

Welcome

This information pack has been designed as a reference for delegates interested in attending the FINA Diving Judges School, which is being staged in Sheffield on the 22nd – 24th April 2010. The school will be held alongside the FINA Diving World Series 2010 at Ponds Forge International Sports Centre (ISC), Sheffield.

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Important Dates to Note

Submission of Accommodation Form: Friday 12th March
Submission of Flight Details Form: Friday 12th March

Delegate arrival in Sheffield: Wednesday 21st April
Diving Judges School: Thursday 22nd April – Saturday 24th April
Delegate departure from Sheffield: Sunday 25th April

Venue of Judges School

FINA Diving Judges School Venue
Holiday Inn Royal Victoria Hotel
Sheffield
Great Britain, S4 7YE

Website: <http://www.holidayinnsheffield.co.uk>

FINA Diving World Series Venue
Ponds Forge International Sports Centre
Sheaf Street
Sheffield
Great Britain, S1 2BP

Website: <http://www.ponds-forge.co.uk>



About Sheffield

Sheffield is the country's greenest city and has all the features that England's fourth-largest city should have and more. It is ideally located with the Peak District National Park right on its doorstep. Sheffield's array of visitor attractions offers a vibrant mix of quality experiences. The city's offering of galleries and museums is impressive and houses everything from rare and ancient artifacts to the latest in contemporary art.

Whether your interests lie in industrial or cultural heritage there is lots to explore in Sheffield. Internationally renowned stately homes such as Chatsworth and Hardwick Hall, sit on Sheffield's doorstep. While Industrial Heritage sites of world importance offer fascinating reminders of Sheffield's illustrious past.

You will be spoilt for choice when it comes to shopping in Sheffield. A short Supertram ride from the centre is Meadowhall, one of Europe's biggest shopping malls with more than 270 stores. The City Centre complements Meadowhall perfectly, with its broad pedestrianised streets, high-street stores and independent designer shops.

As the National City of Sport, Sheffield is home to some of the greatest international sporting venues in the country. The world-class facilities include Ponds Forge International Sports Centre, Europe's largest ice complex, all season ski resort, Rother Valley Country Park, English Institute of Sport and the Don Valley Stadium. Sheffield also has a wealth of spectator sports including two professional football teams (Sheffield United and Sheffield Wednesday), and hosts Sheffield's famous sporting events including World Snooker and British Open Show jumping



Venue and Facilities of the FINA Diving Judges School



Holiday Inn Royal Victoria Hotel

The Judges school will take place at the Holiday Inn Royal Victoria Hotel. For 143 years the Royal Victoria has been offering guests the charm and elegance that a distinguished past holds. It perfectly incorporates modern splendour with a traditional style and charm that escapes most city centre hotels.

The hotel offers 100 bedrooms, all of which have been recently refurbished in the finest tastes and sophistication, including the new Victorian Bedroom Suite, which has been recreated to its former glory. The truly elegant Ballroom has a capacity of 400 guests with the adjacent Assembly room comfortably seating 100 guests for dinner respectively. In addition to this, the hotel has 14 appointed meeting rooms.

Victoria Conference Room 5

The Victoria Meeting suite encompasses six modern conference rooms and each room is elegantly decorated. Victoria Conference Room 5 is wonderfully appointed to suit modern conference needs and is the main location of the FINA Diving Judges School.



Ponds Forge International Sports Centre



The Diving Judges School is held in conjunction with the FINA Diving World Series, which is taking place at Ponds Forge International Sports Centre on the 22nd – 24th April 2010.

Ponds Forge is recognised as a world class sporting event venue and as a reputable health and fitness centre to the community of Sheffield. Great Britain hosted a FINA Diving Judges School at this venue in 2008.

Ponds Forge boasts a 50m ten lane Competition Pool, an Olympic sized Diving Pool, Leisure Pool, Fitness Unlimited Gym, Members Spa and Changing Areas, 2 group Fitness Studios and an International Sports Hall. Ponds Forge offers a diverse choice of health and fitness activities to the local community, providing first class amenities for everything from recreational use to professional instruction. The centre also houses several national-sporting societies, providing a professional service for professional athletes.





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Accommodation

Yorkshire South Tourism, the official booking partner of the event, will manage Hotel Accommodation bookings. The official accommodation period will be from Wednesday 21st April – Sunday 25th April and will be at the Holiday Inn Royal Victoria Hotel. Please see the hotel details and prices below:

Address: Holiday Inn Royal Victoria
Sheffield
Great Britain
S4 7YE

Website: <http://www.holidayinnsheffield.co.uk>

The room Includes:

- Alarm Clocks
- Remote control colour TV with cable and Satellite
- Direct Dial Phone
- High Speed Internet
- Coffee / Tea Making Facilities
- Hairdryer
- Work Desk with Lamp
- Safe
- Gym and Health Club which is well equipped with a life fitness gym, a cardio theatre of 4 screens, an aerobic studio, full Air Conditioning and state of the art equipment.

The Hotel Accommodation Booking Form is included within this circulation. Delegates are requested to complete the booking form and return to the address/fax number on the form to secure accommodation **no later than FRIDAY 12TH MARCH.**

Please see the hotel prices **per person** below:

Full Board

Single Room:	Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Evening Meal	=	£120.00
Two sharing a twin room:	Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Evening Meal	=	£75.00



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Transport Information – Manchester International Airport

Manchester boasts one of the world's leading international airports with seventy airlines flying directly to over 160 worldwide destinations. More than 20 million passengers passed through the airport last year and it is estimated that this number will double by 2015.

Transport will be provided free of charge between Wednesday 21st April and Sunday 25th April 2010 for all delegates for the collection and return journey from Manchester International Airport. The Holiday Inn Royal Victoria Hotel is within a 5-minute walk from Ponds Forge ISC/

Transport will only be provided to delegates that submit their flight information to kara.luck@swimming.org **no later than FRIDAY 12TH MARCH**. The flight details form is attached.

Please note: We cannot guarantee transport to anyone who hasn't submitted his or her flight details prior to this date.

VISA Information

Any delegate requiring an official invitation to the FINA Diving Judges School from British Swimming is requested to complete the attached VISA form and return to kara.luck@swimming.org.