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## TO: <br> FROM: <br> DATE: <br> RE: <br> ALL FINA MEMBER FEDERATIONS <br> FINA, Lausanne <br> 20 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ December 2019 <br> 15 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ FINA WORLD SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS (25M) 2020 15-20 December 2020 // Abu Dhabi (UAE) SWIMMING QUALIFYING EVENTS \& TIMES

Dear Sirs,
We have the pleasure to forward to you this correspondence relating to the athletes' participation at the $15^{\text {th }}$ FINA World Swimming Championships ( 25 m ) to be held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, from 15 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ to 20 $^{\text {th }}$ December 2020.

## 1. Standard times

For the FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) 2020, FINA has established qualifying standards in 25 m pool. In addition to this, the 50 m qualifying time standards applied for Fukuoka 2021 will also be accepted.

A summary of the entries rules is listed below:

- FINA A/B/U qualification rules are still in force as per the FINA Handbook
- National Federations will be able to submit times for athletes from qualifying competitions in 25 m distance or 50 m distance.
- Qualifying competitions must have been previously approved by FINA and fall within the qualification period of:
- 01 December 2019 - 01 December 2020 for 25 m pool
- 01 March 2020 - 01 December 2020 for 50 m pool
- All entry times MUST be included in the FINA World Swimming Rankings in order to be validated
- When submitting sport entries, it must be stated if the entry time is from an approved 25 m or 50 m competition
- $\quad 25 \mathrm{~m}$ entry times will be checked against qualifications standards for FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) Abu Dhabi 2020
- $\quad 50 \mathrm{~m}$ entry times will be checked against qualifications standards for FINA World Championships Fukuoka 2021
- There is no restriction on an athlete entering with times from both 25 m and 50 m competitions according to the FINA A/B/U rules
- All entry times will be seeded as per FINA rules regardless of whether the entry time was achieved in a 25 m or 50 m pool
- $\quad 50 \mathrm{~m}$ entry times will not be converted

Below are the 25 m \& 50 m Standard times that will be applied for the $15^{\text {th }}$ FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) - Abu Dhabi 2020.


## 25m pool

| 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 | //I\|I/I/I/I/I/] | IIIIIIIIIIIIIIII |
| IIIIIIIIIIIIIIII | /IIIIIIIIIIIIIII | 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 |


| 1 Team | $4 \times 50 \mathrm{~m}$ Freestyle | 1 Team |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 Team | $4 \times 100 \mathrm{~m}$ Freestyle | 1 Team |
| 1 Team | $4 \times 200 \mathrm{~m}$ Freestyle | 1 Team |
| 1 Team | $4 \times 50 \mathrm{~m}$ Medley | 1 Team |
| 1 Team | $4 \times 100 \mathrm{~m}$ Medley | 1 Team |


| $4 \times 50 \mathrm{~m}$ Freestyle Mix | 1 Team |
| :--- | :--- |
| $4 \times 50 \mathrm{~m}$ Medley Mix | 1 Team |

## Explanation:

1. The "A" standards for the 2020 Worlds were created by using the faster of two times from:
a. The Hangzhou 2018 " $A$ " qualifying time standard; and


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b. The $16^{\text {th }}$ place time from Hangzhou 2018

For this meet, the standards broke down as follows:
Women: 8 of the 2020 " $A$ " time standards were the 2018 " $A$ " time standard, and 9 of the 2020 " $A$ " time standards were the 16 th place time from the 2018 Worlds. Men: 3 of the 2020 " $A$ " time standards were the 2018 " $A$ " time standard, and 14 of the 2020 "A" time standards were the 16th place time from the 2018 Worlds.
2. All " $B$ " time standards were derived by multiplying the " $A$ " time standard by $3.5 \%$.

50m pool

| WOMEN |  | MEN |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| W - "B" | W - "A" |  | M - "A" | M - "B" |
| 25.92 | 25.04 | 50 Freestyle | 22.18 | 22.96 |
| 56.15 | 54.25 | 100 Freestyle | 48.77 | 50.48 |
| $2: 02.81$ | $1: 58.66$ | 200 Freestyle | $1: 47.06$ | $1: 50.81$ |
| $4: 19.34$ | $4: 10.57$ | 400 Freestyle | $3: 48.15$ | $3: 56.14$ |
| $8: 56.03$ | $8: 37.90$ | 800 Freestyle | $7: 53.11$ | $8: 09.67$ |
| $17: 24.20$ | $16: 29.57$ | 1500 Freestyle | $15: 04.64$ | $15: 36.30$ |
| 29.21 | 28.22 | 50 Backstroke | 25.17 | 26.05 |
| $1: 02.71$ | $1: 00.59$ | 100 Backstroke | 54.03 | 55.92 |
| $2: 15.67$ | $2: 11.08$ | 200 Backstroke | $1: 58.07$ | $2: 02.20$ |
| 32.31 | 31.22 | 50 Breaststroke | 27.33 | 28.29 |
| $1: 09.79$ | $1: 07.43$ | 100 Breaststroke | 59.75 | $1: 01.84$ |
| $2: 31.02$ | $2: 25.91$ | 200 Breaststroke | $2: 10.32$ | $2: 14.88$ |
| 27.24 | 26.32 | 50 Butterfly | 23.63 | 24.46 |
| $1: 00.37$ | 58.33 | 100 Butterfly | 51.96 | 53.78 |
| $2: 13.73$ | $2: 09.21$ | 200 Butterfly | $1: 56.71$ | $2: 00.79$ |
| $2: 17.63$ | $2: 12.98$ | 200 Individual Medley | $1: 59.76$ | $2: 03.95$ |
| $4: 52.97$ | $4: 43.06$ | 400 Individual Medley | $4: 17.48$ | $4: 26.49$ |

Note: for the 100 m IM only the short-course times are applicable.

| 1 Team | $4 \times 100$ m Freestyle | 1 Team |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 Team | $4 \times 200$ m Freestyle | 1 Team |
| 1 Team | $4 \times 100$ m Medley | 1 Team |


| $4 \times 100$ m Freestyle Mix | 1 Team |
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| $4 \times 100$ m Medley Mix | 1 Team |

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- The 2019 " $A$ " qualifying time standard; and
- The $16^{\text {th }}$ place time from the 2019 World Championships

For this meet, the standards broke down as follows:
Women: 10 of the 2021 "A" time standards were the 2019 " $A$ " time standard, and 7 of the 2020 " " time standards were the 16th place time from the 2019 Worlds. Men: 5 of the 2020 " $A$ " time standards were the 2019 " $A$ " time standard, and 12 of the 2020 "A" time standards were the 16th place time from the 2019 Worlds.
2. All " $B$ " time standards were derived by multiplying the " $A$ " time standard by $3.5 \%$.

## Please note:

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 gender are represented.
* Note: Please refer to FINA Rule BL 9.3.6 and BL 9.3.6.2


## 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)

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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, p.a. 50 m Freestyle.

Gender Relays:

- $4 \times 50 \mathrm{~m}$ Freestyle, $4 \times 100 \mathrm{~m}$ Freestyle, $4 \times 200 \mathrm{~m}$ Freestyle, $4 \times 50 \mathrm{~m}$ Medley,
- $\quad 4 \times 100 \mathrm{~m}$ Medley - Men \& Women - 1 Relay per Federation
- Mixed Relays: $4 \times 50 \mathrm{~m}$ Freestyle, $4 \times 50 \mathrm{~m}$ Medley -1 Relay per Federation.

3. Qualifying events - see BL 12

Continental Championships, International Competitions and National Competitions held between $1^{\text {st }}$ December 2019 and $1^{\text {st }}$ December 2020.

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

## 4. Application for qualifying events

If your Federation will organise an International Competition or a National Qualifying Meet where the swimmers could 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:

Competitions held between $1^{\text {st }}$ December 2019 and $31^{\text {st }}$ January 2020 should be approved before they take place. Competitions held between $1^{\text {st }}$ February 2020 and $1^{\text {st }}$ December 2020 should be approved by FINA not later than 31 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ January 2020.

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

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- FINA will only recognise the swimming competitions where Referees and Starters included on the FINA Swimming Officials Lists $\mathbf{N}^{\circ} 19$ and $\mathbf{N}^{\circ} 20$.
- 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 cl2/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 <br> Executive Director

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