers who have not achieved either Standard Entry Time will only be permitted to enter up to two (2) individual events each.

BL 9.3.6.3 At the World Championships, each National Federation may enter only one (1) team in each relay. All swimmers entered in individual events can be used in relays, even if they have not achieved the “B” Standard Entry Time for the corresponding stroke and distance of the relay in which they are entered. Each National Federation may enter additional swimmers for relays only, provided that they have achieved the “B” Standard Entry Time for the corresponding stroke and distance of the relay in which they are entered.

The following formula shall apply:

- One (1) Relay - two (2) additional swimmers
- Two (2) Relays - four (4) additional swimmers
- Three (3) Relays - six (6) additional swimmers
- Four (4) Relays - eight (8) additional swimmers
- Five (5) Relays - ten (10) additional swimmers
- Six (6) Relays - twelve (12) additional swimmers

BL 9.3.6.4 For each individual event at the Olympic Games, the FINA Bureau will establish Standard Entry Times of two types: an “Olympic Qualifying Time” (OQT) and a “FINA/Olympic Selection Time,” of which the “FINA/Olympic Selection Time” shall be easier to achieve. Standard entry times can only be achieved in competitions approved for that purpose by FINA.

1. Olympic Qualifying Time (OQT)

For each individual event at the Olympic Games, each National Federation/NOC may enter a maximum of two (2) competitors. To enter two swimmers in the same event, both swimmers must have achieved the “Olympic Qualifying Time.” To enter one swimmer in an event, the competitor must have achieved at least the OQT or must have achieved the “FINA/Olympic Selection Time,” and be invited by FINA to compete.

Swimmers who achieve the “Olympic Qualifying Time” in one or more individual events are automatically qualified to participate in the Olympic Games.

2. FINA/Olympic Selection Time

After determining the number of swimmers who have achieved the Olympic Qualifying Time, the number of swimmers entered in relays and the number of swimmers of National Federations/NOCs who have not achieved either Standard Entry Time based on BL 9.6.3.5, swimmers with the FINA/Olympic Selection Times may be invited. The number of invitations will be determined by the athlete quota established by the International Olympic Committee.

Swimmers who achieve the “FINA/Olympic Selection Time” are eligible to be invited to participate in the Olympic Games and will be invited to compete in the Olympic Games until the quota of 900 athletes is reached. FINA will invite swimmers with FINA/Olympic Selection Times to participate based upon the following:

- In individual events, swimmers will be compared to an Olympic Games Qualification Rankings compiled from 1 March 2011 through 1 June 2012, using only FINA-approved competitions, with only two athletes per country permitted into the rankings (if a country has more than two, those additional athletes will not be included).

- Those athletes with the highest Olympic Games Qualification ranking will be invited first until the quota of 900 is reached.
- Should there be a tie in selection of the 900th athlete, all athletes who are tied will have their times compared to the FINA Points Table from 1 January 2012, and those athletes with the highest point scores will be invited first until the quota of 900 athletes is reached. For example, if there are three spots remaining, and five athletes tie in the Olympic Games Qualification ranking placing, those athletes' times will be given a point score and the athletes with the top three FINA Point Table scores will be invited to participate at the Olympic Games.

The priority order for qualification into the Olympic Games will be:

- All athletes with Olympic Qualifying Times
- Athletes on relays
- Universality athletes
- Invited athletes who have achieved a FINA/Olympic Selection Time

3. NFs/NOCs without qualified athletes – Universality

National Federations/NOCs with no swimmers who have achieved either Standard Entry Time may enter one (1) man and one (1) woman (Universality), provided that those swimmers participated in the 14th FINA World Championships – Shanghai 2011 and are invited by FINA to compete.

BL 9.3.6.5 In the Olympic Games, not more than sixteen (16) teams can be entered in each relay competition. The top twelve (12) finishers at the 14th FINA World Championships – Shanghai 2011 shall be qualified based upon the results achieved. The four (4) other teams shall be selected by FINA on the basis of the fastest times achieved in the fifteen-month period before the Olympic Games (1 March 2011 through 1 June 2012) in competitions approved for that purpose by FINA. If any qualified teams are not able to participate for any reason, available slots will be filled on the basis of next fastest times achieved in the fifteen-month period before the Olympic Games in competitions approved for that purpose by FINA. Individual times may not be aggregated for relay qualification purposes.

Each National Federation/NOC may enter only one (1) team in each relay event. All swimmers entered in individual events can be used in relays, even if they have not achieved the FINA/Olympic Invitational Time for the corresponding stroke and distance of the relay in which they are entered.

Each National Federation/NOC may enter additional swimmers for relays only, provided that they have achieved the "FINA/Olympic Invitational Time" for the corresponding stroke and distance of the relay in which they are entered.

The following formula shall apply:

- One (1) Relay - two (2) additional swimmers
- Two (2) Relays - four (4) additional swimmers
- Three (3) Relays - six (6) additional swimmers
- Four (4) Relays - eight (8) additional swimmers
- Five (5) Relays - ten (10) additional swimmers
- Six (6) Relays - twelve (12) additional swimmers

BL 9.3.6.6 Electronic Entries

- Entries for the FINA World Championships, the FINA World Swimming Championships (25m), and the FINA World Junior Swimming Championships shall be made electronically, when available.
- FINA will maintain a listing of times achieved during the qualification period, called the FINA Rankings.
- National Federations will enter swimmers using the FINA Rankings as the entry time for seeding purposes. Where no valid time information is recorded in the FINA Rankings, the swimmer will be entered with no time. Relays will be entered with no time and seeded randomly for the heats' sessions.
- Only valid times included in the FINA Rankings at the date of the deadline for entries and achieved within the qualification period can be accepted as entry times.

- When all entries are completed, the National Federation must transmit the entry list to the FINA Office in accordance with the established entry deadline.

- The heats, semi-finals and finals shall be arranged in accordance with Rule SW 3, under the supervision of the Technical Swimming Committee.

BL 9.3.6.7 The composition of a relay team may be changed between heats and finals of an event. When preliminaries are swum, medals shall be awarded to those swimmers who swam in the heats and the final race.

BL 9.3.6.8 The names of swimmers actually swimming on a relay must be submitted at least one hour before the start of the session in which the event is to take place, in the order in which they are to swim. The names of swimmers in medley relay events must be listed for their respective strokes.

BL 9.3.6.9 Each Member may enter a maximum number of twenty-six (26) men and twenty-six (26) women swimmers.

BL 9.3.6.10 The heats, semi-finals and finals shall be arranged in accordance with Rule SW 3, under the supervision of the Technical Swimming Committee.

BL 9.3.6.11 The entry list shall be published at least four (4) days before the first day of competition.

BL 9.3.6.12 In every event, in the Olympic Games and World Championships, including 800m and 1500m Freestyle for women and 800m and 1500m Freestyle for men, competitors shall be seeded for the heats in accordance with the times submitted on the official entry form.

Swimmers shall be advanced to semi-finals and finals on the basis of their times in the heats and semi-finals.

In the World Swimming Championships (25m) and World Junior Swimming Championships, the 800m Freestyle for women and the 1500m Freestyle for men may at the discretion of the Bureau be conducted on a timed final basis with the fastest heat only conducted during the finals session.

In distances of 50m, 100m and 200m, heats, semi-finals and finals will be held. At the World Swimming Championships (25m) and World Junior Swimming Championships events of 200 m and above only heats and finals will take place.

BL 9.3.6.13 Underwater Camera Protocol:

a) Underwater cameras may only be used to confirm and/or overrule stroke infraction calls made on the deck.

b) Referees on the FINA Technical Swimming Committee will review all stroke infraction calls made on the deck to confirm or overrule such calls. If the video is inconclusive for any reason, the call made on the deck will stand.

BL 9.3.6.14 When underwater cameras are used at Olympic Games and FINA World Championships, a FINA TSC Referee shall supervise the room.

BL 9.3.7 Open Water Swimming

BL 9.3.7.1 Entries

For the Olympic Games and the World Championships each member may enter a maximum of two (2) males and two (2) females per individual event. For team events in the World Championships, the member can enter only one (1) team per event. Only swimmers who are entered in individual events at the World Championships can take part in the Team Event.

BL 9.3.7.2 Numbering of swimmers

The numbering of athletes is to appear on the arms, upper backs and hands of competitors. On the arms the numbers shall be arranged vertically. On the upper backs and hands the numbering is horizontally. The numbering of the arms and backs is made with an ink template: 100 mm high x 60 mm wide. The numbering of the hands of competitors is allowed by marking pens. For athletes with darker skin and full body swim suits a white marker pen will be required.

BL 9.3.7.3 Identification

In events of 10 km and under it is mandatory for the head or cap to display on each side the "national-three letter code" and may display the swimmer's national flag. The country code shall be a minimum of 0.04m in height.

BL 9.3.7.4 Finish Approach

For Olympic Games, World Championships and all FINA events, the Finish Approach (OWS 7.1) is part of the course, and swimmers shall remain within the rows of buoys throughout their approach to the Finish.

BL 9.3.7.5 Events

5 km Team Event as Time Trial

- A team shall consist of three (3) swimmers, either one (1) man and two (2) women or two (2) men and one (1) woman.
- Every team shall start with all swimmers together sixty (60) seconds after the preceding team.
- The allocation of starting positions shall be taken from automatic random draw. The ranking shall be decided by the individual time achieved by the third swimmer of the team. Only one team per NF is allowed.

BL 9.3.7.6 OLYMPIC GAMES

BL 9.3.7.6.1 Events

Only events in 10 km will be held for both Men and Women.

BL 9.3.7.6.2 The Start

For Olympic Games the start shall be from a fixed platform.

BL 9.3.7.6.3 Qualification for London 2012 Olympic Games

1. FINA World Championships 2011 Shanghai (CHN)

The first ten (10) finalists from the 10 km event – men and women – will qualify. 20 Marathon Swimmers (10 Men & 10 Women)

2. FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier 2012

Only NF/NOC not having qualified swimmers through point 1 above may elect to send two (2) athletes per event. Each NF/NOC will qualify only one (1) athlete per event. 18 Marathon Swimmers (9 Men & 9 Women)

Continental Representation

The first eligible finisher in the 10 km event – Men and Women – from each of five (5) Continents will qualify. 10 Marathon Swimmers (5 Men & 5 Women)

In the event that a NF/NOC has previously qualified one (1) or two (2) swimmers, the selection process will move to the next eligible finisher in the FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier event to ensure that each of these competitions yields a competitor.

Host Nation

One (1) male and one (1) female marathon swimmer from the host nation if not previously qualified, will qualify. 2 Marathon Swimmers (1 Man & 1 Woman)

If the host nation qualifies two (2) athletes through the Point 1 above or one (1) athlete through the Points above, than this slot will be added to Point 2 and allow it to yield an additional 10th qualification.

BL 9.3.7.7 WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

BL 9.3.7.7.1 Age Groups as at 31st December of the year of the competition

- 14-16 years Boys and Girls
- 17-18 years Boys and Girls

BL 9.3.7.7.2 Individual Events

- 14-16 years 5 km Boys and Girls
- 17-18 years 7.5 km Boys and Girls

BL 9.3.7.7.3 Team Events

- A team comprises of three (3) swimmers (either two (2) boys and one (1) girl or two (2) girls and one (1) boy)
- Two age categories:
14-16 years
17-18 years
- Distance of the team event: 3 km for both categories
- For the team event, swimmers from the 14-16 age group category (maximum two (2) swimmers) can swim in the 17-18 age group category according to the team distribution for boys / girls and the rule of one (1) team per Federation age group.

BL 9.3.7.7.4 Entries

- Two (2) athletes per Federation per Event in the individual events
- One (1) team per Federation per age group in the Team Event

BL 9.3.8 Diving

BL 9.3.8.1 At the Olympic Games and the World Championships, in springboard and platform Diving contests only dives prescribed by the FINA Rules for Diving shall be executed.

BL 9.3.8.2 World Championships

Each Member may enter a maximum of two (2) competitors, regardless of standards, for each individual event and one (1) team of two (2) competitors for each synchronised diving event.

BL 9.3.8.3 Olympic Games

BL 9.3.8.3.1 General

An NF/NOC may enter up to two (2) divers for each individual event (springboard or platform) and up to two (2) divers in each synchronised diving event (springboard or platform) on the same height, for which the divers and/or federation team is qualified.

2012 Olympic Qualification System:

Phase I

FINA World Championships, Shanghai (CHN) 2011

Individual Diving Events: 3 Metre and 10 Metre Men and Women

12 Finalists (earned qualification positions for their NF/NOC)

Synchronised Diving Events: 3 Metre and 10 Metre Men and Women

Top Three (3) Finalists plus the host nation (GBR)

Phase II

FINA World Cup 2012, London (GBR)

Individual Diving Events: 3 Metre and 10 Metre Men and Women

18 Semi-Finalists (earned qualification positions for their NF/NOC to a maximum of two (2) per NF/NOC)
To qualify for the remaining ranked placings, those divers competing in the World Cup will dive on Day 6, or in accordance with the agreed schedule of the World Cup programme, representing their NF/NOC to secure a provisional placing.

Synchronised Diving Events: 3 Metre and 10 Metre Men and Women
Top Four (4) placed teams, excluding those teams previously qualified in Phase I.

BL 9.3.8.3.1.1 Following the conclusion of the 8th FINA Diving World Cup 2012 and not later than fourteen (14) days thereafter each National Federation/NOC will be notified the number of divers that National Federation/NOC may enter in the Olympic Games. The total number of divers to be entered shall not to exceed one hundred and thirty six (136).

BL 9.3.8.3.1.2 No later than thirty (30) days prior to the closing deadline for the receipt of entries by the Olympic Games Organising Committee, the National Federation/NOC shall advise FINA the number of the allowed divers that the National Federation / NOC will enter in each event. If a diver will be entered both as a team member in synchronised diving and as an individual competitor on the same height, that diver should only be counted as one person. (Example: If both synchronised divers in springboard also compete individually in springboard, the total number of springboard divers shall be reported as two (2)).

BL 9.3.8.3.2 Synchronised Diving (Springboard and Platform)

There shall be eight (8) synchronised diving teams in each event.

Synchronised diving teams shall be qualified by National Federation / NOC according to the following:

- (i) The first three (3) teams from the 14th FINA World Championships - Shanghai 2011
- (ii) One (1) team from the Host Country
- (iii) The first four (4) additional teams from the 18th FINA Diving World Cup - 2012.

If any of the eight (8) qualified teams withdraws it shall be replaced by the next ranked team at the 18th FINA Diving World Cup - 2012.

BL 9.3.8.3.3 Individual Diving (Springboard and Platform)

BL 9.3.8.3.3.1 All divers participating in individual events must meet the FINA Diving Qualifying Requirements as specified in BL 9.3.8.3.3.4.

BL 9.3.8.3.3.2 A National Federation / NOC is limited to entering a maximum of two (2) divers in each individual event.

BL 9.3.8.3.3.3 There shall be a maximum of thirty-four (34) divers - participating in each individual event.

BL 9.3.8.3.3.4 Individual divers shall be qualified by National Federation / NOC according to the following:

- (i) The first twelve (12) finalists in each individual event from the 14th FINA World Championships - Shanghai 2011 shall earn a position for his/her National Federation / NOC.
- (ii) The Champion in each of the Continental Championships so designated to FINA and conducted in 2011 or 2012 but prior to the 18th FINA Diving World Cup shall earn a position for his/her National Federation / NOC.
- (iii) Additional divers up to a maximum of thirty-four (34) in each event according to their ranking from the 18th FINA Diving World Cup - 2012 shall earn a position for his/her National Federation / NOC.

BL 9.3.8.3.3.5 If a diver qualified in accordance with BL 9.3.8.3.3.4 has not been entered to the Olympic Games a substitute shall be selected according to the same rule to the extent that the aggregate of all entries (Synchronised Diving and Individual Diving) does not exceed one hundred and thirty six(136).

BL 9.3.9 Synchronised Swimming

BL 9.3.9.1 For Olympic Games, team routines shall consist of eight (8) competitors. The total number of competitors entered by each Federation (unless otherwise specified) may not exceed nine (9) competitors.

For World Championships and FINA competitions, team routines shall consist of eight (8) competitors and ten (10) for Combination. The total number of competitors entered by each Federation (unless otherwise specified) may not exceed twelve (12) competitors.

BL 9.3.9.2 Each Member may enter one Solo, one Duet, one Team and one Combination in the World Championships and subject to I.O.C. approval in the Olympic Games.

BL 9.3.9.3 World Championships events

Solo, Technical Routine

Solo, Free Routine

Duet, Technical Routine

Duet, Free Routine

Team, Technical Routine

Team, Free Routine

Combination

BL 9.3.9.4 Olympic Qualifying Tournament

In the year of the Olympic Games, or as close as possible to the Olympic Games, a Qualifying Tournament shall be held.

BL 9.3.9.5 Olympic Games

BL 9.3.9.5.1 Teams

The Olympic competition shall be for a maximum of eight (8) teams selected in the following manner:

- Automatically one (1) team from the Continental Championships of the five (5) continents. The Host Country will be representative of that continent.
- The other three (3) teams shall qualify from the Olympic Games Qualifying Tournament in Synchronised Swimming in the year of the Olympic Games.
- If for any reason qualified teams do not wish to participate in the Olympic Games, then the next ranked team(s) from the Olympic Games Qualifying Tournament shall be invited to attend.

BL 9.3.9.5.2 Duets

The competition shall be for a maximum of twenty-four (24) duets selected in the following manner:

- The Host Country automatically qualifies
- One (1) duet from the Continental Championships of the five (5) continents.
- Eight (8) duets from the teams qualified as above
- Plus the next ranked duets from the Olympic Games Qualifying Tournament.
- If for any reason a qualified duet does not wish to participate in the Olympic Games then the next ranked duet(s) from the Olympic Games Qualifying Tournament shall be invited to attend.

BL 9.3.10 Water Polo

For Water Polo, an entry of a maximum of thirteen (13) players may be accepted.

BL 9.3.10.1 Qualification for Olympic Games Men

BL 9.3.10.1.1 The competition shall be between a maximum of twelve (12) teams selected in the following manner:

BL 9.3.10.1.2 The first team from the preceding year's World League. If this team has already qualified as the continental representative (BL 9.3.10.1.4) then the next ranked team from the World League qualifies.

BL 9.3.10.1.3 The first three (3) teams from the preceding World Championships. If any one of these three (3) teams has already qualified as the continental representative (BL 9.3.10.1.4) or from the preceding year's World League (BL 9.3.10.1.2) the next ranked team from the World Championships qualifies.

BL 9.3.10.1.4 Automatically one (1) team from the Continental Championships of the five (5) continents or if already qualified at the preceding year's World League (BL 9.3.10.1.2) or at the 14th FINA World Championships Shanghai 2011 (BL 9.3.10.1.3), then the next ranked team from the continental championships will qualify. The Host Country will be the representative of that continent.

BL 9.3.10.1.5 The other three (3) teams are to come from the highest placed teams at the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Men.

BL 9.3.10.1.6 If, for any reason, no team enters from a continent, or if there is an unfilled vacancy from among the teams qualified from the preceding year's World League or preceding World Championship, the next ranking team(s) will then be taken in order from their placing at the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Men.

BL 9.3.10.1.7 FINA has authority to amend BL 9.3.10.1 and list in chronological order to reflect the qualification of teams in accordance with the timing of FINA Events.

BL 9.3.10.2 Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Men

BL 9.3.10.2.1 The competition shall be between a maximum of twelve (12) teams selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental championships in the following manner:

BL 9.3.10.2.2 The twelve (12) teams from the continents shall be selected according to the following formula: Europe - 5; Americas - 3; Asia - 2; Africa - 1; and Oceania - 1. The Host Country will be considered to be a representative from that Continent.

BL 9.3.10.2.3 The highest qualifying team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championship shall be entitled to represent that continent; if any teams do not accept, then the next highest ranking team willing to accept and participate in the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament shall qualify.

BL 9.3.10.2.4 If there is an unfilled vacancy from a continent, then that vacancy shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championship with the following rotation: host continent of the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament, Americas, Asia, Europe, Oceania and Africa.

BL 9.3.10.3 Qualification for Olympic Games - Women

BL 9.3.10.3.1 The competition shall be for a maximum of eight (8) teams selected in the following manner:

BL 9.3.10.3.2 Automatically one (1) team from the Continental Championships of the five (5) continents. The Host Country will be the representative of that continent.

BL 9.3.10.3.3 The other three (3) teams qualify from the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Women

BL 9.3.10.3.4 If for any reason, qualified teams do not wish to participate in the Olympic Games, the next ranking team(s) will then be taken in order from their placing at the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Women

BL 9.3.10.4 Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Women

BL 9.3.10.4.1 The competition shall be between a maximum of twelve (12) teams selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental championships.

BL 9.3.10.4.2 The twelve (12) teams from the continents shall be selected according to the following formula: Europe - 5; Americas - 3; Asia - 2; Africa - 1; and Oceania - 1. The Host Country will be considered to be a representative from that Continent.

BL 9.3.10.4.3 The highest qualifying team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championship shall be entitled to represent that continent; if any teams do not accept, then the next highest ranking team willing to accept and participate in the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament shall qualify.

BL 9.3.10.4.4 If there is an unfilled vacancy from a continent, then that vacancy shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championship with the following rotation: host continent of the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament, Americas, Asia, Europe, Oceania and Africa.

BL 9.3.10.5 Qualification for World Championships - Men

BL 9.3.10.5.1 The competition shall be between a maximum of sixteen (16) teams selected in the following manner:

BL 9.3.10.5.2 The four (4) highest ranking teams from the preceding World Cup or Olympic Games, two (2) highest ranking teams from the preceding year's World League, one (1) team from the host country and nine (9) teams from the five (5) continents to be selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental championships. The nine (9) teams from the continents shall be selected according to the following formula: Europe - 3; Americas - 2; Asia - 2; Africa - 1; and Oceania - 1.

BL 9.3.10.5.3 If any one of the teams qualified from the preceding year's World League are in the first four (4) from the preceding World Cup or Olympic Games, the next ranked team from that World Cup or Olympic Games qualifies.

BL 9.3.10.5.4 The highest qualifying team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships shall be entitled to represent that continent; if any team does not accept, then the next highest ranking team willing to accept and participate in the World Championships shall qualify.

BL 9.3.10.5.5 If the host country is already included in the four (4) highest ranking teams from the preceding World Cup or Olympic Games, then that entry position shall be filled by the next highest placed team from that World Cup or Olympic Games.

BL 9.3.10.5.6 If another of the four (4) highest ranking teams from the preceding World Cup or Olympic Games or one (1) of the two (2) highest ranking teams from the preceding year's World League does not enter, then that position shall be filled from the next highest placed team from that World Cup or Olympic Games.

BL 9.3.10.5.7 If no team enters from a continent or if there is an unfilled vacancy from among the teams qualifying from the preceding World Cup, Olympic Games or preceding year's World League, then each vacancy for that World Championship shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships with the following rotation: Americas, Europe, Host Continent, Asia, Oceania and Africa.

BL 9.3.10.6 Qualification for World Championships - Women

BL 9.3.10.6.1 The competition shall be between a maximum of sixteen (16) teams selected in the following manner:

BL 9.3.10.6.2 The four (4) highest ranking teams from the preceding World Cup or Olympic Games, two (2) highest ranking teams from the preceding year's World League, one (1) team from the host country and nine (9) teams from the five (5) continents to be selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental championships. The nine (9) teams from the continents shall be selected according to the following formula: Europe - 3; Americas - 2; Asia - 2; Africa - 1; and Oceania - 1.

BL 9.3.10.6.3 If any one of the teams qualified from the preceding year's World League are in the first four (4) from the preceding World Cup or Olympic Games, the next ranked team from that World Cup or Olympic Games qualifies.

BL 9.3.10.6.4 The highest qualifying team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships shall be entitled to represent that continent; if any team does not accept, then the next highest ranking team willing to accept and participate in the World Championships shall qualify.

BL 9.3.10.6.5 If the host country is already included in the four (4) highest ranking teams from the preceding World Cup or Olympic Games, then that entry position shall be filled by the next highest placed team from that World Cup or Olympic Games.

BL 9.3.10.6.6 If another of the four (4) highest ranking teams from the preceding World Cup or Olympic Games or one (1) of the two (2) highest ranking teams from the preceding year's World League does not enter, then that position shall be filled from the next highest placed team from that World Cup or Olympic Games.

BL 9.3.10.6.7 If no team enters from a continent or if there is an unfilled vacancy from among the teams qualifying from the preceding World Cup or Olympic Games or preceding year's World League, then each vacancy for that World Championship shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championship with the following rotation: Americas, Europe, Host Continent, Asia, Oceania and Africa.

BL 9.3.10.7 World Junior Championships - Men (Age as in WPAG 2) – 18 years and under and 20 years and under

BL 9.3.10.7.1 The competition may be between either a maximum of sixteen (16) teams or a maximum of twenty (20) teams.

BL 9.3.10.7.2 For a sixteen team (16) competition, the competition must occur at one site; for a twenty (20) team competition, the competition may occur at two (2) sites in one country. A host may bid for either a sixteen (16) team or a twenty (20) team competition. The host country will be responsible for the transportation of the teams from one site to another as required. This transportation will be at the expense of the host country.

BL 9.3.10.7.3 In the case of a maximum sixteen (16) team competition, the teams shall include the highest ranking team from the preceding World Junior Championships with the remaining teams selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental championships according to the following formula: Host - 1; Europe - 6; Americas - 4; Asia - 2; Oceania - 2 and Africa -1. The highest ranking team from the preceding World Junior Championships will be considered to be a representative of that continent for the purpose of the formula.

BL 9.3.10.7.4 In the case of a maximum twenty (20) team competition, the teams shall include the highest ranking team from the preceding World Junior Championships with the remaining teams selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental championships according to the following formula: Host - 1; Europe - 7; Americas - 5; Asia - 3; Africa - 2; and Oceania - 2. The highest ranking team from the preceding World Junior Championships will be considered to be a representative of that continent for the purpose of the formula.

BL 9.3.10.7.5 The highest qualifying team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships shall be entitled to represent that continent; if any team does not accept, then the next highest ranking team willing to accept and participate in the World Junior Championships shall qualify.

BL 9.3.10.7.6 For a maximum sixteen (16) team competition, if there is an unfilled vacancy from a continent, then that vacancy shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championship with the following rotation: Asia, Africa, Host Continent, Americas (if not Host Continent), Europe (if not Host Continent) and Oceania.

BL 9.3.10.7.7 For a maximum of twenty (20) team competition, if there is an unfilled vacancy from a continent, then that vacancy shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championship with the following rotation: Asia, Africa, Host Continent, Americas, Europe and Oceania.

BL 9.3.10.8 World Junior Championships - Women (Age as in WPAG 2) - 18 years and under and 20 years and under

BL 9.3.10.8.1 The competition shall be between a maximum of sixteen (16) teams selected in the following manner:

BL 9.3.10.8.2 The teams shall include the highest ranking team from the preceding World Junior Championships with remaining teams selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental championships according to the following formula: Host - 1; Europe - 6; Americas - 4; Asia - 2; Oceania - 2 and Africa 1. The highest ranking team from the preceding World Junior Championships will be considered to be a representative of that continent for the purpose of the formula.

BL 9.3.10.8.3 The highest qualifying team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships shall be entitled to represent that continent; if any team does not accept, then the next highest ranking team from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships shall be entitled to represent that continent.

BL 9.3.10.8.4 If there is an unfilled vacancy from a continent, then that vacancy shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships with the following rotation: Asia, Europe (if not Host Continent), Americas, Asia, Africa and Oceania.

BL 9.3.10.9 World Youth Championships Men (Age as in WPAG 2) – 18 years and under

BL 9.3.10.9.1 The competition may be between either a maximum of sixteen (16) teams or a maximum of twenty (20) teams.

BL 9.3.10.9.2 For a sixteen (16) team competition, the competition must occur at one site; for a twenty (20) team competition, the competition may occur at two (2) sites in one country. A host may bid for either a sixteen (16) team or a twenty (20) team competition. The host country will be responsible for the transportation of the teams from one site to another as required. This transportation will be at the expense of the host country.

BL 9.3.10.9.3 In the case of a maximum sixteen (16) team competition, the teams shall include the highest ranking team from the preceding World Youth Championships with the remaining teams selected through continental qualification tournaments or

continental championships according to the following formula: Host – 1; Europe – 6; Americas – 4; Asia – 2; Oceania – 2 and Africa 1. The highest ranking team from the preceding World Youth Championships will be considered to be a representative of that continent for the purpose of the formula.

BL 9.3.10.9.4 In the case of a maximum twenty (20) team competition, the teams shall include the highest ranking team from the preceding World Youth Championships with the remaining teams selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental championships according to the following formula: Host – 1; Europe – 7; Americas – 5; Asia – 3; Africa 2; and Oceania – 2. The highest ranking team from the preceding World Youth 3 Championships will be considered to be a representative of that continent for the purpose of the formula.

BL 9.3.10.9.5 The highest qualifying team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships shall be entitled to represent that continent; if any team does not accept, then the next highest ranking team willing to accept and participate in the World Youth Championships shall qualify.

BL 9.3.10.9.6 For a maximum sixteen (16) team competition, if there is an unfilled vacancy from a continent, then that vacancy shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championship with the following rotation: Asia, Africa, Host Continent, Europe (if not Host Continent), Americas (if not Host Continent) and Oceania.

BL 9.3.10.9.7 For a maximum twenty (20) team competition, if there is an unfilled vacancy from a continent, then that vacancy shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championship with the following rotation: Asia, Africa, Host Continent, Americas (if not Host Continent), Europe (if not Host Continent) and Oceania.

BL 9.3.10.10 World Youth Championships Women (Age as in WPAG 2) – 18 years and under

BL 9.3.10.10.1 The competition shall be between a maximum of sixteen (16) teams selected in the following manner:

BL 9.3.10.10.2 The teams shall include the highest ranking team from the preceding World Youth Championships with remaining teams selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental championships according to the following formula: Host – 1; Europe – 6; Americas – 4; Asia – 2; Oceania – 2 and Africa 1. The highest ranking team from the preceding World Youth Championships will be considered to be a representative of that continent for the purpose of the formula.

BL 9.3.10.10.3 The highest qualifying team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships shall be entitled to represent that continent; if any team does not accept, then the next highest ranking team from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships shall be entitled to represent that continent.

BL 9.3.10.10.4 If there is an unfilled vacancy from a continent, then that vacancy shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships with the following rotation: Asia, Europe (if not Host Continent), Americas, Asia, Africa and Oceania.

BL 10 WORLD CUPS

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BL 10.1 General Rules

FINA may conduct World Cups in each discipline in accordance with the Rules set forth hereafter.

BL 10.1.1 All World Cups shall be conducted with doping control in accordance with FINA Doping Control Rules.

BL 10.1.2 At all World Cups, the Management Committee shall be the members of the appropriate Technical Committee present at the competition, with the Bureau Liaison as Chairman who shall have a casting vote, if necessary.

BL 10.1.3 Judging selections shall be determined by the appropriate Technical Committee, subject to approval by the Bureau or the Executive.

BL 10.2 Diving

The Rules for the Diving World Cup are decided by the Bureau and based upon proposals from the Technical Diving Committee.

BL 10.3 Water Polo

BL 10.3.1 The competition shall be between a maximum of eight (8) selected in the following manner: automatically the first three (3) teams from the preceding World Championships and one (1) team from each of the five (5) continents selected through the continental qualification tournaments, continental championships or ranking at the preceding World Championships. The Host Country will be the representative of that continent. If a vacancy occurs it shall be filled by the next highest ranked teams from the continental qualification tournaments, continental championships or at the preceding World Championships with the following rotation: Asia, Americas, Africa, Oceania, and Europe.

BL 10.3.2 Qualified Federations must declare their intention to send a team to the World Cup at least six months prior to the event. The draw shall be held approximately four months prior to the competition.

BL 10.4 Synchronised Swimming

BL 10.4.1 The Rules for the Synchronised Swimming Cup are decided by the Bureau and based upon proposals from the Technical Synchronised Swimming Committee.

BL 10.4.2 The Rules for the FINA Synchronised Swimming World Trophy are decided by the Bureau and based upon proposals from the Technical Synchronised Swimming Committee six (6) months before competition.

BL 11 WORLD CALENDAR

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BL 11.1 FINA shall establish a World Competition Calendar. This Calendar shall serve as a guideline for Continental and Regional organisations, Federations and organisers of International competitions when deciding dates and place for Championships/Games and other competitions.

BL 11.2 The Calendar shall include:

- FINA Championships and other FINA competitions
- Continental and Regional Championships/Games
- Other Championships/Games of major international importance, and
- Other international competitions to be approved by FINA.

BL 11.3 Championships/Games and other international competitions may be added to the Calendar provided that they have been presented to FINA for sanction in accordance with C 14.3

BL 11.4 Championships/Games, or other International competitions must be organised so they finish latest one month prior to or overlapping the Olympic Games and FINA World Championships, with the exception of Masters Competitions.

BL 11.5 Cancellation of fixtures or change of dates or place for a fixture on the Calendar must be reported to FINA at least six months before the commencement of that competition.

BL 12 REQUIREMENTS WITH REGARD TO ORDER, SAFETY AND SECURITY AT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND FINA COMPETITIONS (AND CONTINENTAL AND REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS/GAMES)

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Preamble: The requirements below have been established in order to safeguard order, safety and security at World Championships and FINA Competitions (and Continental and Regional Championships/Games).

The following rules are not exhaustive and cannot be regarded as a conclusive and all-embracing stipulation of the measures to be taken by, and the responsibilities of organisers of Championships and Competitions. Organisers are requested to do everything within their power to ensure that order, safety and security are maintained in and around the competition venue(-s) before, during and after competition sessions.

These rules shall be complementary to instructions based on national and local legislation, as well as instructions issued by competent national administrative bodies.

BL 12.1 Consultation with authorities

Before bidding for championships/competitions the Bidding Federation must consult the appropriate authorities in order to ensure that the measures required in these rules will be fulfilled.

BL 12.2 Inspection of Venue(s)

The venue(s) in which competitions are to take place must have been approved by the competent authorities for this purpose.

BL 12.3 Organisation

BL 12.3.1 The Organising Federation, Organising Committee or Club in charge of the organisation of the championships/competition must in cooperation with the competent local authorities appoint a Security Officer, who will be in overall command of all order, safety and security matters related to the championships/competition. Persons individually in charge of order, safety, security, medical care and fire service must be similarly appointed.

BL 13 AUTONOMY OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATIONS MEMBERS OF FINA

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When the autonomy of a NF is being, or is, compromised the FINA Executive is entitled to take any appropriate decisions in order to protect the benefits of Aquatic Sports in the Country or the Sport Country of a NF. These measures include the suspension or the expulsion from the FINA membership if the constitution, law or other regulations in force in the Country or Sport Country of the NF concerned, or any act by any governmental or other body provokes the activity of the NF or the making or expression of its will to be hampered. The procedure shall be as established in FINA C 12

BL 12.3.2 In addition every Federation or Club entered into the championships/competition shall be requested to select one official with knowledge about the behaviour of supporters attending the competition venue(s), who shall inform the Security Officer about any special need of action in order to maintain order, safety and security at the competition venue(s).

BL 12.4 Security Meetings

BL 12.4.1 The Organiser shall provide office(s) for the Security Officer, in which Security Meetings will be held whenever needed. Persons attending regular Security Meetings shall be those responsible for order, safety, security, medical care and fire service. On special call also other persons such as the FINA Delegate(s), Federation or Club officials, venue authorities and the local police shall attend Security Meetings.

BL 12.4.2 In the event of serious emergency situation all persons identified in BL 12.4.1 on a special signal broadcast over the public address system must immediately attend an Emergency Meeting.

BL 12.4.3 Presentation of the Security Officer and persons in charge of order, safety and security, medical care and fire service shall be done at the Technical Meeting(s) before the opening of the championships/competition. At the same time information about order, safety, security, medical care and fire service at the venue(s) shall be given by the Security Officer.

BL 12.5 Checking and Guarding of the Venue(s)

The venue(s) must be guarded against unauthorised intrusion for an adequate period before the beginning of the championships/competition, and an efficient security sweep of the venue(s), to search for unauthorised persons or dangerous objects, carried out before competitors, officials and spectators are admitted.

BL 12.6 Duration of Presence

Police, safety, security stewarding, medical and fire-fighting personnel and the public address announcer(s) shall be in their allotted positions in and around the venue(s) before the venue(-s) is opened to the public, and their presence maintained for the entire period that the public is in the venue(s) and until it has dispersed, in accordance with the instructions of the Security Officer.

BL 12.7 Screening of Spectators at Championships/Competitions

Spectators shall be screened initially by control personnel at the outer perimeter fence, if there is one, or at the outer cordon established at venues which do not have an outer perimeter fence, to ensure that only ticket-holders approach the turnstiles, and to make the first checks to prevent the introduction of dangerous objects, alcohol, fireworks etc. into the venue(s).

Final screening and search procedures shall be carried out by the control personnel outside the turnstiles entrances to ensure that:

- a) Spectators enter the correct part of the venue
- b) Spectators do not bring any objects into the venue, that are likely to be used in acts of violence, nor alcohol or fireworks of any kind.
- c) Access is forbidden to known or potential troublemakers, or persons who are under influence of alcohol or drugs.
- d) Special alert must be given to possible acts of terrorism.

Screening and search processes shall be carried out sensibly and effectively to ensure that the spectators are not searched more than once and that the searchers themselves do not become the cause of undue delay or create unnecessary tension.

BL 12.8 Stewards

Sufficient stewards shall be on duty within the venue(s) to ensure that spectators are directed to their seats efficiently and smoothly without delay and confusion.

BL 12.9 Segregation

For Water Polo games where a system of spectator segregation is to be operated, the segregation should be drawn up jointly by the Security Officer and the police commander in charge at the match venue.

BL 12.10 Doors and Gates

All exit doors and gates in the venue(s) shall open outwards away from the spectators, and shall remain unlocked while spectators are in the venue. Each and every such door and gate shall be attended at all times by a specially appointed steward, to guard against abuse and ensure immediate escape routes in the event of an emergency evacuation. They shall not be locked under no circumstances.

BL 12.11 Distribution of Alcohol

The public sale, distribution or consumption of alcoholic beverages shall not be permitted within the spectators areas, athlete areas or competition areas of the swimming venue.

BL 12.12 Public Address system

The venue(s) shall have a public address system, which is capable of being heard clearly, above the crowd noise. It is recommended that the announcer(s) should be selected from persons with voice(s) familiar to the spectators. The police authorities should be able to override the public address system to make emergency announcements on their own microphone.

BL 12.13 Announcements

Announcements over the public address system shall be of strict neutral character. The public address system shall not be used for the dissemination of political messages.

BL 12.14 First Aid

The venue(s) shall have adequate and fully equipped first-aid treatment facilities for competitors and officials and the public. These facilities together with the number and qualifications of assistants who will administer treatment, shall be approved by the local authorities concerned. Ambulance(s) shall be stationed on site during the whole championships/competition.

BL 12.15 Political Action

No political action shall take place inside or in the immediate vicinity of the venue(s). The promotion or announcement, by any means, of political messages or any other political actions inside or in the immediate vicinity of the venue(s) is strictly prohibited before, during and after the championships/competition.

BL 12.16 Provocative Action, Racism

The Organisers of championships/competition, together with the Security Officer, shall prevent any provocative action being taken by spectators inside or in the immediate vicinity of the venue(-s) (unacceptable levels of verbal provocation from spectators towards competitors or opposing fans, racist behaviour, provocative banners or flags etc.). Should such action arise, the Security Officer shall intervene over the public address system or remove any offensive material, if necessary with assistance of the police. Stewards shall draw attention of the police to serious acts of misbehaviour, including racist insults; so that offenders may be removed from the venue should the police decide.

BL 12.17 Sanctions

Federations, Organising Committees or clubs may be sanctioned for not having fulfilled the requirements in this rule.

Sanctions may include any or all of the following:

- a) Warning
- b) Fine
- c) Suspension

Sanctions shall be imposed by the body competent to impose sanctions in accordance with the Constitution of the Organisation having the right to award the championships/competition.