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TO: ALL FINA MEMBER FEDERATIONS
FROM: FINA, Lausanne
DATE: 13th August 2020
**RE: QUALIFYING PROCEDURE FOR THE
15th FINA WORLD SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS (25M) 2021
13 - 18 December 2021 // ABU DHABI (UAE)**

Dear Madams, Dear Sirs,

We have the pleasure to forward to you this correspondence relating to the athletes' participation at the **15th FINA World Swimming Championships (25m)** to be held in **Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE)**, from **13th to 18th December 2021**.

1. Standard times

WOMEN		MEN		
W - "B"	W - "A"		M - "A"	M - "B"
25.46	24.60	50 Freestyle	21.40	22.15
55.66	53.78	100 Freestyle	47.23	48.88
1:59.65	1:55.60	200 Freestyle	1:44.88	1:48.55
4:15.59	4:06.95	400 Freestyle	3:44.09	3:51.93
8:53.74	8:35.69	800 Freestyle	//////////	//////////
//////////	//////////	1500 Freestyle	14:49.29	15:20.42
27.75	26.81	50 Backstroke	23.79	24.62
1:00.11	58.08	100 Backstroke	51.30	53.10
2:11.64	2:07.19	200 Backstroke	1:52.66	1:56.60
31.76	30.69	50 Breaststroke	26.57	27.50
1:08.50	1:06.18	100 Breaststroke	57.63	59.65
2:29.45	2:24.30	200 Breaststroke	2:06.23	2:10.65
27.05	26.14	50 Butterfly	23.08	23.89
1:00.26	58.22	100 Butterfly	51.35	53.15
2:14.30	2:09.76	200 Butterfly	1:54.10	1:58.09
1:03.35	1:01.21	100 Individual Medley	53.57	55.44
2:16.11	2:11.51	200 Individual Medley	1:55.25	1:59.28
4:47.25	4:37.54	400 Individual Medley	4:09.19	4:17.91

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1 Team	4 x 50 m Freestyle	1 Team
1 Team	4 x 100 m Freestyle	1 Team
1 Team	4 x 200 m Freestyle	1 Team
1 Team	4 x 50 m Medley	1 Team
1 Team	4 x 100 m Medley	1 Team

4 x 50 m Freestyle Mixed	1 Team
4 x 50 m Medley Mixed	1 Team

Explanation:

1. The “A” standards for the 2021 Worlds were created by using the faster of two times from:

- The Hangzhou 2018 “A” qualifying time standard; and
- The 16th place time from the Hangzhou 2018

For this meet, the standards broke down as follows:

Women: 8 of the 2021 “A” time standards were the 2018 “A” time standard, and 9 of the 2021 “A” time standards were the 16th place time from the 2018 Worlds.

Men: 3 of the 2021 “A” time standards were the 2018 “A” time standard, and 14 of the 2021 “A” time standards were the 16th place time from the 2018 Worlds.

FINA is willing to exceptionally accept the times achieved in Tokyo 2020 qualifying events and Fukuoka 2022 qualifying events, that fall within the below-mentioned qualifying period, for swimmers who will not have times for the 25m pool.

2. All “B” time standards were derived by multiplying the “A” time standard by 3.5%.

2. Qualifying period: 1st December 2019 – 28th November 2021

If a National Federation enters only one (1) swimmer per event all swimmers entered must meet the qualifying B standard time. If two (2) swimmers are entered in the same event, both of them must meet the qualifying A standard time.

Federations may enter swimmers regardless of standard time as follows:

- having no swimmer qualified: two (2) men and two (2) women; *
- having one (1) or two (2) swimmers qualified, additional swimmers up to a maximum of four (4) swimmers (two (2) men and two (2) women);
- having three (3) swimmers qualified one (1) additional swimmer provided that both genders are represented.

* Note: Please refer to FINA Rules **BL 9.3.6** and **BL 9.3.6.2** [LINK - FINA Rules](#)

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BL 9.3.6 Swimming

The minimum age for swimmers competing in the Olympic Games, FINA World Championships and FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) shall be the same as the minimum age for the FINA World Junior Swimming Championships: Women, 14 years of age, and Men, 15 years of age, on 31st December in the year of competition, except younger Competitors may participate in these competitions if they have achieved at least the “B” Standard Entry Time in the respective event.

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

- a) With no swimmers who have achieved the “A” or “B” Standard Entry Time: National Federations may enter up to four (4) swimmers, two (2) men and two (2) women.
- b) With one (1) or two (2) swimmers who has achieved the “A” or “B” Standard Entry Time: National Federations may enter up to a maximum of four (4) swimmers (two (2) men and two (2) women), and with three (3) swimmers who have achieved the “A” or “B” Standard Entry Time, one (1) additional swimmer provided that both genders are represented.
- c) The swimmers who have not achieved either Standard Entry Time will only be permitted to enter up to two (2) individual events each.
- d) An individual entry for a swimmer without an “A” or “B” Standard Entry Time must be in an event where no other swimmer from the National Federation has been entered.

Swimmers entered without an entry time must have participated in the National Championships of the Federation. These swimmers will be allowed to enter in two (2) different events each, but they cannot swim in the same event, e.g. 50 m Freestyle.

Gender Relays:

- 4x50 m Freestyle, 4x100m Freestyle, 4x200m Freestyle, 4x50 m Medley, 4x100m Medley – Men & Women – 1 Relay per Federation;
- Mixed Relays: 4x50 m Freestyle, 4x50m Medley – 1 Relay per Federation.

3. Qualifying events – see BL 12

Continental Championships, International Competitions and National Competitions held between **1st December 2019 and 28th November 2021**.

FINA will only accept entry times which have been achieved at competitions officially approved by FINA.

4. Application for qualifying events

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In order to register an International Competition or a National Competition as a Qualifying Meet for swimmers to achieve the FINA "A" and "B" Qualifying Standard Times, please fill out the attached "Application Form" and return it to the **FINA Office in Lausanne (SUI) as soon as possible** taking into account the following:

- *Application forms for rescheduled competitions and competitions in 2020 should be submitted 45 days before they take place.*
- *Application forms for competitions in 2021 should be submitted no later than 31st December 2020.*

NO APPLICATION FOR A NATIONAL AND/OR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION WILL BE CONSIDERED AFTER 31st DECEMBER 2020.

We would like to draw your attention to the following:

- It is very important to indicate on the "Application Form" the INFORMATION ON THE TIMING SYSTEM to be used at the competitions to be organised by the National Federations where the swimmers could achieve the FINA "A" and "B" Qualifying Standard Times.

- FINA will only recognise swimming competitions where Referees and Starters included on the FINA Swimming Officials Lists **N° 19 and N° 20** are officiating for competitions held in 2019 and 2020, and FINA Swimming Officials Lists **N° 20 and N° 21** for competitions held in 2021.

- In order for FINA to endorse the Swimming Qualifying Time Standards achieved at approved competitions, the National Federation / Organiser must send the official results to the FINA Office at rankings@fina.org IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE COMPETITION.

We remind you that ONLY Lenex or Hy-Tek c12/sdif will be accepted. The electronical file must be sent together with the corresponding pdf file.

FINA will not accept any results sent in .word, .excel or solely .pdf format. Results sent in this format will not be considered for the FINA rankings nor be valid as qualifying entry times.

We thank you for your kind attention and remain at your disposal for any further information you may need.

Yours Sincerely,



Cornel Marculescu
Executive Director

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