

FINA BY LAWS

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APPENDICES

BL 1 PROCEDURE AND REGULATIONS COVERING AFFILIATION FEES

BL 1.1 The Honorary 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 for the subsequent year.

BL 1.2 Any Member whose affiliation fee is not paid by the end of January each year shall be notified by the Honorary Treasurer to settle the fee not later than August 31st.

BL 1.3 Where the affiliation fee remains unpaid by a Member Federation after August 31st of each year, the Executive Director of FINA will deduct any outstanding affiliation fees from the payments or subsidies provided by FINA to the Member Federation.

BL 1.4 For avoidance of doubt, FINA Member Federations may not be suspended nor unaffiliated by the FINA Bureau for non- payment of affiliation fees provided that FINA can deduct the outstanding affiliation fees from payments or subsidies due to the Member Federation.

BL 1.5 The FINA Bureau may preclude a FINA Member Federation from organizing or taking part in any FINA sanctioned event or activity if after August 31st the affiliation fee remains unpaid.

BL 2 MAIL VOTE

BL 2.1 Where a vote by mail is required or decided to be taken, the Executive Director shall mail by electronic 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 Executive Director and the request shall state on what date the voting shall be closed.

BL 2.2 The Executive Director 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 Executive Director 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 Executive Director.*

BL 3 RULES OF ORDER FOR CONGRESSES

BL 3.1 The President or other person appointed pursuant to C 15.7 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 3.1.1 A General Congress may be held in person, by teleconference, by video-conference or by another means of communication.

BL 3.2 At the Congress meeting, only matters appearing on the agenda may be discussed as provided by C 15.2 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 three quarter (3/4) majority vote in favour, as provided in C 15.11 or C 16.7. The Chairman, assisted by the presidium defined under BL 3.1, determines if a motion for changes or extensions of the agenda is urgent or not.

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 15.2 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

- a) by show of hands,
- b) by a standing vote (Division)
- c) by calling the roll (Division),
- d) by a secret ballot, proposed and seconded, or
- e) by electronic equipment.

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 17.5 and C 17.6. 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 3.9 Election Regulations

The Bureau may issue in complement to the already existing rules the specific Election Regulations in order to ensure a fair and transparent electoral process.

BL 3.10 Regulations for Elections

Article 1 – General Rules of conduct

- 1.1** Candidates may promote their candidature, subject to observing all FINA regulations including the provisions of these Regulations.
- 1.2** The promotion of a candidature shall be conducted with dignity and moderation.
- 1.3** The candidates shall further comply with all the provisions of the FINA Code of Ethics.

Article 2 – Candidature Documentation

- 2.1** Each candidate may outline and describe in a written document addressed to FINA Members his or her plans and view as future FINA Bureau Member and, if applicable, as future holder of the specific function(s) for which he or she has submitted a candidature. Copies of any document used to support a candidature shall be provided by the Candidate to the FINA Electoral Commission for review.
- 2.2** Recommendations of the FINA Electoral Commission in respect of the content of the document shall be immediately observed and implemented by the Candidates.

Article 3 – No advertising

The promotion of a candidature shall exclude any form of advertising (irrespective of whether the advertising is paid by the candidate or by any third party, or free of charge), in any form including in new media or social networks.

Article 4 – Public Meetings – Debates and speeches – Technical meetings

- 4.1 No public meeting or gathering of any kind may be organized in order to promote a candidature.
- 4.2 Candidates may not take part in any public debate or engage in any public speeches promoting their candidature.
- 4.3 Candidates may only take part to technical meetings to which they regularly take part in view of positions they already hold. They shall refrain from any promotion of their candidature in this context.

Article 5 – No assistance

The candidates shall not benefit from any assistance of third parties, whether financial or of another nature.

Article 6 – No gifts nor benefits

Candidates must refrain from giving, proposing or promising any gift, present, donations or advantages of whatever nature, or value (even nominal value), to any person or organization.

Article 7 – Promises and undertakings

- 7.1 Promises made during the campaign of actions that would benefit one or more of the FINA Members or Continental organization(s) must be made publicly and disclosed prior to the election.
- 7.2 Candidates shall strictly refrain from giving any undertakings to third parties.

Article 8 – Media and Publications

Candidates may grant interviews to the media. The content of the interviews shall be consistent with these Regulations.

Article 9 – Respect due to Candidates

Candidates shall respect the other candidates and shall refrain from any communication aimed at harming their image.

Article 10 – Review of potential violations by the FINA Electoral Commission

- 10.1 Circumstances, which potentially constitute violations of these Regulations shall be investigated by the Electoral Commission.
- 10.2 The investigation shall be conducted in an expedited manner. The concerned Candidate shall fully cooperate to the investigation. His or her right to be heard shall be observed in any event.

10.3 In the event the FINA Electoral Commission finds that a violation has been committed, it shall decide the appropriate measures to protect the electoral process, including:

- ordering the Candidate to cease the behavior in violation of the Regulations;
- ordering any adequate corrective action (if any), including publication of its decision
- in severe cases in which the results of the elections may be or have been significantly affected, or in the event a Candidate fails to comply with an order of the Electoral Commission issued in application of art. 14.2.1 or 14.2.2. above, withdrawal of the Candidate from the electoral process and/or annulment of his or her results.

10.4 To the extent appropriate, the FINA Electoral Commission shall forward the matter to the FINA Executive for it to consider further potential consequences in application of art C 12 of the FINA Constitution.

Decisions of the FINA Electoral Commission in accordance with 14.2.1 and 14.2.2 are not subject to appeal. Decisions in accordance with art. 14.2.3 are subject to appeals to the CAS by the concerned Candidates. For the avoidance of doubt, decisions by the FINA Electoral Commission are not subject to appeal by any other party than the concerned Candidate.

BL 4 RULES OF ORDER FOR THE BUREAU, EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES

BL 4.1 The President shall ensure that the first notice of any duly called meeting will be mailed electronically at least thirty (30) days ahead of the date of the meeting. If a quorum is not assured fifteen (15) 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 First Vice President shall take the Chair at all meetings of the Bureau.

BL 4.3 Should neither the President nor the First Vice President and in his absence Second 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 Executive Director shall keep records of each meeting.

BL 4.8 Based on a decision of the FINA President, a meeting of the Bureau, Executive or a Committee may be held in person, by teleconference, by video-conference and/or by another means of communication. The meetings and the decisions shall be valid. A meeting of the Ethics Panel shall be decided by the Chairman of the Ethics Panel.

BL 4.9 Confidentiality

FINA Bureau and Standing Committees members are required to sign a mandate's acceptance and a confidentiality undertaking declaring that they have read, understood and agreed to comply with and be bound by FINA Constitution, Rules and policies, including being independent and disclosing any potential conflicts of interest. If a member of the Bureau or of a Standing Committee does not sign this document, he/she will no longer be able to attend to the Bureau and/or committee meetings and, after a reminder, may be referred to the competent FINA body for sanction and removed from his/her position.

BL 4.10 Bureau Liaisons and Technical Commissions

For any FINA Committee, the Bureau may appoint a Bureau member who shall serve as ex officio to the FINA Committee and ensure necessary communication between the Bureau and the committee. This person shall be known as the Bureau Liaison. The Bureau Liaison shall have the obligation of participating in the committee's meetings and discussions and fairly and accurately representing the activities and decisions of the committee to the Bureau. The Bureau Liaison shall be an advocate for the committee regardless of his or her personal views (Rule C 19.12).

For each discipline in the Olympic Games and World Championships a Commission shall be appointed consisting of the respective Technical Delegate (Bureau Liaison) and Chairman, Vice Chairman and Honorary Secretary of each respective Technical Committee. (Rule GR 9.5.1) The Chair of this Commission shall be the FINA Bureau Liaison.

Subject to the supervision of the FINA Bureau, the Commissions shall be responsible for (Rule GR 9.5.2):

- the conduct of the competition in the respective discipline.
- the control of all technical equipment and installations prior to and during the event.
- making rosters for officials.
- investigating cases of protest as preparation for the Jury of Appeal.

At all Junior World Championships, the Management Committee shall be the members of the appropriate Technical Committee present at the Event, with the Bureau Liaison as Chairman who shall have a casting vote, if necessary. (Rule GR 10.4)

Bureau Liaisons are appointed by the Bureau for a specific period of time and may be removed and replaced by the Bureau at any time.

The Bureau Liaison shall not interfere with the field of play during competition at any FINA event and shall not act as a Team Leader or Coach for any Athlete, National Federation or National Olympic Committee during a FINA Competition or the Olympic Games.

At least twice a year, the Bureau Liaison shall present to the Bureau a written report prepared by the Chair of each Technical Committee, which accurately reflects the state of affairs, inquires, and suggestions of the entire Technical Committee. The written report shall not reflect the views of the Bureau Liaison.

BL 5 COMPOSITION OF TECHNICAL AND SPECIALISED COMMITTEES

BL 5.1 Geographical representation within Technical Committees

The composition of the Technical Committees as listed under FINA Rule C 19.1.1 shall consist of at least one member from each geographical region: Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe and Oceania.

BL 5.2 FINA Athletes' Committee Composition and Eligibility

BL 5.2.1 The Athletes' Committee shall consist of the following members:

- a) Twenty (20) athletes from elections conducted at the FINA World Championships;
- b) Six (6) athletes appointed by the FINA President, subject to the approval of the FINA Bureau;
- c) Six (6) Honorary Members appointed by the FINA President, subject to the approval of the FINA Bureau; and
- d) All athlete(s) from any of the Aquatics disciplines who are members of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Athletes Commission.

BL 5.2.2 The athletes elected to the FINA Athletes' Committee shall be composed as follows:

- a) Ten (10) Swimming athletes, including one male athlete and one female athlete from each Continent;
- b) Two (2) Open Water Swimming athletes, including one male athlete and one female athlete;
- c) Two (2) Diving athletes, including one male athlete and one female athlete;
- d) Two (2) High Diving athletes, including one male athlete and one female athlete;
- e) Two (2) Artistic Swimming athletes, including one male athlete and one female athlete; and
- f) Two (2) Water Polo athletes, including one male athlete and one female athlete.

BL 5.2.3 The athletes appointed to the FINA Athletes' Committee and the athletes appointed to the Athletes' Committee as Honorary Members shall be appointed with the following composition consideration:

- a) One (1) athlete from each Aquatics discipline;
- b) Equal number of male and female athletes; and
- c) Respect for geographic diversity.

BL 5.2.4 Members and Honorary Members elected or appointed to the Athletes' Committee shall be from different Member National Federations, with the exception of the IOC Athletes Commission members who shall also be appointed as voting members of the Athletes' Committee.

BL 5.2.5 Eligibility for the Athletes' Committee shall be determined as follows:

- a) All members of the Athletes' Committee are subject to an eligibility check from the Ethics Panel according to FINA Rule C 24.12.

b) Elected athletes must have competed in one of the following events:

- Previous two FINA World Championships;
- Previous two Olympic Games; or
- FINA World Championships at which elections are conducted.

c) Appointed athletes must have achieved a Top 8 finish in their respective Aquatics discipline at a previous FINA World Championships or Olympic Games.

d) Appointed Honorary Members must have participated in a previous FINA World Championships or Olympic Games.

e) Elected athletes must be nominated by their National Federation, and each National Federation may nominate no more than one athlete.

f) Appointed athletes and Honorary Members must be endorsed by their National Federation.

g) Elected and appointed athletes and Honorary Members must not have been sanctioned for a violation of the FINA Rules.

BL 5.2.6 Elections for the Athletes' Committee shall be conducted as follows:

a) The initial election of the FINA Athletes' Committee will be held in 2022. Subsequently, the Athletes' Committee is constituted on the occasion of the FINA World Championships held in parallel to an Ordinary Congress at which full Bureau elections are conducted, with a term of office of four years.

b) For the initial election in 2022, each athlete, who either competes to the extraordinary FINA World Championships or, for the discipline of high diving only, has competed to the 2019 FINA World Championships, is entitled to one (1) vote. For the subsequent elections, each athlete competing at the FINA World Championships in which elections are conducted is entitled to one (1) vote.

c) Swimming athletes are elected by Continent, with the athletes from each respective Continent comprising the electorate in electing one (1) male and one (1) female athlete from each Continent.

d) Open Water Swimming athletes, Diving athletes, High Diving athletes, Artistic Swimming athletes, and Water Polo athletes are elected by discipline, with the athletes from each respective discipline comprising the electorate in electing one (1) male and one (1) female athlete from each of these Aquatics disciplines.

e) In cooperation with the Athletes' Committee, FINA Executive shall establish the regulation related to the election procedure of the Athletes' Committee. The election of the Athletes' Committee may take place either on site or through online voting. This regulation shall be approved by the FINA Bureau and FINA shall inform all National Federations about the election

procedure as appropriate in advance of any election. This election procedure regulation, as approved, shall be published on FINA website.

BL 5.2.7 Organization of the Athletes' Committee:

a) Members of the Athletes' Committee shall elect three officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, and Honorary Secretary for a term of four years, or until their successors are duly elected. Honorary Members are not eligible to serve as an officer.

b) The Athletes' Committee shall have an Executive Committee composed of nine (9) members: Chair, Vice-Chair, Honorary Secretary, and one member from each discipline, respecting gender and geographic diversity.

c) The Athletes' Committee will elect delegates to the FINA General Congress, as per FINA Rule C 15.3.2.

d) Elected and appointed athletes within the Athletes' Committee are entitled to one (1) vote on all committee matters, including elections. Honorary Members, however, shall have voice, but not voting rights.

e) The FINA Executive Director or his/her representative shall be invited to attend the meetings of the FINA Athletes' Committee. The FINA Office shall provide appropriate and necessary administrative support to the FINA Athletes' Committee.

f) The FINA Athletes' Committee shall establish its own committee charter, subject to the approval of the FINA Bureau.

BL 5.2.8 Removal of Members and Vacancies

a) The removal of a member of the Athletes' Committee shall be in accordance with established FINA procedures for technical and specialized committees.

b) In the event of a vacancy caused by a member's death, resignation, incapacity, impediment, or any other cause of inability to perform his/her function as a member, the FINA Bureau shall appoint a replacement member, respecting gender and geographic diversity. Any person appointed to fill such a vacancy shall serve until the next election, as specified in FINA Rule BL 5.2.6 (a).

BL 6 TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

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 when application is made for the respective FINA List. For Water Polo, the age limit shall be sixty (60) years during the year of competition.

BL 7 ADVERTISING AT FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND FINA COMPETITIONS

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 30cm² 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 30cm² 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 piece each.

The manufacturer's logo has to be calculated taking into consideration the entire surface of the logo, as shown below:



- One (1) sponsor's logo of a maximum of 30cm² when worn.
- One (1) flag and one (1) country name or code of a maximum size of 50cm²-when worn. Repetitions of the national flag, elements thereof or, the colours of the national flag, included as a design element of the swimsuit, shall not be considered under this rule.

Examples:



BL 7.1.2 Wetsuits

- The manufacturer's logo may appear on the front, and/or back, and/or sides of the wetsuit, of a maximum combined size of 80cm² when being worn. This manufacturer's logo space is allowed both on the inside and outside of the wetsuit. If the manufacturer wishes to have two or more logos on the front, back or sides, the combined total area must not exceed 80cm². The size of the logo(s) shall be calculated taking into consideration the entire surface of the logo(s), as shown in the examples below:



- One (1) sponsor's logo (may appear on the front of the wetsuit) of a maximum of 30cm² when being worn.
- There must be a minimum clearance space of 1.5cm around all marks on the wetsuits, including any manufacturer's logo(s) and/or sponsor logo.
- There shall be no marks or design elements on the upper arm or shoulder articulation area of the wetsuits, to allow for the clear application of the competitor race number.

BL 7.1.3 Product Technology Identification

- Where one-piece body suits (swimsuits or wetsuits) are used in competition, two (2) Product Technology Identifications shall be permitted, one above the waist and one below the waist, of a maximum size of 10 cm² each when worn, however these identifications shall not be placed immediately adjacent to each other, nor immediately adjacent to any manufacturer's logo. Where two-piece body suits are used, one Product Technology Identification may be placed on each piece.

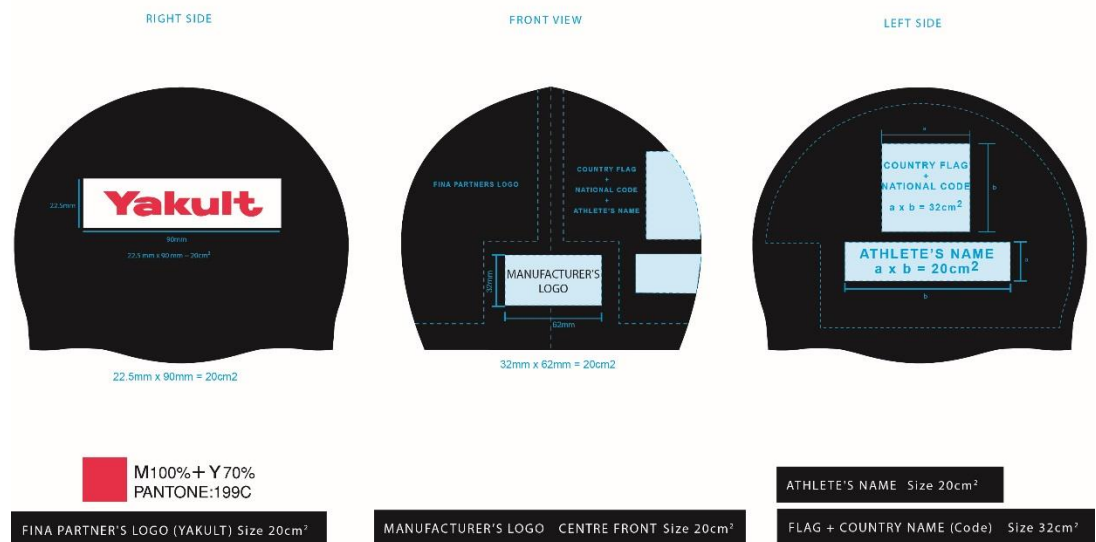
- Other clothing: One additional identification allowed on clothing, limited to Product Technology Identifications, with a maximum size of 10 cm².
- Product Technology Identifications means the technical identification (which shall not include any identification of the manufacturer, or any part thereof) used on clothing to identify any fabric technology.

BL 7.1.4 Swimming Caps:

- One (1) manufacturer's logo of a maximum size of 20cm² on the front.
- One (1) flag and/or country name (code) of a maximum size of 32cm². The side on which the flag and country name (code) shall be printed will be advised by FINA.
- For FINA Championships one (1) FINA Partner's logo of the size decided by FINA on a case by case basis. The side on which the Partner's logo shall be printed will be advised by FINA.
- Caps for Open Water Swimming are defined under BL 9.3.7.3.

CURRENT FINA SWIM CAP RULES

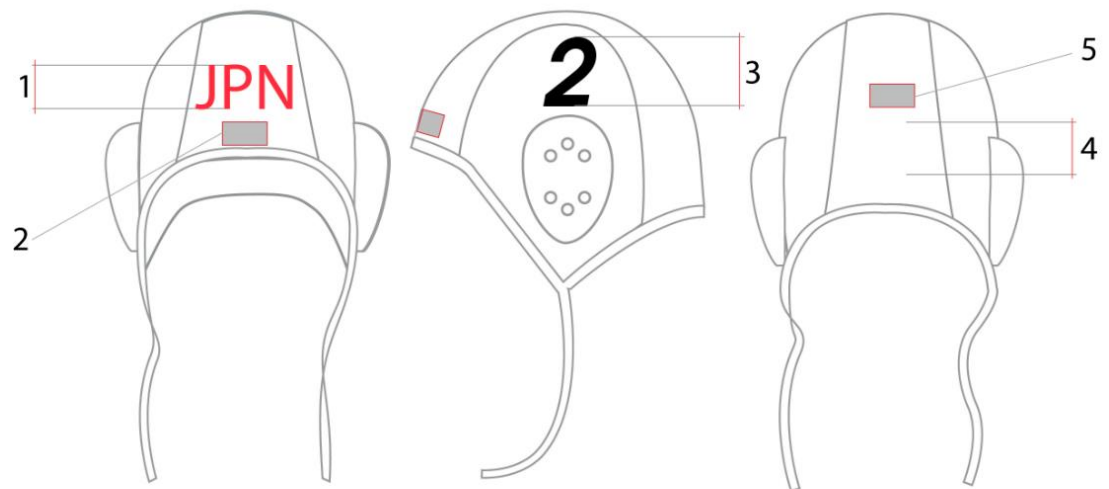
VISUAL PURPOSES ONLY - NOT TO SCALE



- For FINA competition, one (1) flag and/or country name (code) of a maximum size of 32cm² can be printed twice (meaning that the flag and country name can appear on both sides of the cap). This to be advised by FINA whenever applicable.
- Competitor's name of a maximum size of 20cm². The competitor's name shall be printed on the same side as the flag and country name (code). Printing the competitors' name isn't compulsory.
- It is permissible to wear two (2) caps. Both caps must comply with the advertising rules.

BL 7.1.5 Water Polo Caps:

- One (1) country code of a maximum height of 4cm on the front side of the cap.
- One (1) manufacturer's logo of a maximum size of 6cm² on the front, back or side
- One (1) player number of a maximum height of 10cm on both sides of the cap
- One (1) country flag of a maximum height of 4cm on the back side of the cap
- One (1) sponsor logo (at the discretion of the NF) of a maximum size of 6cm² on the back side



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| 1 - Country Code: | Maximum Height = 4 cm |
| 2 - Manufacturer Logo: | Maximum Surface = 6 cm ² |
| 3 - Player Number: | Maximum Height = 10 cm |
| 4 - Country Flag: | Maximum Height = 4 cm |
| 5 - Sponsor Logo: | Maximum Surface = 6 cm ² |

- Notes:
- Only one (1) manufacturer logo can be displayed (i.e. front, back, side, etc.)
 - Only one (1) sponsor logo can be displayed (i.e. front, back, side, etc.)
 - Player number to be put on both sides

In addition to the above, please refer to rule WP 4.

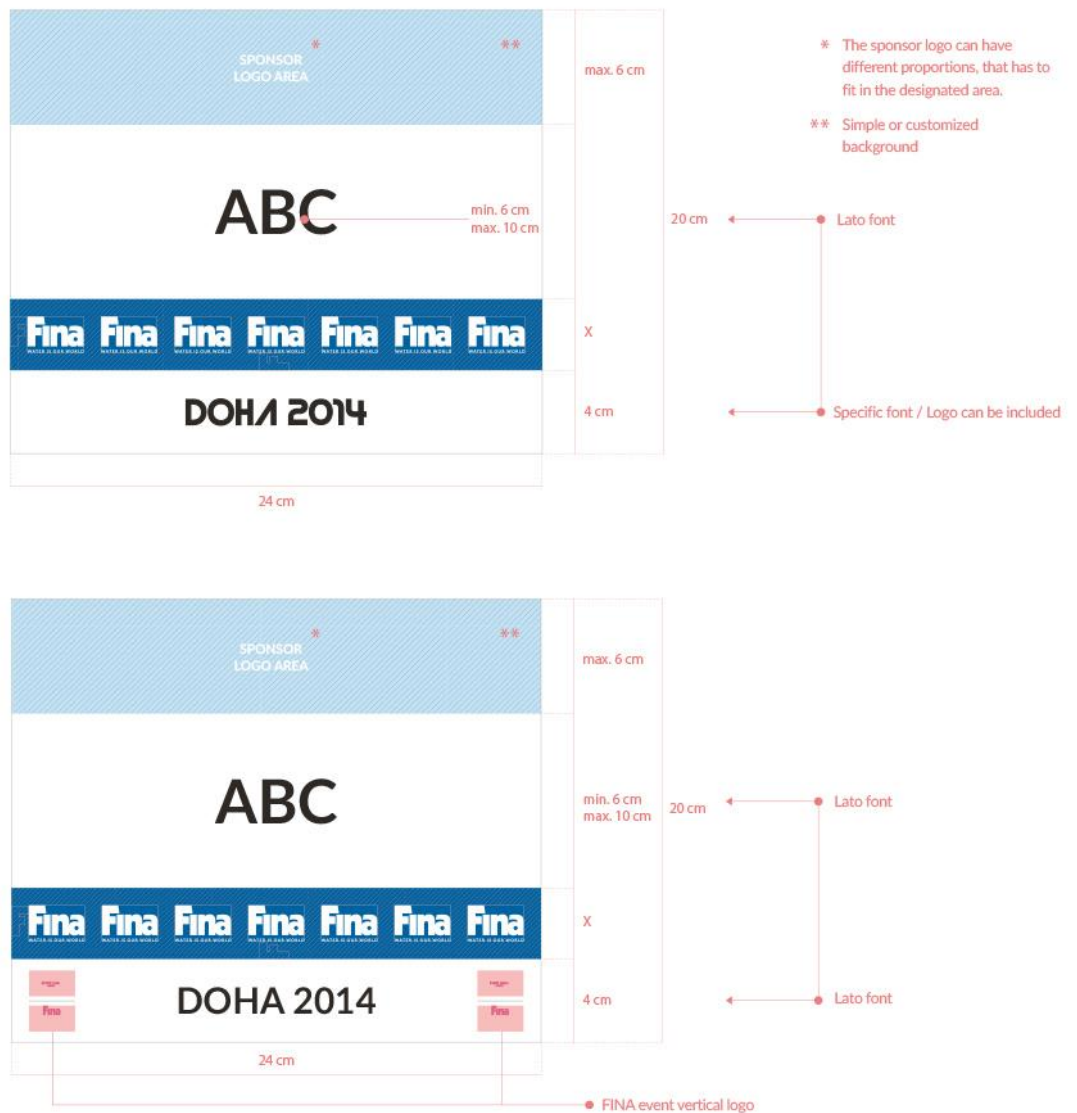
BL 7.1.6 Goggles:

- Two (2) manufacturer logos of a maximum size of 6cm² each are allowed on goggles but only on the spectacle frame or band.

BL 7.1.7 Competitors Bibs:

- The maximum size of the Bibs shall be 24cm (width) x 20cm (height).
- The height of the digits on the Bibs shall be no less than 6cm and no more than 10cm.
- The maximum height of the identification above the digits shall be 6cm. The identification may display the name/ FINA Partner's logo.
- The maximum height of the identification below the digits shall be 4cm. The identification may display the name/logo of the Host City and the year.
- 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 Competitors' introduction and award ceremonies.

A Competitor 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.



Bib	Presentation Semi-Final	Presentation Final	Award
SW	Yes	Yes (+ Relay)	Yes
DV	Yes	Yes	Yes
HD	Yes	Yes	Yes
AS	Yes	Yes	Yes
WP	N/A	N/A	Yes
OWS	N/A	N/A	Yes

BL 7.1.8 Pool deck equipment

- A maximum of two (2) advertising identifications of which one shall be of the manufacturer and the other one of a sponsor are permitted, with a maximum size of 40cm² each when worn for any of the clothing items listed below, and a maximum size of 6cm² 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:

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

SAMPLE



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 (40cm²)
- Polo shirt (40cm²)
- Casual shirt (40cm²)
- Sweat shirt (40cm²)
- Bath robe (40cm²)
- Tracksuit top (40cm²)
- Pants (40cm²)
- Shorts (40cm²)
- Skirts (40cm²)
- Windbreaker (40cm²)
- Towels (6cm²)
- Baseball caps (6cm²)
- Hats (6cm²)
- Socks (6cm²)
- Footwear (6cm²)
- Bags (not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm²)



BL 7.1.9 Any advertising identifications which are not indicated in these regulations are not permitted. In the event that any clothing or other items of equipment 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 event organizer.

BL 7.1.10 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 7.2 Marketing policy

In reference to Rule GR 6.3, advertising for soft alcohol (less than 15% alcohol) and games of chance (e.g. state-sponsored lotteries) are allowed. Advertising for hard alcohol (greater than 15% alcohol), tobacco-based products, vapor-based smoking and sport gambling is prohibited.

BL 8 SWIMWEAR

BL 8.1 All swimwear used at Olympic Games and FINA Events (pool and open water swimming 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. From the year 2021, the Approved List is published each year on September 1st and is valid starting from the date of publication.

BL 8.2 In pool and open water 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. All swimsuits (including wetsuits for open water competitions) shall comply with the requirements set forth in these By-Laws and the FRSA.

BL 8.3 For pool swimming competitions swimsuits for men shall not extend above the navel nor below the knee, and for women, shall not cover the neck, nor extend past the shoulder, nor below knee. The swimsuits shall be made from textile materials.

BL 8.4 For open water swimming competitions with water temperature from 20 C swimsuits for both men and women shall not cover the neck, nor extend past the shoulder, nor extend below the ankle. Subject to these specific shape specifications, swimsuits for open water swimming competitions shall further comply with all other requirements applicable to swimsuits for pool swimming competition.

BL 8.5 For open water swimming competitions in water with temperature below 20 C, men and women may use either swimsuits (BL 8.4) or wetsuits. When the water temperature is below 18 C, the use of wetsuits is compulsory.

For the purpose of these rules, wetsuits are swimsuits made of material providing thermal insulation. Wetsuits for both men and women shall completely cover torso, back, shoulders and knees. They shall not extend beyond the neck, wrists and ankles.

BL 8.6 BL 8.1 to BL 8.5 apply also for the masters Open Water competitions.

[NOTE TO BL 8.6: It is clarified that swimsuits, respectively wetsuits which fulfil the shape requirement set forth in BL 8.3, respectively BL 8.4 and 8.5 (for open water swimming competitions) can be accepted even if they do not bear a valid FINA approval label provided they effectively and evidently fulfil the material requirements set forth in the current FINA Requirements for Swimwear Approval. This is notably 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 and wetsuits which expressly fulfil the thickness requirement (for example wetsuit thickness provided by manufacturer). In case of doubt in this respect and when notably such doubt concerns a swimsuit or a wetsuit used at the occasion of a World record, an actual check of the swimsuit or a wetsuit can be required from the competitor or Certifying Official and the swimsuit or a wetsuit is to be forwarded to the FINA Office for submission to an actual control of all or parts of the requirements.]

BL 8.7 For team events in open water swimming, all swimmers from the same team must wear the same colour caps which shall also comply with the FINA rule BL 9.3.7.3.

BL 8.8 Swimwear for men in Artistic Swimming shall not extend above the navel nor below the upper thigh. Men shall not wear makeup. Hair gel is permitted. Moustaches and beards are allowed.

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

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, including Underwater Video Judging Equipment shall be provided and used. The approved Underwater Video Judging Equipment shall be used to initiate stroke infraction calls, confirm stroke infraction calls or assist the Referee to overturn calls made on the pool deck.

BL 9.2.3 For the FINA World Championships all venues shall be available for use at least 5 days before the opening ceremony.
For all other FINA events all pools shall be available for use by entered competitors before the competition begins.
Swimming, Open Water Swimming, Water Polo, Artistic Swimming - five (5) days prior, Diving, High 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 by completing the preliminary entries in the FINA General Management System (GMS) by the defined "preliminary entries" deadline.
- b) Each federation must confirm the final number of male and female competitors that will attend the Championships by completing their nomination in the FINA General Management System (GMS) by the defined "nomination deadline".

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 FINA Office shall claim these entries at least seven (7) days before the start of the first competition.

BL 9.3.3

- a) For World Championships, World Swimming Championships (25m) and FINA World Junior Swimming Championships registration and entries shall be made online via the FINA General Management System (GMS) using the official login details provided to each Member Federation. All entries must be fully submitted in the GMS before the date determined by FINA as published in the respective summons for the Championships. FINA shall verify all registrations according to appropriate eligibility rules for participation and competitor entry for each competition.

- b) For other FINA competitions, registration and entries shall be made online via the FINA General Management System (GMS), when available.

BL 9.3.4

BL 9.3.4.1 Competitors entered for Diving, Water Polo, and Artistic Swimming cannot swim relay events, and those entered for Swimming, Diving, and Artistic 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 By the sport entry deadline before the commencement of the Olympic Games or the World Championships, the Secretaries of the Member Federations 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 participating athletes may be eliminated from the entries.

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 9.3.6.1 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.

- a) Standard Entry Times can only be achieved in competitions approved for that purpose by FINA.
- b) For each individual event at the World Championships, each National Federation may enter a maximum of two (2) competitors. To enter two (2) swimmers in the same event, both of them must have achieved the “A” Standard Entry Time.
- c) To enter one (1) swimmer in an event, the competitor must have achieved at least the “B” Standard Entry Time.
- d) Swimmers having achieved only one (1) “A” or one “B” entry time are entitled to enter one (1) additional event. The additional individual event must be in an event where no other swimmer from the National Federation has been entered.

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.

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 an “A” or “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. Any additional swimmers must be within the maximum quota of swimmers for the event.

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) or more Relays - twelve (12) additional swimmers

BL 9.3.6.4 In collaboration with the IOC, the Bureau is competent to develop and define the Swimming qualification principles/system related to the Olympic Games, World Championships and World Swimming Championships (25m).

BL 9.3.6.5 Electronic Entries

- Entries for the FINA World Championships, the FINA World Swimming Championships (25m), the FINA World Junior Swimming Championships and other FINA Swimming events shall be made electronically via the FINA General Management System (GMS), when available.
- FINA will maintain a listing of Swimming times achieved during the qualification period, called the FINA Rankings.
- National Federations will enter swimmers and relay teams using the FINA Rankings as the entry time for seeding purposes. Where no valid time information is recorded in the FINA Rankings, the swimmer or relay team will be entered with no time.
- 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.

- The National Federation must fully submit all entries via the FINA GMS in accordance with the established entry deadlines in order to be accepted for the competition.
- The heats, semi-finals and finals shall be arranged in accordance with Rule SW 3, under the supervision of the Technical Swimming Committee.

BL 9.3.6.6 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 9.3.6.7 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 9.3.6.8 Each Member may enter a maximum number of twenty-six (26) men and twenty-six (26) women swimmers.

BL 9.3.6.9 The heats, semi-finals and finals shall be arranged in accordance with Rule SW 3, under the supervision of the Technical Swimming Committee.

BL 9.3.6.10 The entry list shall be published at least four (4) days before the first day of competition.

BL 9.3.6.11 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 9.3.7 Open Water Swimming

BL 9.3.7.1 Entries

For the Olympic Games and the World Championships each Member Federation may enter a maximum of two (2) males and two (2) females per individual event. For team events in the World Championships, the Member Federation can enter only one (1) team per event comprised of two male and two female Competitors. Athletes may only swim in one team event. Withdrawals can be made up to and including the Teams Technical Meeting but no substitution is permitted.

BL 9.3.7.1.1 Teams Award – Trophy

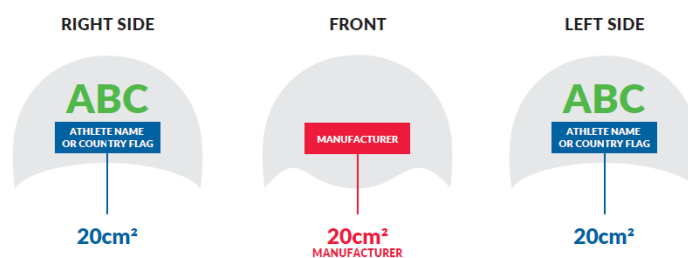
A special FINA Team Trophy shall be given based upon the following points added from the three individual events (5, 10 and 25km) and mixed team event: 18 (1st place), 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 points

BL 9.3.7.2 Numbering of swimmers

The numbering of Competitors 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. Where 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 Competitors with darker skin and full body wet suits a white marker pen will be required.

BL 9.3.7.3 Identification

In all Open Water events it is mandatory for the cap to display on each side the "national-three letter code" and may display the swimmer's national flag or the swimmer's name. The country code shall be a minimum of 8cm in height. Caps meeting the specifications of BL 7.1.3 are not acceptable except for one (1) manufacturer's logo of a maximum size of 20cm² on the front.



ABC

NATIONAL - THREE LETTER CODE
Shall be a minimum of 8 cm in height

20cm²

MANUFACTURER'S LOGO
Centre Front / Size 20 cm²

20cm²

ATHLETE'S NAME OR COUNTRY FLAG
Centre Side / Size 20 cm²

Athlete's name of a maximum size of 20cm²: The competitor's name shall be printed under the country name (three letter code). Displaying the competitor's name is not compulsory.

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 Team Relay Events

- Each swimmer shall complete a lap of 1.5 km.
- Swimmers may swim in any sequence, but may only swim once.
- All teams will start together.
- Starting order on the platform will be by random draw.
- There shall be a change-over zone of a minimum of 5 m in length of sufficient size for the teams competing.
- Changeovers shall be made with the following swimmer in the water in their starting position holding the platform, except where a relay change platform is used.
- Contact on the relay changeover must be visible. The touch, between the swimmers making the changeover, should be made above the water anywhere between the elbow and the hand when the changeover is in the water. Where a relay change platform is used, the following swimmer may start with a dive from the opposite side of the platform immediately after the arriving swimmer touches the platform.
- Swimmers may enter the change-over zone when the previous swimmer is approaching the zone and leave the water immediately at the conclusion of their lap.
- Swimmers shall all wear team caps of the same colour and style.

BL 9.3.7.6 OLYMPIC GAMES

BL 9.3.7.6.1 Events

Only 10 km events 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 the Olympic Games

In collaboration with the IOC, the Bureau is competent to develop and define the Open Water qualification principles/system related to the Olympic Games.

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

- 14-15 years Boys and Girls
- 16-17 years Boys and Girls
- 18-19 years Boys and Girls

BL 9.3.7.7.2 Individual Events

- 14-15 years 5 km Boys and Girls
- 16-17 years 7.5 km Boys and Girls
- 18-19 years 10 km Boys and Girls

BL 9.3.7.7.3 Competition Programme

- Day 1 AM 14-15 years 5 km

PM 16-17 years 7.5 km

- Day 2 AM 18-19 years 10 km
- Day 3 AM 14-16 years Relay Event
PM Open Relay Event

BL 9.3.7.7.4 Team Relay Events

- Each swimmer shall complete a lap of 1.5 km.
- Swimmers may swim in any sequence, but may only swim once.
- All teams will start together.
- Starting order on the platform will be by random draw.
- There shall be a change-over zone of a minimum of 5 metres in length of sufficient size for the teams competing.
- Changeovers shall be made with the following swimmer in the water in their starting position holding the platform, except where a relay change platform is used.
- Contact on the relay changeover must be visible. The touch, between the swimmers making the changeover, should be made above the water anywhere between the elbow and the hand when the changeover is in the water. Where a relay change platform is used, the following swimmer may start with a dive from the opposite side of the platform immediately after the arriving swimmer touches the platform.
- Swimmers may enter the change-over zone when the previous swimmer is approaching the zone and leave the water immediately at the conclusion of their lap.
- Swimmers shall all wear team caps of the same colour and style.

BL 9.3.7.7.5 Entries

For the FINA World Junior Open Water Swimming Championships each Member Federation may enter a maximum of two (2) males and two (2) females per individual event. For team events in the World Junior Open Water Championships, the Member Federation can enter only one (1) team per event comprised of two male and two female Competitors. Athletes may only swim in one team event.

- Team event consists of 4 swimmers, 2 males & 2 females.
- One Team per Member Federation per event.
- Teams events in 14-15-16; & U/19. Swimmers may only swim one team event.

BL 9.3.7.7.6 Awards

Medals: Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals shall be awarded to the first three places in each individual and team events.

Trophy: A special FINA Team Trophy shall be given based upon the following points added from the three individual events (5, 7.5 and 10km) and mixed team events.

18 (1st place), 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 points

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

In collaboration with the IOC, the Bureau is competent to develop and define the Diving qualification principles/system related to the Olympic Games.

BL 9.3.9 Artistic 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 eight (8) competitors.

For World Championships and FINA competitions, team routines shall consist of eight (8) competitors and ten (10) for Free Combination. For Artistic Swimming FINA competitions the total number of competitors entered by each Federation (unless otherwise specified) may not exceed fourteen (14) competitors including maximum two male competitors only if the Federation enters Mixed Duets.

BL 9.3.9.2 World Championships events

- Solo, Technical Routine
- Solo, Free Routine
- Duet, Technical Routine
- Duet, Free Routine
- Mixed Duet, Technical Routine
- Mixed Duet, Free Routine
- Team, Technical Routine
- Team, Free Routine
- Free Combination
- Highlight Routine

BL 9.3.9.3 FINA World Junior Artistic Swimming Championships

BL 9.3.9.3.1 Each country shall be entitled to enter one Technical Solo, one Free Solo, one Technical Duet, one Free Duet, one Technical Mixed Duet, one Free Mixed Duet, one Technical Team, one Free Team, and one Free Combination.

BL 9.3.9.3.2 The Sessions for FINA World Junior Artistic Swimming Championships will consist of:

Solo Technical, Solo Free, Duet Technical, Duet Free, Mixed Duet Technical, Mixed Duet Free, Team Technical, Team Free and Free Combination.

BL 9.3.9.3.3 Routines will have preliminary sessions in Technical and Free Routines. All sessions will hold preliminaries in each event and the twelve best routines in each event will move to finals.

Free Combination Routine may or may not hold a final session depending on the number of entries.

BL 9.3.9.3.4 Scores from:

- Solo Technical Final = medal
- Solo Free Final = medal
- Duet Technical Final = medal
- Duet Free Final = medal
- Mixed Duet Technical = medal
- Mixed Duet Free Final = medal
- Team Technical Final = medal
- Team Free Final = medal
- Free Combination Final = medal.

The Junior Worlds over all Championship Title will be awarded to the Member Federation with the over- all highest raw score determined by combining results for all events.

BL 9.3.9.3.5 All other rules and penalties that apply to FINA World Artistic Swimming Championships apply to FINA World Junior Artistic Swimming Championships unless otherwise stated.

BL 9.3.9.4 Olympic Games

In collaboration with the IOC, the Bureau is competent to develop and define the Artistic Swimming qualification principles/system related to the Olympic Games.

BL 9.3.10 Water Polo

For Water Polo, an entry of a maximum of thirteen (13) players may be accepted. For the Olympic Games, an entry of a maximum of thirteen (13) players may be accepted. For the game protocol and on the bench, no more than twelve (12) players will be accepted. The 13th player cannot be activated during the match.

BL 9.3.10.1 Qualification for Olympic Games Men

The competition shall be between a maximum of twelve (12) teams.

In collaboration with the IOC, the Bureau is competent to develop and define the Men Water Polo qualification principles/system related to the Olympic Games.

BL 9.3.10.2 Qualification for Olympic Games - Women

The competition shall be for a maximum of ten (10) teams.

In collaboration with the IOC, the Bureau is competent to develop and define the Women Water Polo qualification principles/system related to the Olympic Games.

BL 9.3.10.3 Qualification for World Championships - Men

BL 9.3.10.3.1 The competition shall be between a maximum of sixteen (16) teams selected in the following manner:

BL 9.3.10.3.2 The four (4) highest ranking teams from the preceding World Championships, 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 9.3.10.3.3 If any one of the teams qualified from the preceding year's World League are in the first four (4) from the preceding World Championships, World Cup or Olympic Games, the next ranked team from that World Championships, World Cup or Olympic Games qualifies.

BL 9.3.10.3.4 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 9.3.10.3.5 If the host country is already included in the four (4) highest ranking teams from the preceding World Championships, World Cup or Olympic Games, then that entry position shall be filled by the next highest placed team from that World Championships, World Cup or Olympic Games.

BL 9.3.10.3.6 If another of the four (4) highest ranking teams from the preceding World Championships, 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 Championships, World Cup or Olympic Games.

BL 9.3.10.3.7 If no team enters from a continent or if there is an unfilled vacancy from among the teams qualifying from the preceding World Championships, 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: Asia, Americas, Europe, Oceania and Africa.

BL 9.3.10.4 Qualification for World Championships - Women

BL 9.3.10.4.1 The competition shall be between a maximum of sixteen (16) teams selected in the following manner:

BL 9.3.10.4.2 The four (4) highest ranking teams from the preceding World Championships, 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 9.3.10.4.3 If any one of the teams qualified from the preceding year's World League are in the first four (4) from the preceding World Championships, World Cup or Olympic Games, the next ranked team from that World Championships, World Cup or Olympic Games qualifies.

BL 9.3.10.4.4 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 9.3.10.4.5 If the host country is already included in the four (4) highest ranking teams from the preceding World Championships, World Cup or Olympic Games, then that entry position shall be filled by the next highest placed team from that World Championships, World Cup or Olympic Games.

BL 9.3.10.4.6 If another of the four (4) highest ranking teams from the preceding World Championships, 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 Championships, World Cup or Olympic Games.

BL 9.3.10.4.7 If no team enters from a continent or if there is an unfilled vacancy from among the teams qualifying from the preceding World Championships, 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: Asia, Americas, Europe, Oceania and Africa.

BL 9.3.10.5 Qualification for World Junior Championships - Men 20 years and under (Age as in WPAG 2)

BL 9.3.10.5.1 The competition may be between either a maximum of sixteen (16) teams or a maximum of twenty (20) teams.

BL 9.3.10.5.2 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 9.3.10.5.3 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: Europe - 6; Americas - 4; Asia - 3 ; Oceania - 2 and Africa -1. The host to be included in the Continental quota. 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 9.3.10.5.4 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 qualification tournaments or continental championships according to the following formula: Europe - 7; Americas - 5; Asia - 4; Africa - 2; and Oceania - 2. The host to be included in the Continental quota. 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 9.3.10.5.5 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 9.3.10.5.6 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, Americas, Europe, Oceania and Africa.

BL 9.3.10.5.7 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, Americas, Europe, Oceania and Africa.

BL 9.3.10.6 Qualification for World Junior Championships - Women 20 years and under (Age as in WPAG 2)

BL 9.3.10.6.1 The competition may be between either a maximum of sixteen (16) teams or a maximum of twenty (20) teams.

BL 9.3.10.6.2 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 9.3.10.6.3 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: Europe - 6; Americas - 4; Asia - 3; Oceania - 2 and Africa -1. The host to be included in the Continental quota. 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 9.3.10.6.4 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 qualification tournaments or continental championships according to the following formula: Europe - 7; Americas - 5; Asia - 4; Africa - 2; and Oceania - 2. The host to be included in the Continental quota. 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 Qualification for World Youth Championships - Men 18 years and under (Age as in WPAG 2)

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 (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 9.3.10.7.3 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 9.3.10.7.4 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 9.3.10.7.5 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 Youth 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, Americas, Europe, Oceania and Africa.

BL 9.3.10.7.7 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, Americas, Europe, Oceania and Africa.

BL 9.3.10.8 Qualification for World Youth Championships - Women 18 years and under (Age as in WPAG 2)

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 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 9.3.10.8.3 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, Americas, Europe, Oceania and Africa.

BL 9.3.10.9 Organisation of Continental Qualification Tournaments

Each continental body shall hold its Qualification Tournament or Championships to determine its continental representatives no later than three months before the beginning of the World Championships or Olympic Games Qualification Tournament as applicable.

BL 9.4 Water Polo Tournaments at Olympic Games and World Championships

BL 9.4.1 Olympic Games - Tournament –Men

BL 9.4.1.1 Draw

The draw for the Olympic Games Tournament will be either on the last day of the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Men or as otherwise determined and the following principle shall apply: if a team is already qualified by its ranking from a preceding qualification competition, the team will be placed on the highest line of the draw according to that ranking and the team taking its place will be placed on the lower line.

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn by pairs into two groups, either A or B.

First Line, the first and second placed teams from the previous World Championship will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Second Line, the team qualified from the preceding year's World League and the team representing the Continent of Europe will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Third Line, the teams representing the Continents of America and Oceania will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Fourth Line, the teams representing the Continents of Africa and Asia will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Fifth Line, the first and second placed teams from the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Men will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Sixth Line, the third placed team in the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament

- Men and the team representing the Host Country will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Should there be no teams from the previous Championships to seed onto a Line then the highest ranked teams for Europe, Americas, Asia, Africa or Oceania if any, shall be drawn alternating between Group A and Group B.

After being divided into group A and group B, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to six (6).

BL 9.4.1.2 Schedule of Games

Preliminary Round:

There will be two (2) groups of six (6) teams, which form groups A and B. Each group will play a round robin. The four (4) highest ranked teams in each group will qualify for the Quarter Final Round. The fifth and sixth ranked teams in each group will be eliminated and will not play anymore.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
1. A1-A6	7. B6 - B4	13. A4 - A5	19. B6 - B5	25. A5 - A1
2. A3-A4	8. B5 - B3	14. A2 - A6	20. B1 - B4	26. A3 - A6
3. A2-A5	9. B1 - B2	15. A3 - A1	21. B2 - B3	27. A4 - A2
4. B1-B6	10. A6 - A4	16. B4 - B5	22. A6 - A5	28. B3 - B6
5. B3-B4	11. A5 - A3	17. B2 - B6	23. A1 - A4	29. B4 - B2
6. B2-B5	12. A1 - A2	18. B3 - B1	24. A2 - A3	30. B1 - B5

Quarter Final Round:

The first, second, third and fourth placed teams in Group A and Group B form a Group D of eight (8) teams. Group D plays a modified single elimination format. Games played in the Preliminary Round may be repeated in the Quarter Final, Semi Final or Final Round. All games played in Group D must be played so that a definite winner is declared. Accordingly, it may be necessary to apply the Water Polo Rules relating to penalty shoot-out.

Places 11 - 12

The teams ranked sixth in each group of the Preliminary Round shall be classified for places 11 - 12 according to the following criteria:

1. Win-loss record in their Preliminary Round group.
2. If both teams have the same win-loss record, the classification will be determined by goal average (goals scored divided by games played) taking into account the results of all games played in the respective group.

Places 9 - 10

The teams ranked fifth in each group shall be classified for places 9 - 10 according to the same principles as for places 11 - 12.

Day 6

- 31. 1A - 4B
- 32. 2A - 3B
- 33. 3A - 2B
- 34. 4A - 1B

Semi Final Round:

Day 7

- 35. L31 - L33
- 36. L32 - L34
- 37. W31 - W33
- 38. W32 - W34

Final Round:

Day 8

- 39. L35 - L36 (Winner 7th, Loser 8th)
- 40. W35 - W36 (Winner 5th, Loser 6th)
- 41. L37 - L38 (Winner 3rd, Loser 4th)
- 42. W37 - W 38 (Winner 1st, Loser 2nd)

Games 31 through 42 must be played to a conclusion, accordingly it may be necessary to apply Water Polo Rules relating to penalty shoot-out.

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

BL 9.4.2 Olympic Games - Tournament– Women

BL 9.4.2.1 Draw

The Draw for the Olympic Games Tournament will be either on the last day of the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament – Women or as otherwise determined and the following principle shall apply: if a team is already qualified by its ranking from a preceding qualification competition, the team will be placed on the highest line of the Draw according to that ranking and the team taking its place will be placed on the lower line.

(a) Group Draw

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn by pairs into two groups, either A or B.

First line, the first placed team from the previous World Championship and the first team from the preceding year’s World League will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Second line, the teams representing the Continents of Europe and Oceania will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Third line, the first and second placed teams from the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Women will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Fourth line, the team representing the Continent of America and the team representing the Continent of Asia will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Fifth line, the team representing the Continent of Africa and the team representing the Host Country will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

(b) Team Draw

After being divided into Group A and Group B, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to five (5).

BL 9.4.2.2 Schedule of Games

Preliminary Round

Two (2) groups of **five (5)** teams form Group A and Group B and play a single round robin in each group.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
1. A5-A1	5. B1-B3	9. A5-A2	13. A2-A3	17. B3-B5
2. A2-A4	6. B4-B5	10. A3-A4	14. A4-A1	18. B1-B2
3. B5-B1	7. A4-A5	11. B3-B4	15. B2-B3	19. A3-A5
4. B2-B4	8. A1-A3	12. B5-B2	16. B4-B1	20. A1-A2

Quarter Final Round

The first, second, third and fourth placed teams in Group A and Group B form a Group D of eight (8) teams. Group D plays a modified single elimination format. Games played in the Preliminary Round may be repeated in the Quarter Final, Semi Final or Final Round. All games played in Group D must be played so that a definite winner is declared. Accordingly, it may be necessary to apply the Water Polo Rules relating to penalty shoot-out.

Places 9 - 10

The teams ranked fifth in each group of the Preliminary Round shall be classified for places 9 - 10 according to the following criteria:

1. Win-loss record in their Preliminary Round group.
2. If both teams have the same win-loss record, the classification will be determined by goal average (goals scored divided by games played) taking into account the results of all games played in the respective group.

Day 6

- 21. 1A - 4B
- 22. 2A - 3B
- 23. 3A - 2B
- 24. 4A - 1B

Semi Final Round

Day 7

- 25. L21 - L23
- 26. L22 - L24
- 27. W21 - W23
- 28. W22 - W24

Final Round

Day 8

- 29. L25 - L26 (Winner 7th, Loser 8th)
- 30. W25 - W26 (Winner 5th, Loser 6th)
- 31. L27 - L28 (Winner 3rd, Loser 4th)
- 32. W27 - W28 (Winner 1st, Loser 2nd)

Games 21 through 32 must be played to a conclusion, accordingly it may be necessary to apply Water Polo Rules relating to penalty shoot-out.

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

BL 9.4.3 World Championship – Men

BL 9.4.3.1 Draw

The draw for the World Championships Tournament will be made two (2) months prior to the commencement of the World Championships Tournament and the following principle shall apply: if a team is already qualified by its ranking from a preceding qualification competition, the team will be placed on the highest line of the draw according to that ranking and the team taking its place will be placed on the lower line.

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn into four (4) groups: A, B, C or D.

First Line, the first, second, third and fourth qualified teams from the preceding World Cup or Olympic Games will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Second Line, the qualified teams from the World League (or from the World Cup or Olympic Games if applicable), the first qualified team from the Americas and the first qualified team from Europe will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Third, the second qualified team from the Americas, the second and third qualified teams from Europe and the qualified team from Oceania will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Fourth, the qualified team from Africa, the first and second teams from Asia and the Host Country (if the Host Country has already been drawn, then the next ranked team from the World Cup or Olympic Games) will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

After being divided into Groups A, B, C, or D, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to four (4).

BL 9.4.3.2 Schedule of Games

Preliminary Round (First):

Four (4) groups of four (4) teams each from Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D play a single robin round in each group.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
1. A3 – A1	9. B4 - B3	17. C1 - C4
2. A2 - A4	10. B1 - B2	18. C2 - C3
3. B3 – B1	11. C4 - C3	19. D1 - D4
4. B2 - B4	12. C1 - C2	20. D2 - D3
5. C3 – C1	13. D4 - D3	21. A1 - A4
6. C2 - C4	14. D1 - D2	22. A2 - A3
7. D3 – D1	15. A4 - A3	23. B1 - B4
8. D2 - D4	16. A1 - A2	24. B2 - B3

Preliminary Round (Second):

The first placed teams in Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D have a bye.

The second and third placed teams in Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D play against each other in a cross group format. The fourth placed teams in each of Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D form a new Group which consists of four (4) teams. They play for places 13 – 16 in a cross group format.

Day 4

- 25. 4A - 4B
- 26. 4C - 4D
- 27. 2A – 3B
- 28. 3A – 2B
- 29. 2C – 3D
- 30. 3C – 2D

Quarter Final Round:

Day 5

- 31. Loser Game 25 - Loser Game 26
(Winner 15th, Loser 16th)
- 32. Winner Game 25 - Winner Game 26
(Winner 13th, Loser 14th)
- 33. Loser Game 27 - Loser Game 29
- 34. Loser Game 28 - Loser Game 30
- 35. 1A - Winner Game 29
- 36. 1B - Winner Game 30
- 37. 1C - Winner Game 27
- 38. 1D - Winner Game 28

Semi-Final Round:

Day 6

- 39. Loser Game 33 - Loser Game 34
(Winner 11th, Loser 12th)
- 40. Winner Game 33 - Winner Game 34
(Winner 9th, Loser 10th)
- 41. Loser Game 35 - Loser Game 36
- 42. Loser Game 37 - Loser Game 38
- 43. Winner Game 35 - Winner Game 36
- 44. Winner Game 37 - Winner Game 38

Final Round:

Day 7

45. Loser Game 41 - Loser Game 42
(Winner 7th, Loser 8th)
46. Winner Game 41 - Winner Game 42
(Winner 5th, Loser 6th)
47. Loser Game 43 - Loser Game 44
(Winner 3rd, Loser 4th)
48. Winner Game 43 - Winner Game 44
(Winner 1st, Loser 2nd)

Games 25 through 48 must be played to a conclusion, accordingly it may be necessary to apply the Water Polo Rules relating to penalty shoot-out.

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

BL 9.4.4 World Championships - Women

BL 9.4.4.1 Draw

The draw for the World Championships Tournament will be made two (2) months prior to the commencement of the World Championships Tournament and the following principle shall apply: if a team is already qualified by its ranking from a preceding qualification competition, the team will be placed on the highest line of the draw according to its ranking and the team taking its place will be placed on the lower line.

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn into four (4) groups: A, B, C or D.

First Line, the first, second, third and fourth qualified teams from the preceding World Cup or Olympic Games will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Second Line, the qualified teams from the World League (or from the World Cup or Olympic Games if applicable), the first qualified team from the Americas and the first qualified team from Europe will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Third Line, the second qualified team from the Americas, the second and third qualified teams from Europe and the qualified team from Oceania will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C and one into D.

Fourth Line, the qualified team from Africa, the first and second teams from Asia and the Host Country (if the Host Country has already been drawn, then the next ranked team from the World Cup or Olympic Games) will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

After being divided into Groups A, B, C, or D, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to four (4).

BL 9.4.4.2 Schedule of Games

Schedule of Games as in BL 9.4.3.2

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

BL 9.4.5 Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Men

BL 9.4.5.1 Draw

The draw for the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament will be made two (2) months or as otherwise determined prior to the commencement of the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament.

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn by pairs into two groups, either A or B.

First Line, the two highest placed teams from the previous World Championships.

Second Line, the next two highest placed teams from the previous World Championships.

Third Line, the next two highest placed teams from the previous World Championships.

Fourth Line, the next two highest placed teams from the previous World Championships.

Fifth Line, the remaining teams, if any, from the World Championships or the highest ranked teams from Europe and the next highest ranked teams from the Americas.

Sixth Line, the remaining teams, if any, being the next highest ranked team from the Americas, Asia or Europe and the next highest ranked team from the Americas, Asia or Europe.

Should there be no teams from the previous Championships to seed onto a Line then the highest ranked teams for Europe, Americas, Asia, Africa or Oceania if any, shall be drawn alternating between Group A and Group B.

After being divided into Group A and B, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving of separate number of 1 to 6.

BL 9.4.5.2 Schedule of Games

Schedule of Games as in BL 9.4.1.2.

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

BL 9.4.6 Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Women

BL 9.4.6.1 Draw

The draw for the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament will be made two (2) months or as otherwise determined prior to the commencement of the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament.

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn by pairs into two groups, either A or B.

First Line, the two highest placed teams from the previous World Championships.

Second Line, the next two highest placed teams from the previous World Championships.

Third Line, the next two highest placed teams from the previous World Championships.

Fourth Line, the next two highest placed teams from the previous World Championships.

Fifth Line, the remaining teams, if any, from the World Championships and the highest ranked teams from Europe, Americas, Asia, Africa or Oceania.

Sixth Line, the remaining teams, if any, shall be drawn alternating between Groups A and B.

Should there be no teams from the previous Championships to seed onto a Line then the highest ranked teams for Europe, Americas, Asia, Africa or Oceania if any, shall be drawn alternating between Group A and Group B.

After being divided into Group A and Group B, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving of separate number of 1 to 6.

BL 9.4.6.2 Schedule of Games

Schedule of Games as in BL 9.4.1.2.

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

BL 9.4.7 World Junior Championships - Men

BL 9.4.7.1 Draw

The draw for the World Junior Championships will be made two (2) months prior to the commencement of the World Junior Championships Tournament and the following principle shall apply: if a team is already qualified by its ranking from a preceding qualification competition, the team will be placed on the highest line of the draw according to its ranking and the team taking its place will be placed on the lower line.

BL 9.4.7.1.1 Draw for sixteen (16) Teams

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn into four (4) groups; A, B, C or D.

First Line, the highest ranking team from the preceding World Junior Championships, the first, second and third qualified teams from Europe will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Second Line, the fourth and fifth qualified teams from Europe, the first qualified team from the Americas and the first qualified team from Oceania will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Third Line, the first qualified team from Africa, the second and third qualified teams from Americas, and the first qualified team from Asia will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Fourth Line, the Host Country and the remaining qualified teams will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

After being divided into Groups A, B, C, or D, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to four (4).

BL 9.4.7.1.2 Draw for twenty (20) Teams

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn into four (4) groups; A, B, C or D.

First Line, the highest ranking team from the preceding World Junior Championships, the first, second and third qualified teams from Europe will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Second Line, the fourth, fifth and sixth qualified teams from Europe and the first qualified team from the Oceania will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Third Line, the first second and third qualified teams from the Americas and the first qualified team from Asia will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Fourth Line, the Host Country, the fourth qualified team from the Americas, the first qualified team from Africa and the second qualified team from Oceania will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Fifth Line, the fifth qualified team from the Americas, the second and third qualified teams from Asia and the second qualified team from Africa will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

After being divided into Groups A, B, C, or D, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to five (5).

BL 9.4.7.2 Schedule of Games

BL 9.4.7.2.1 Schedule for sixteen (16) Teams

Schedule of Games as in BL 9.4.3.2

Games 25 through 48 must be played to a conclusion, accordingly it may be necessary to apply the Water Polo Rules relating to penalty shoot-out.

BL 9.4.7.2.2 Schedule for twenty (20) Teams

Preliminary Round

Four (4) groups of five (5) teams each from Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D play a single robin round in each group.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
1. A3 - A4	9. B5 - B3	17. C4 - C5	25. D1 - D4	33. A4 - A2
2. A2 - A5	10. B1 - B2	18. C3 - C1	26. D2 - D3	34. A5 - A1
3. B3 - B4	11. C5 - C3	19. D4 - D5	27. A1 - A4	35. B4 - B2
4. B2 - B5	12. C1 - C2	20. D3 - D1	28. A2 - A3	36. B5 - B1
5. C3 - C4	13. D5 - D3	21. A4 - A5	29. B1 - B4	37. C5 - C1
6. C2 - C5	14. D1 - D2	22. A3 - A1	30. B2 - B3	38. C1 - C5
7. D3 - D4	15. A5 - A3	23. B4 - B5	31. C1 - C4	39. D4 - D2
8. D2 - D5	16. A1 - A2	24. B3 - B1	32. C2 - C3	40. D5 - D1

Eighth Final Round

The Eighth Final Round is to be played on the basis of two (2) groups, one (1) with twelve (12) teams and one (1) group with eight (8) teams on a cross-over format. Games will have Group A teams play Group D teams, and Group B teams play Group C teams.

The first placed teams in Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D have a bye.

Day 6

For places 13 - 20

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- 41. 4A - 5D
 - 42. 4B - 5C
 - 43. 5A - 4D
 - 44. 5B - 4C

For places 1 - 12

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- 45. 2A - 3D
 - 46. 2B - 3C
 - 47. 3A - 2D
 - 48. 3B - 2C

Quarter Final Round and Semi-Final Round

Day 7

For places 13 - 20 (Semi Final Round)

- 49. Loser Game 41 - Loser Game 42
 - 50. Winner Game 41 - Winner Game 42
 - 51. Loser Game 43 - Loser Game 44
 - 52. Winner Game 43 - Winner Game 44
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For places 9 - 12 (Semi Final Round)

- 53. Loser Game 45 - Loser Game 46
 - 54. Loser Game 47 - Loser Game 48
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For places 1 - 8 (Quarter Final Round)

- 55. 1A - Winner Game 46
- 56. 1B - Winner Game 45
- 57. 1C - Winner Game 47
- 58. 1D - Winner Game 48

Semi Final-Round and Final Round

Day 8

For places 13 - 20 (Final Round)

- 59. Loser Game 49 - Loser Game 51 (Winner 19th, Loser 20th)
 - 60. Winner Game 49 - Winner Game 51 (Winner 17th, Loser 18th)
 - 61. Loser Game 50 - Loser Game 52 (Winner 15th, Loser 16th)
 - 62. Winner Game 50 - Winner Game 52 (Winner 13th, Loser 14th)
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For places 9 - 12 (Final Round)

- 63. Loser Game 53 - Loser Game 54 (Winner 11th, Loser 12th)
 - 64. Winner Game 53 - Winner Game 54 (Winner 9th, Loser 10th)
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For places 5 - 8 (Semi Final Round)

- 65. Loser Game 55 - Loser Game 57
 - 66. Loser Game 56 - Loser Game 58
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For places 1 - 4 (Semi Final Round)

- 67. Winner Game 55 - Winner Game 57
- 68. Winner Game 56 - Winner Game 58

Final Round

Day 9

For places 5 - 8

69. Loser Game 65 - Loser Game 66 (Winner 7th, Loser 8th)

70. Winner Game 65 - Winner Game 66 (Winner 5th, Loser 6th)

For places 1 - 4

71. Loser Game 67 - Loser Game 68 (Winner 3rd, Loser 4th)

72. Winner Game 67 - Winner Game 68 (Winner 1st, Loser 2nd)

Games 41 through 72 must be played to a conclusion; accordingly it may be necessary to apply the Water Polo Rules relating to penalty shoot-out.

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

BL 9.4.8 World Junior Championships - Women

BL 9.4.8.1 Draw

The draw for the World Junior Championships will be made two (2) months prior to the commencement of the World Junior Championships Tournament and the following principle shall apply: if a team is already qualified by its ranking from a preceding qualification competition, the team will be placed on the highest line of the draw according to its ranking and the team taking its place will be placed on the lower line.

First Line, the highest ranking team from the preceding World Junior Championships, the first qualified team from the Americas, the first qualified team from Europe and the first team qualified from Oceania will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Second Line, the second, third, fourth and fifth qualified teams from Europe will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Third Line, the second and third qualified teams from the Americas, the first qualified from Asia and the first qualified team from Africa will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Fourth Line, the Host Country and the remaining qualified teams will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

After being divided into Groups A, B, C, or D, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to four (4).

BL 9.4.8.2 Schedule of Games

Schedule of Games as in BL 9.4.3.2

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

BL 9.4.9 World Youth Championships - Men

BL 9.4.9.1 Draw

The draw will be held as and when determined by the FINA Bureau but not later than two (2) months before the beginning of the World Championships and the following principle shall apply: if a team is already qualified by its ranking from a preceding qualification competition, the team will be placed on the highest line of the draw according to its ranking and the team taking its place will be placed on the lower line.

BL 9.4.9.1.1 Draw for sixteen (16) Teams:

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn into four (4) groups: A, B, C or D.

First Line, the highest ranking team from the preceding World Youth Championships, the first, second and third qualified teams from Europe will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Second Line, the fourth and fifth qualified teams from Europe, the first qualified team from the Americas and the first qualified team from Oceania will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Third Line, the first qualified team from Africa, the second and third qualified teams from Americas, and the first qualified team from Asia will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Fourth Line, the Host Country and the remaining qualified teams will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

After being divided into Groups A, B, C, or D, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to four (4).

BL 9.4.9.1.2 Draw for twenty (20) teams:

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn into four (4) groups; A, B, C or D.

First Line, the highest ranking team from the preceding World Youth Championships, the first, second and third qualified teams from Europe will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Second Line, the fourth, fifth and sixth qualified teams from Europe and the first qualified team from Oceania will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Third Line, the first, second and third qualified teams from the Americas, the first qualified team from Asia will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Fourth Line, the Host Country, the fourth qualified team from the Americas, the first qualified team from Africa and the second qualified team from Oceania will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Fifth Line, the fifth qualified team from the Americas, the second and third qualified teams from Asia and the second qualified team from Africa will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

After being divided into Groups A, B, C, or D, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to five (5).

BL 9.4.9.2 Schedule of Games

Schedule of Games for sixteen (16) teams as in BL 9.4.3.2

Schedule of Games for twenty (20) teams as in BL 9.4.7.2.2

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

BL 9.4.10 World Youth Championships - Women

BL 9.4.10.1 Draw

The draw will be held as and when determined by the FINA Bureau but not later than two months before the beginning of the World Championships and the following principle shall apply: if a team is already qualified by its ranking from a preceding qualification competition, the team will be placed on the highest line of the draw according to its ranking and the team taking its place will be placed on the lower line.

First Line, the highest ranking team from the preceding World Youth Championships, the first qualified team from the Americas, the first qualified team from Europe and the first qualified team from Oceania will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Second Line, the second, third, fourth and fifth qualified teams from Europe will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Third Line, the second and third qualified teams from Americas, the first qualified team from Asia and the first qualified team Africa will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Fourth Line, the Host Country and the remaining qualified teams will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

After being divided into Groups A, B, C or D, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to four (4).

BL 9.4.10.2 Schedule of Games

Schedule of Games as in BL 9.4.3.2

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

BL 9.5 World Cups

BL 9.5.1 Water Polo

BL 9.5.1.1 Qualification

BL 9.5.1.1.1 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 9.5.1.1.2 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 9.5.2.1 Draw

The draw for the World Cups will be made four (4) months prior to the commencement of the World Cup as follows:

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn by pairs into groups two groups, either A or B.

First Line, the two highest placed teams from the previous World Championships will be drawn by pairs into two groups, either A or B.

Second Line, the third highest placed team from the previous World Championships and the team representing the Continent of Europe will be drawn by pairs into two groups, either A or B.

Third Line, the teams representing the Continents of Americas and Oceania will be drawn by pairs into two groups, either A or B.

Fourth Line, the teams representing the Continents of Africa and Asia will be drawn by pairs into two groups, either A or B.

After being divided into group A and group B, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to four (4).

BL 9.5.2.2 Schedule of Games

Preliminary Round:

Two (2) groups of four (4) teams form Group A and Group B and play a single round robin in each group.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
1. B2 - B3	5. B4 - B2	9. A2 - A1
2. A2 - A3	6. A1 - A3	10. B2 - B1
3. B1 - B4	7. A4 - A2	11. B3 - B4
4. A1 - A4	8. B1 - B3	12. A3 - A4

Quarter Final Round:

Day 4
13. 2A - 3B
14. 3A - 2B
15. 1A - 4B
16. 4A - 1B

Semi Final Round:

Day 5
17. L13 - L16
18. L14 - L15
19. W13 - W16
20. W14 - W15

Final Round:

Day 6

- 21. L17 - L18 (Winner 7th, loser 8th)
- 22. W17 - W18 (Winner 5th, loser 6th)
- 23. L19 - L20 (Winner 3rd, loser 4th)
- 24. W19 - W20 (Winner 1st, loser 2nd)

Games 13 through 24 must be played to a conclusion, accordingly it may be necessary to apply Water Polo Rules relating to penalty shoot-out.

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

BL 9.6 World Leagues

BL 9.6.1 Water Polo

The World Leagues are conducted annually and their conduct are governed by Rules and Regulations published on the FINA Website.

BL 9.7 Challengers Cup

BL 9.7.1 Water Polo

BL 9.7.1.1 Qualification for Challengers Cup Men

BL 9.7.1.1.1 The competition shall be between a maximum of twelve (12) teams nominated by the TWPC:

BL 9.7.1.1.2 The twelve (12) teams from the continents shall be selected according to the following formula: Americas – 3, Asia – 3, Africa – 3 and Europe – 3. The Host Country will be considered a representative from that continent.

BL 9.7.1.1.3 The nominated teams shall be entitled to represent that continent; if any teams do not accept, then another team from that continent will be nominated to be invited.

BL 9.7.1.1.4 If there is an unfilled vacancy from a continent, then that vacancy shall be filled by team(s) from the other Continents with the following rotation: Host Continent of the Challengers Cup Tournament, Americas, Asia, Africa and Europe.

BL 9.7.1.2 Draw (Challengers Cup Men)

The draw for the Challengers Cup will be held two (2) months prior to the commencement of the event or as determined.

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn by pairs into two groups, either A or B.

First Line, the first and second ranked teams from Africa will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Second Line, the first and second ranked teams from the Americas will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Third Line, the first and second ranked teams from Asia will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Fourth Line, the first and second ranked teams from Europe will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Fifth Line, the third ranked teams from Africa and Asia will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Sixth Line, third ranked teams from the Americas and Europe will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

After being divided into group A and group B, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to six (6).

BL 9.7.1.3 Schedule of Games (Challengers Cup Men)

There will be six (6) days of competition.

Preliminary Round:

The competition system will be an abbreviated Olympic Games Programme as identified in FINA BL 9.4.1.2 with two (2) groups of six (6) teams playing a single round robin in each group.

Day 1

1. A1 – A6
2. A3 – A4
3. A2 – A5

4. B1 – B6
5. B3 – B4
6. B2 – B5

Day 2

7. B6 – B4
8. B5 – B3
9. B1 – B2

10. A6 – A4
11. A5 – A3
12. A1 – A2

Day 3

13. A4 – A5
14. A2 – A6
15. A3 – A1

16. B4 – B5
17. B2 – B6
18. B3 – B1

Day 4

19. B6 – B5
20. B1 – B4
21. B2 – B3

22. A6 – A5
23. A1 – A4
24. A2 – A3

Day 5

25. A3 – A6
26. A4 – A2
27. A1 – A5

28. B3 – B6
29. B4 – B2
30. B1 – B5

Final Round:

The final round will be using an abbreviated formula with the first ranked team in each group playing each other for first and second placing, the second ranked team in each group playing each other for third and fourth placing...and so on.

Day 6

31. 6th Group A – 6th Group B (Winner 11th, Loser 12th)
32. 5th Group A – 5th Group B (Winner 9th, Loser 10th)
33. 4th Group A – 4th Group B (Winner 7th, Loser 8th)
34. 3rd Group A – 3rd Group B (Winner 5th, Loser 6th)
35. 2nd Group A – 2nd Group B (Winner 3rd, Loser 4th)
36. 1st Group A – 1st Group B (Winner 1st, Loser 2nd)

Games 31 through 36 must be played to a conclusion; accordingly it may be necessary to apply the Water Polo Rules for Penalty Shootout.

Please note that the Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television.

BL 9.7.1.4 Qualification for Challengers Cup Women

BL 9.7.1.4.1 The competition shall be between a maximum of eight (12) teams nominated by the TWPC:

BL 9.7.1.4.2 The twelve (12) teams from the continents shall be selected according to the following formula: Americas – 3, Asia – 3, Africa – 3 and Europe – 3. The Host Country will be considered a representative from that continent.

BL 9.7.1.4.3 The nominated teams shall be entitled to represent that continent; if any teams do not accept, then another team from that continent will be nominated to be invited.

BL 9.7.1.4.4 If there is an unfilled vacancy from a continent, then that vacancy shall be filled team(s) from the other Continents with the following rotation: Host Continent of the Challengers Cup Tournament, Americas, Asia, Africa and Europe.

BL 9.7.1.5 Draw (Challengers Cup Women)

The draw for the Challengers Cup will be held two (2) months prior to the commencement of the event or as determined.

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn by pairs into two groups, either A or B.

First Line, the first and second ranked teams from Africa will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Second Line, the first and second ranked teams from the Americas will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Third Line, the first and second ranked teams from Asia will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Fourth Line, the first and second ranked teams from Europe will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

After being divided into group A and group B, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to six (6).

BL 9.7.1.6 Schedule of Games (Challengers Cup Women)

There will be six (6) days of competition.

Preliminary Round:

The competition system will be an abbreviated Olympic Games Programme as identified in FINA BL 9.4.1.2 with two (2) groups of six (6) teams playing a single round robin in each group.

Day 1

1. A1 – A6
2. A3 – A4
3. A2 – A5

4. B1 – B6
5. B3 – B4
6. B2 – B5

Day 2

7. B6 – B4
8. B5 – B3
9. B1 – B2

10. A6 – A4
11. A5 – A3
12. A1 – A2

Day 3

13. A4 – A5
14. A2 – A6
15. A3 – A1

16. B4 – B5
17. B2 – B6
18. B3 – B1

Day 4

19. B6 – B5
20. B1 – B4
21. B2 – B3

22. A6 – A5
23. A1 – A4
24. A2 – A3

Day 5

25. A3 – A6
26. A4 – A2
27. A1 – A5

28. B3 – B6
29. B4 – B2
30. B1 – B5

Final Round:

The final round will be using an abbreviated formula with the first ranked team in each group playing each other for first and second placing, the second ranked team in each group playing each other for third and fourth placing...and so on.

Day 6

31. 6th Group A – 6th Group B (Winner 11th, Loser 12th)
32. 5th Group A – 5th Group B (Winner 9th, Loser 10th)
33. 4th Group A – 4th Group B (Winner 7th, Loser 8th)
34. 3rd Group A – 3rd Group B (Winner 5th, Loser 6th)
35. 2nd Group A – 2nd Group B (Winner 3rd, Loser 4th)
36. 1st Group A – 1st Group B (Winner 1st, Loser 2nd)

Games 31 through 36 must be played to a conclusion; accordingly it may be necessary to apply the Water Polo Rules for Penalty Shootout.

Please note that the Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television.

BL 9.8 Classification

BL 9.8.1 Classification of Teams

The classification of teams in the Preliminary Round will be made on points namely two (2) points for each match won, one (1) point for each match drawn and zero points for each match lost.

BL 9.8.2 Forfeited Games

If a team declares a forfeit or is disqualified for one (1) or more matches, the match or matches shall be awarded to the opponent with a goal score 5 - 0.

BL 9.8.3 Tie Breaking

BL 9.8.3.1 If two (2) teams shall have equal points, further classification shall be established as follows:

BL 9.8.3.1.1 The team winning the game between them shall be placed higher.

BL 9.8.3.1.2 If the game between them was tied, then the results against the highest placed team(s) in the group shall be considered.

BL 9.8.3.1.3 The first comparison shall be based on goal difference, and if still tied, then based on goals scored.

BL 9.8.3.1.4 The comparison shall be made first compared to the highest placed team (or teams, if tied) in the group.

BL 9.8.3.1.5 If still tied, the results against the next highest placed team (or teams, if tied) shall be used in succession until all results have been considered.

BL 9.8.3.1.6 If still tied, the teams shall shoot penalty shots to determine which team shall be placed higher. Each team shall nominate five (5) players and a goalkeeper who will participate in the penalty shoot-out. The team shall shoot five (5) penalty shots at the goal of the other team, alternating shots. If a tie exists after each team has taken five (5) shots, then teams shall take sets of alternate shots until one team scores and the other does not. The procedure shall be conducted following the final game of the round or at the first practical opportunity.

BL 9.8.3.1.7 If there is more than one tie in a group, the highest placed tie shall be determined first.

BL 9.8.3.1.8 If it is the situation where there is more than one tie in a group and it is not possible to determine the highest placed team then all results within the group shall be used to determine the highest placed team.

BL 9.8.3.2 If three (3) or more teams shall have equal points, further classification shall be established as follows:

BL 9.8.3.2.1 The results among the tied teams shall determine which team is placed highest.

BL 9.8.3.2.2 If, at any time during the application of the procedure set out in this BL 9.6.3.2, the number of tied teams is reduced to two (2), then BL 9.6.3.1 shall be used to determine which of the two (2) remaining teams is placed higher.

BL 9.8.3.2.3 The comparison shall be made first, upon the points of the games among the tied teams, second, the goal difference, and third, based upon goals scored.

BL 9.8.3.2.4 If still tied, the games played against the highest placed team (or teams, if tied) shall be considered.

BL 9.8.3.2.5 The first comparison shall be based on goal difference, and if still tied, then based on goals scored.

BL 9.8.3.2.6 If still tied, the results against the next highest placed team (or teams, if tied) shall be used in succession until all results have been considered.

BL 9.8.3.2.7 If still tied, the teams shall shoot penalty shots to determine which team shall be placed highest. Each team shall nominate five (5) players and a goalkeeper who will participate in the penalty shoot-out. Each team shall shoot five (5) penalty shots at its opponent's goal in alternate succession. The first team shall take its first penalty shot and then each other team shall take its first penalty shot, etc. If a tie shall exist after that procedure, the teams shall then take sets of alternate shots until one team misses and the other(s) score. The procedure shall be conducted following the final game of the round or at the first practical opportunity.

BL 9.8.3.2.8 If there is more than one tie in a group, the highest placed tie shall be determined first.

BL 9.8.3.3 For the purpose of calculating either goal difference or goals scored, the goals in any penalty shoot out will not be taken into consideration.

BL 9.9 Draw for Competitions

The Management Committee for FINA Competitions has the authority if there are only thirteen (13) or fourteen (14) participating teams to draw teams into two (2) groups rather than being required to draw teams in the prescribed manner for a competition based upon sixteen (16) teams, namely for (4) groups of four (4) teams each.

BL 9.10 Order of Games

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

BL 9.11 Officials

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may in addition to other officials appoint the following to assist in the conduct of any competition, namely: a FINA TWPC Delegate, a FINA TWPC Evaluator(s) and Timeout Officials.

BL 9.12 High Diving

BL 9.12.1 At the World Championships only dives prescribed by the FINA Rules for High Diving shall be executed.

BL 9.12.2 The number of participants is decided by the Bureau and based upon proposals from the Technical High Diving Committee. From a Member, not more than three (3) male divers and four (4) female divers can be selected. Discretionary invitations may be made at the discretion of the FINA Bureau.

BL 9.12.3 The selection process is decided by the Bureau and based upon proposals from the Technical High Diving Committee.

BL 9.13 Scores and awards at the FINA World Championships & FINA World Swimming Championships

In all FINA World Championships points and awards are distributed as follows:

BL 9.13.1 Swimming

Medals: Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals shall be awarded to the first three places in individual and relay final competitions. In swimming relays when preliminaries are swum, medals shall be awarded to those swimmers who have participated in the heats and/or the final.

In Swimming, in case of equal times, medals shall be awarded as follows:

1st place: 2 Gold – no Silver, 1 Bronze
2nd place: 1 Gold, 2 Silver – no Bronze
3rd place: 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 2 Bronze

In case of 3 equal times medals shall be awarded as follows:

1st place: 3 Gold – no Silver, no Bronze
2nd place: 1 Gold, 3 Silver – no Bronze
3rd place: 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 3 Bronze

Diplomas: Using 8 lanes in Swimming diplomas shall be awarded to all eight finalists in individual events and to the first eight finalists in relay competitions. In swimming relays when preliminaries are swum, diplomas shall be awarded to those swimmers who have participated in the heats and/or the final.

Trophies:

- *FINA Team Trophy* for the top scoring team based on the following points:

Individual using 8 lanes:

Places 1 – 16: 18, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 points

Relays using 8 lanes:

Places 1 – 8: 36, 32, 30, 28, 26, 24, 22, 20 points.

- *FINA Individual Trophies* for the top scoring male and female based upon the following points:

First Place 5 points

Second Place 3 points

Third Place 2 points

Fourth Place 1 point

Individual World Record 2 points for each record broken

If there is a tie, the FINA Points Table shall be used and a decision made by the Swimming Commission.

BL 9.13.2 Open Water Swimming

Medals: Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals shall be awarded to the first three places in each individual and team events.

Diplomas: Diplomas shall be awarded to all eight finalists in each individual events and to the first eight finalists in team events.

Trophy: A special FINA Team Trophy shall be given based upon the following points added from the three individual events (5, 10 and 25 km) and mixed team events.
18 (1st place), 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 points

BL 9.13.3 Diving

Medals: Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals shall be awarded to the first three places in individual, synchronised and team events.

Diplomas: Diplomas shall be awarded to all eight finalists in each individual events and to the first six finalists in each synchronised and team events.

Trophies:

- *FINA Team Trophy* shall be given to the top scoring team based on the following points:

Individual diving events:

18-16-14-12-10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1 points

Synchronised diving events (12 finalists):

27-24-21-18-15-12-9-7,5-6-4,5-3-1,5 points.

Team Event

27-24-21-18-15-12-9-7,5-6-4,5-3-1,5 points

BL 9.13.4 High Diving

Medals: Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals shall be awarded to the first three ranked Competitors in each event.

Diplomas: Diplomas shall be awarded to first eight finalists in each event.

BL 9.13.5 Water Polo

Medals: Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals shall be awarded to all the players of the first three teams.

Diplomas: Diplomas shall be awarded to all the players of the first six teams.

Trophies: Trophy shall be given to the best scorer (men and women) and goalkeeper (men and women) of the championships.

BL 9.13.6 Artistic Swimming

Medals: Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals shall be awarded to first three Competitors or teams in each individual, solo, duet, mixed duet and team events.

Diplomas: Diplomas shall be awarded to the first eight finalists in solo and duet events and to the first six finalists in team and free combination events.

Trophy: Trophy shall be given to the best team of the championships based on the following points:

Solo, Technical Routine:

12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 points

Solo, Free Routine:

12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 points

Duet, Technical Routine:

18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7 points

Duet, Free Routine:

18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7 points

Mixed Duet Technical Routine

18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7 points

Mixed Duet Free Routine

18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7 points

Team Technical Routine:

24, 22, 20, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2 points

Team Free Routine:

24, 22, 20, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2 points

Free Combination:

24, 22, 20, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2 points

Highlight Routine:

24, 22, 20, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2 points

BL 9.13.7 In case of a tie, the highest points shall be awarded to each competitor or relay team.

BL 9.13.8 Commemorative Medals:

Commemorative medals may be given to all those connected officially with the Championships.

BL 10 WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

BL 10.1 General

BL 10.1.1 For FINA World Masters Championships, the Management Committee shall consist of the Bureau Liaison, the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Honorary Secretary of the Masters Committee and other members of the Bureau and Masters Committee present.

BL 10.1.2 Entry fees shall be decided upon by the country that is hosting the FINA World Masters Championships, but they shall be subject to approval by FINA.

BL 10.1.3 For FINA World Masters Championships medals shall be awarded to competitors and teams placed first, second and third in each event and Age Group. In **Artistic** Swimming the reserves will receive medals only if they actually swim in the technical and/or Free Routine.

With the recommendation by the FINA Masters Committee, the Organising Committee may present awards of lesser value for places from four on. Diplomas can be awarded to competitors and team members placed first to ten in each event and Age Group.

BL 10.1.4 A participant can represent only one club in each discipline.

BL 10.1.5 Electronic Entries shall be used for registration and payment of fees to the FINA World Masters Championships via the FINA General Management System (GMS), when available.

BL 10.2 Swimming

BL 10.2.1 Qualifying standards for FINA World Masters Championships will be considered by FINA and the Organising Committee if deemed necessary.

BL 10.2.2 At the FINA World Masters Championships it is not necessary to conduct all events mentioned in MSW 2.2. However, each age division should include shorter Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly events plus Individual Medley and Relays.

BL 10.2.3 A swimmer can compete only once per relay event.

BL 10.2.4 Events shall be pre-seeded with oldest age groups first, slowest heats swum first within each age group. Events 400 metres and over may be seeded from slowest to fastest regardless of age.

BL 10.2.5 A swimmer may be entered for not more than five (5) individual events.

BL 10.2.6 A swimmer entered for one club has to represent this club in all Swimming events at the Championships.

BL 10.2.7 The composition of a relay team can be changed up to the dead line announced by the Organising Committee on the day prior to the relay event. The age of the substitute swimmer(s) cannot change the age group of the entered relay team. Substitute swimmer(s) must be registered for the Championships.

BL 10.3 Open Water Swimming

BL 10.3.1 A Masters Open Water Swimming event may be included in FINA World Masters Championships.

BL 10.3.2 The Organising Committee shall follow the FINA Masters Open Water Safety Regulations.

BL 10.3.3 Swimmers shall be seeded according to age groups from the youngest to the oldest. Swimmers may be selected irrespective of gender. The slowest entered swimmers of each age group may comprise and be seeded in special heat(s). By recommendation of the FINA Masters Commission and/or nominated Safety Officer this order may be changed.

BL 10.3.4 If the number of entries is more than 1000 the competition may be swum in two or more days.

BL 10.3.5 Race organisers, in consultation with the referee and subject to advice from the FINA Masters Committee, are to designate in advance the cut off time. For the FINA World Masters Championships a cut off time of 30 minutes per kilometre shall apply.

BL 10.4 Diving

BL 10.4.1 The programme at the FINA World Masters Championships shall be carried out according to the following schedule:

Springboard	Event No.	Sex	Age Group
1	3 metre	Men	25-34
2	1 metre	Women	25-34
3	3 metre	Men	35-49
4	1 metre	Women	35-49
5	3 metre	Men	50-64
6	1 metre	Women	50-64
7	3 metre	Men	65-80+
8	1 metre	Women	65-80+
9	3 metre	Women	65-80+
10	1 metre	Men	65-80+
11	3 metre	Women	50-64
12	1 metre	Men	50-64
13	3 metre	Women	35-49
14	1 metre	Men	35-49
15	3 metre	Women	25-34
16	1 metre	Men	25-34
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Platform	5, 7.5, 10 metre		
17		Women	65-80+
18		Men	65-80+
19		Women	50-64
20		Men	50-64
21		Women	35-49
22		Men	35-49
23		Women	25-35
24		Men	25-35
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Synchronised Diving			
25	3 metre	Women	50-99 and 100+
26	3 metre	Men	50-99 and 100+
27	3 metre	Mixed Team	50-99 and 100+
28	Platform	Women	50-99 and 100+
29	Platform	Men	50-99 and 100+
30	Platform	Mixed Team	50-99 and 100+

BL 10.4.2 The meet director may choose to run the events concurrently depending on the number of entries.

BL 10.4.3 Diving sheets shall be delivered to the diving secretary 24 hours prior to the event. Late sheets and changed to an existing sheet will be fined USD 10,- per sheet between 24 hours and 3 hours prior to the event. 3 hours is the deadline. No changes or dive sheets can be accepted after the deadline of 3 hours.

BL 10.4.4 At the FINA World Masters Championships at least 5 judges and in Synchronised Diving at least 7 judges shall officiate.

BL 10.4.5 All divers shall perform a full series of dives in that age group and there shall be no preliminary of final contests.

BL 10.4.6 A diver can compete in only one team per Synchronised Diving event.

BL 10.5 Water Polo

BL 10.5.1 Composition of Teams

BL 10.5.1.1 A player may not represent more than one team at the FINA World Masters Championships.

BL 10.5.1.2 The final composition of the team with numbering of the caps shall be announced latest at the Technical Meeting prior to the Championships. All players must be registered as a player according to the entry specifications. No additional members can be added.

BL 10.5.1.3 A Water Polo team can consist of up to fifteen (15) players registered with the same club.

BL 10.5.2 Composition of groups for the preliminary round

BL 10.5.2.1 Before the draw for the FINA World Masters Championships the following exceptions of composing the groups for the preliminary rounds shall be approved.

BL 10.5.2.2 With less than three teams entered in one Age Group this Age Group shall be combined with the next younger Age Group or alternatively combined to the next older Age Group. The concerned teams shall be consulted for approval and given the possibility to cancel their participation with return of paid fees.

BL 10.5.2.3 An Age Group with three teams entered can be combined with the next younger or older Age Group if these groups do not have more than four teams entered and with the approval of all concerned teams. The playing schedule and the plan for rankings shall be decided by the FINA Masters Commission.

BL 10.5.2.4 For the Women tournament the composition of groups is depending on the number of entries in each Age Group. The FINA Masters Commission can combine the groups including teams of more than two Age Groups. The approval by the entered teams shall be asked. A playing schedule and the plan for rankings for each Age Group shall be decided by the FINA Masters Commission.

BL 10.5.3 Schedule for Age Groups

BL 10.5.3.1 Schedule for three (3) teams

The three teams shall play a double round-robin. If there is a tie in points between first and second placed teams they shall play a decisive game on Day 7.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
1. A1 - A3	2. A2 - A3	3. A1 - A2	4. A2 - A3	5. A1 - A3	6. A1 - A2	7. (Final)

BL 10.5.3.2 Schedule for four (4) teams

The four teams shall play a single round-robin as a preliminary round from Day 1 to Day 3. Semi-finals are played on Day 4, between the 1st and 4th and the 2nd and 3rd placed teams from the preliminary round. Day 5 will be a rest day. Finals shall be played on Day 6.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Rankings
1. A1 - A3	3. A1 - A4	5. A3 - A4	7. 1A - 4A	(rest day)	9. L7 - L8	3 rd /4 th
2. A2 - A4	4. A2 - A3	6. A1 - A2	8. 2A - 3A		10. W7 - W8	1 st /2 nd

BL 10.5.3.3 Schedule for five (5) teams

The five teams shall play a single round-robin as a preliminary round on Day 1 to Day 5. The 5th placed team from the preliminary round will be ranked fifth. Semi-finals are played on Day 6 between the 1st and 4th and the 2nd and 3rd placed teams from the preliminary round. Finals shall be played on Day 7.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Rankings
1. A1 - A5	3. A4 - A5	5. A3 - A4	7. A2 - A3	9. A3 - A5	11. 1A - 4A	13. L11 - L12	3 rd /4 th
2. A2 - A4	4. A1 - A3	6. A2 - A5	8. A1 - A4	10. A1 - A2	12. 2A - 3A	14. W11 - W12	1 st /2 nd

BL 10.5.3.4 Schedule for six (6) teams

The six teams shall play a single round-robin as a preliminary round on Day 1 to Day 5. Semi-finals are played on Day 6 between the 1st and 4th and 2nd and 3rd placed teams. Teams placed 5th and 6th will play for rankings 5 and 6. Finals shall be played on Day 7.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Rankings
1. A1-A6	4. A3-A6	7. A4-A5	10. A5-A6	13. A4-A6	16. 5A-6A		5 th /6 th
2. A3-A4	5. A2-A4	8. A2-A6	11. A1-A4	14. A3-A5	17. 1A-4A	19. L17-L18	3 rd /4 th
3. A2-A5	6. A1-A5	9. A1-A3	12. A2-A3	15. A1-A2	18. 2A-3A	20. W17 - W18	1 st /2 nd

BL 10.5.3.5 Schedule for seven (7) teams

The seven teams shall play a single round-robin from Day 1 to Day 7. Final rankings shall be based on points earned during the round-robin.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
1. A1-A5	4. A2-A3	7. A6-A7	10. A1-A3	13. A2-A7	16. A3-A5	19. A5-A6
2. A2-A4	5. A4-A7	8. A1-A4	11. A4-A6	14. A4-A5	17. A1-A7	20. A3-A4
3. A3-A7	6. A1-A6	9. A2-A5	12. A5-A7	15. A3-A6	18. A2-A6	21. A1-A2

BL 10.5.3.6 Schedule for (8) teams

The eight teams shall play on Day 1 to Day 3 a preliminary round-robin in two Groups, A and B, with four teams in each group. The Quarter finals shall be played on Day 4 as cross-over games. The semi-finals shall be played on Day 5 between the winners of each Quarter final and for lower rankings between the losers. On Day 6 the rankings for rankings 5 to 8 will be played. The finals shall be played on Day 7.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Rankings
1. A2 - A3	5. B1 - B3	9. A3 - A4	13. 2A - 3B	17. L13 - L16	21. L17 - L18		7 th /8 th
2. A1 - A4	6. B2 - B4	10. A2 - A1	14. 2B - 3A	18. L14 - L15	22. W17 - W18		5 th /6 th
3. B2 - B3	7. A2 - A4	11. B3 - B4	15. 1A - 4B	19. W13 - W16		23. L19 - L20	3 rd /4 th
4. B1 - B4	8. A1 - A3	12. B2 - B1	16. 1B - 4A	20. W14 - W15		24. W19 - W20	1 st /2 nd

BL 10.5.3.7 Schedule for nine (9) teams

The nine teams shall play on Day 1 to Day 5 a preliminary round-robin in two Groups, A and B, with four teams in Group A and with five team in Group B. The semi- finals shall be played on Day 6 between the two best placed teams from each preliminary group and the teams placed 3rd and 4th. The fifth team in Group B will be ranked for the 9th place. The final rankings from 1st to 8th shall be played on Day 7.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Rankings
1. A1 - A4	5. B4 - B5	7. A1 - A3	11. B2 - B3	13. A3 - A4	17. 3A - 4B	21. L17 - L18	7 th /8 th
2. A2 - A3	6. B1 - B3	8. A2 - A4	12. B1 - B4	14. A1 - A2	18. 3B - 4A	22. W17 - W18	5 th /6 th
3. B1 - B5		9. B2 - B5		15. B3 - B5	19. 1B - 2A	23. L19 - L20	3 rd /4 th
4. B2 - B4		10. B3 - B4		16. B1 - B2	20. 1A - 2B	24. W19 - W20	1 st /2 nd

BL 10.5.3.8 Schedule for ten (10) teams

The ten teams shall play on Day 1 to Day 5 a preliminary round-robin in two Groups, A and B, with five teams team in both groups. The semi-finals shall be played on Day 6 between the two best placed teams from each preliminary group and the teams placed 3rd and 4th. The teams placed 5th shall play for the final rankings 9th and 10th. The final rankings from 1st to 8th shall be played on Day 7.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Rankings
1. A1 - A5	5. B4 - B5	9. A3 - A4	13. A2 - A3	17. B1 - B2	21. 5A - 5B		9 th /10 th
2. A2 - A4	6. B1 - B3	10. A2 - A5	14. A1 - A4	18. B3 - B5	22. 4A - 3B	26. L22 - L23	7 th /8 th
3. B1 - B5	7. A4 - A5	11. B3 - B4	15. B2 - B3	19. A3 - A5	23. 3A - 4B	27. W22 - W23	5 th /6 th
4. B2 - B4	8. A1 - A3	12. B2 - B5	16. B1 - B4	20. A1 - A2	24. 2A - 1B	28. L24 - L25	3 rd /4 th
					25. 1A - 2B	29. W24 - W25	1 st /2 nd

The eleven teams shall play on Day 1 to Day 5 a preliminary round-robin in two Groups, A and B, with five teams in Group A and six teams in Group B. The semi-finals shall be played on Day 6 between the two best placed teams from each preliminary group the teams placed 3rd and 4th. The teams placed 5th shall play for rankings 9th and 10th. The team placed 6th in Group B will be ranked 11th. The final ranking rankings from 1st to 8th shall be played on Day 7.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Rankings
1. A3 - A4	6. B3 - B5	11. A4 - A5	16. B5 - B6	21. A2 - A4	26. 5A - 5B		9 th /10 th
2. A2 - A5	7. B4 - B6	12. A1 - A3	17. B1 - B4	22. A1 - A5	27. 3A - 4B	31. L27 - L28	7 th /8 th
3. B1 - B6	8. B1 - B2	13. B2 - B6	18. B2 - B3	23. B3 - B6	28. 3B - 4A	32. W27 - W28	5 th /6 th
4. B3 - B4	9. A3 - A5	14. B4 - B5	19. A1 - A4	24. B2 - B4	29. 1A - 2B	33. L29 - L30	3 rd /4 th
5. B2 - B5	10. A1 - A2	15. B1 - B3	20. A2 - A3	25. B1 - B5	30. 1B - 2A	34. W29 - W30	1 st /2 nd

BL 10.5.3.10 Schedule for twelve (12) teams

The twelve teams shall play on Day 1 to Day 5 a preliminary round-robin in two Groups, A and B, with six teams in each group. Semi-finals shall be played on Day 6 between the two best placed teams from each preliminary group and the teams placed 3rd and 4th and the teams placed 5th and 6th. Finals for rankings 1st to 12th shall be played on Day 7.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Rankings
1. A1 - A6	7. B4 - B6	13. A4 - A5	19. B5 - B6	25. A3 - A6	31. 6A - 5B	37. L31 - L32	11 th /12 th
2. A3 - A4	8. B3 - B5	14. A2 - A6	20. B1 - B4	26. A2 - A4	32. 5A - 6B	38. W31 - W32	9 th /10 th
3. A2 - A5	9. B1 - B2	15. A1 - A3	21. B2 - B3	27. A1 - A5	33. 4A - 3B	39. L33 - L34	7 th /8 th
4. B1 - B6	10. A4 - A6	16. B4 - B5	22. A5 - A6	28. B3 - B6	34. 3A - 4B	40. W33 - W34	5 th /6 th
5. B3 - B4	11. A3 - A5	17. B2 - B6	23. A1 - A4	29. B2 - B4	35. 2A - 1B	41. L35 - L36	3 rd /4 th
6. B2 - B5	12. A1 - A2	18. B1 - B3	24. A2 - A3	30. B1 - B5	36. 1A - 2B	42. W35 - W36	1 st /2 nd

BL 10.5.3.11 Schedule for thirteen (13) teams

The thirteen teams shall play on Day 1 to Day 3 a preliminary round-robin in four Groups, with three teams in Groups A, B and C and four teams in group D. On Day 4 the teams placed 2nd and 3rd in each preliminary group shall play a second preliminary round in a cross group format. The first placed teams will have a rest day. The fourth placed team in Group D will be ranked 13th. Semi-finals and matches for rankings 9th to 12th shall be played on Day 6. Finals for rankings 1st to 8th shall be played on Day 7.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Rankings
1. A1 - A3	6. B1 - B2	11. C2 - C3	16. 2A - 3B	20. L16 - L18	26. L20 - L21		11 th /12 th
2. B1 - B3	7. C1 - C2	12. D1 - D4	17. 3A - 2B	21. L17 - L19	27. W20 - W2		9 th /10 th
3. C1 - C3	8. D3 - D4	13. D2 - D3	18. 2C - 3D	22. 1A - W18	28. L22 - L23	32. L28 - L29	7 th /8 th
4. D1 - D3	9. D1 - D2	14. A2 - A3	19. 3C - 2D	23. 1B - W19	29. L24 - L25	33. W28 - W29	5 th /6 th
5. D2 - D4	10. A1 - A2	15. B2 - B3		24. 1C - W16	30. W22 - W23	34. L30 - L31	3 rd /4 th
				25. 1D - W17	31. W24 - W25	35. W30 - W31	1 st /2 nd

BL 10.5.3.12 Schedule for fourteen (14) teams

The fourteen teams shall play Day 1 to Day 3 a preliminary round-robin in four groups with three teams in Group A and B and with four teams in Group C and D. On Day 4 the teams placed 2nd and 3rd shall play a second preliminary round in a cross group format. The first placed teams will have a rest day. The fourth placed teams from Groups C and D will play a decisive match for places 13th and 14th. Semi-finals and matches for rankings 9th to 12th shall be played on Day 6. Finals for rankings 1st to 8th shall be played Day 7.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Rankings
1. A1 - 3	7. B1 - B2	13. C1 - C4	19. 4C - 4D				13 th /14 th
2. B1 - B3	8. C4 - C3	14. C2 - C3	20. 2A - B	24. L20 - L22	30. L24 - L25		11 th /12 th
3. C1 - C3	9. C1 - C2	15. D1 - D4	21. 3A - 2B	25. L21 - L23	31. W24 - W25		9 th /10 th
4. C2 - C4	10. D4 - D3	16. D2 - D3	22. 2C - 3D	26. 1A - W22	32. L26 - L27	34. L32 - L33	7 th /8 th
5. D1 - D3	11. D1 - D2	17. A2 - A3	23. 3C - 2D	27. 1B - W23	33. L28 - L29	35. W32 - W33	5 th /6 th
6. D2 - D4	12. A1 - A2	18. B2 - B3		28. 1C - W20	34. W28 - W29	36. L34 - L35	3 rd /4 th
				29. 1D - W21	35. W26 - W27	37. W34 - W35	1 st /2 nd

BL 10.5.3.13 Schedule for fifteen (15) teams

The fifteen teams shall play Day 1 to Day 3 a preliminary round-robin in four groups with three teams in Group A and four teams in Groups B, C and D. On Day 4 the teams placed 2nd and 3rd shall play a second preliminary round in a cross format. The first placed teams will have a rest day on Day 4. From Day 4 to Day 6 the three fourth placed teams shall play a round-robin for places 13th to 15th. Semi-finals shall be played on Day 6 and the Finals on Day 7.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Rankings
1. A1 - A3	8. B4 - B3	15. C1 - C4	22. 4B - 4D	27. 4C - 4D	34. 4B - 4C		13 th /14 th /15 th
2. B1 - B3	9. B1 - B2	16. C2 - C3	23. 2A - 3B	28. L23 - L25	35. L28 - L29		11 th /12 th
3. B2 - B4	10. C4 - C3	17. D1 - D4	24. 3A - 2B	29. L24 - L26	36. W28 - W29		9 th /10 th
4. C1 - C3	11. C1 - C2	18. D2 - D3	25. 2C - 3D	30. 1A - W25	37. L30 - L31	41. L37 - L38	7 th /8 th
5. C2 - C4	12. D4 - D3	19. A2 - A3	26. 3C - 2D	31. 1B - W26	38. L32 - L33	42. W37 - W38	5 th /6 th
6. D1 - D3	13. D1 - D2	20. B1 - B4		32. 1C - W23	39. W30 - W31	43. L39 - L40	3 rd /4 th
7. D2 - D4	14. A1 - A2	21. B2 - B3		33. 1D - W24	40. W32 - W33	44. W39 - W40	1 st /2 nd

BL 10.5.3.14 Schedule for sixteen (16) teams

The sixteen teams shall play on Day 1 to Day 3 a preliminary round-robin in four groups, Group A, B, C and D, with four teams in each group. On Day 4 the teams placed 2nd to 4th shall play second preliminary round, where the second and third placed teams in each group in a cross group format. The fourth placed teams in each group form a new group of four teams and they shall play for places 13th to 16th. The first placed teams will have a rest day on Day 4. The Quarter Final Round shall be played on Day 6. The finals for places 1st to 8th shall be played in Day 7.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Rankings
1. A1 - A3	9. B4 - B3	17. C1 - C4	25. 4A - 4B	31. L25 - L26			15 th /16 th
2. A2 - A4	10. B1 - B2	18. C2 - C3	26. 4C - 4D	32. W25 - W26			13 th /14 th
3. B1 - B3	11. C4 - C3	19. D1 - D4	27. 2A - 3B	33. L27 - L29	39. L33 - L34		11 th /12 th
4. B2 - B4	12. C1 - C2	20. D2 - D3	28. 3A - 2B	34. L28 - L30	40. W33 - W34		9 th /10 th
5. C1 - C3	13. D4 - D3	21. A1 - A4	29. 2C - 3D	35. 1A - W29	41. L35 - L36	45. L41 - L42	7 th /8 th
6. C2 - C4	14. D1 - D2	22. A2 - A3	30. 3C - 2D	36. 1B - W30	42. L37 - L38	46. W41 - W42	5 th /6 th
7. D1 - D3	15. A4 - A3	23. B1 - B4		37. 1C - W27	43. W35 - W36	47. L43 - L44	3 rd /4 th
8. D2 - D4	16. A1 - A2	24. B2 - B3		38. 1D - W28	44. W37 - W38	48. W43 - W44	1 st /2 nd

BL 10.5.3.15 Schedule for seventeen (17) teams

The seventeen teams shall play on Day 1 to Day 4 a preliminary round-robin in four Groups, A, B, C and D, with four teams in Group A, B and C, and five teams in Group D and with the teams from D having for one day two matches. The Quarter Finals shall be played on Day 5 with the first and second placed teams and the third and fourth placed teams shall play each other in a cross group format. The fifth placed team in Group D will be ranked 17th. Semi-finals shall be played on Day 6 and the Finals on Day 7.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Rankings
1. D3 - D5	10. C1 - C3	17. D1 - D4	24. A2 - A4	29. 4A - 3D	37. L29 - L30	45. L37 - L38	15 th /16 th
2. D1 - D2	11. D4 - D5	18. D2 - D3	25. B1 - B3	30. 3A - 4D	38. L31 - L32	46. W37 - W38	13 th /14 th
3. C1 - C2	12. D1 - D3	19. A1 - A3	26. C3 - C4	31. 4B - 3C	39. W29 - W30	47. L39 - L40	11 th /12 th
4. B3 - B4	13. A2 - A3	20. B1 - B4	27. D3 - D4	32. 3B - 4C	40. W31 - 32	48. W39 - W40	9 th /10 th
5. B1 - B2	14. A1 - A4	21. B2 - B3	28. D2 - D5	33. 2A - 1D	41. L33 - L34	49. L41 - L42	7 th /8 th
6. A1 - A2	15. B2 - B4	22. C1 - C4		34. 1A - 2D	42. L35 - L36	50. W41 - W42	5 th /6 th
7. A3 - A4	16. C2 - C4	23. C2 - C3		35. 2B - 1C	43. W33 - W34	51. L43 - L44	3 rd /4 th
8. D1 - D5				36. 1B - 2C	44. W35 - W36	52. W43 - W44	1 st /2 nd
9. D2 - D4							

BL 10.5.3.16 Schedule for eighteen (18) teams

The eighteen teams shall play on Day 1 to Day 4 a preliminary round-robin in four Groups, A, B, C and D, with four teams in Group A and B, and five teams in Group C and D and with teams from C and D having for one day two matches. The Quarter Finals shall be played on Day 5 with the first and second placed teams and the third and fourth placed teams shall play each other in a cross group format. The fifth placed teams shall play final match for places 17th and 18th. Semi-finals shall be played on Day 6 and the Finals on Day 7.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Rankings
1. B3 - B4	9. C4 - C5	18. D1 - D4	27. C2 - C5	33. 4A - 3D	41. 5C - 5D		17 th /18 th
2. B1 - B2	10. C1 - C3	19. D2 - D3	28. A2 - A4	34. 3A - 4D	42. L33 - L34	50. L42 - L43	15 th /16 th
3. C3 - C5	11. D4 - D5	20. A1 - A3	29. B1 - B3	35. 4B - 3C	43. L35 - L36	51. W42 - W43	13 th /14 th
4. C1 - C2	12. D1 - D3	21. B1 - B4	30. C3 - C4	36. 3B - 4C	44. W33 - W34	52. L44 - L45	11 th /12 th
5. D3 - D5	13. A2 - A3	22. B2 - B3	31. D3 - D4	37. 2A - 1D	45. W35 - W36	53. W44 - W45	9 th /10 th
6. D1 - D2	14. A1 - A4	23. C1 - C4	32. D2 - D5	38. 1A - 2D	46. L37 - L38	54. L46 - L47	7 th /8 th
7. A1 - A2	15. B2 - B4	24. C2 - C3		39. 2B - 1C	47. L39 - L40	55. W46 - W47	5 th /6 th
8. A3 - A4	16. C1 - C5	25. D1 - D5		40. 1B - 2C	48. W37 - W38	56. L48 - L49	3 rd /4 th
	17. C2 - C4	26. D2 - D4			49. W39 - W40	57. W48 - W49	1 st /2 nd

BL 10.5.3.17 Schedule for nineteen (19) teams

The nineteen teams shall play on Day 1 to Day 4 a preliminary round-robin in four Groups, A, B, C and D, with four teams in Group A and five teams in Groups B, C and D and with teams from B, C and D having for one day two matches. The Quarter Finals shall be played on Day 5 with the 1st and 2nd placed teams and the 3rd and 4th placed teams shall play each other in a cross group format. The 5th placed teams shall play a round-robin for rankings 17th to 19th. Semi-finals shall be played on Day 6 and the Finals on Day 7.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Rankings
1. B3 - B5	11. C4 - C5	20. D1 - D4	29. B2 - B5	37. 5B - 5C	46. 5B - 5D	55. 5C - 5D	17 th /18 th /19 th
2. B1 - B2	12. C1 - C3	21. D2 - D3	30. C2 - C5	38. 4A - 3D	47. L38 - L39	56. L47 - L48	15 th /16 th
3. C3 - C5	13. D4 - D5	22. A1 - A3	31. D2 - D5	39. 3A - 4D	48. L40 - L41	57. W47 - W48	13 th /14 th
4. C1 - C2	14. D1 - D3	23. B1 - B4	32. A1 - A4	40. 4B - 3C	49. W38 - W39	58. L49 - L50	11 th /12 th
5. D3 - D5	15. A2 - A4	24. B2 - B3	33. A2 - A3	41. 3B - 4C	50. W40 - W41	59. W49 - W50	9 th /10 th
6. D1 - D2	16. B4 - B5	25. C1 - C4	34. B3 - B4	42. 2A - 1D	51. L42 - L43	60. L51 - L52	7 th /8 th
7. A3 - A4	17. B1 - B3	26. C2 - C3	35. C3 - C4	43. 1A - 2D	52. L44 - L45	61. W51 - W52	5 th /6 th
8. A1 - A2	18. C1 - C5	27. D1 - D5	36. D3 - D4	44. 2B - 1C	53. W42 - W43	62. L53 - L54	3 rd /4 th
9. B1 - B5	19. C2 - C4	28. D2 - D4		45. 1B - 2C	54. W44 - W45	63. W53 - W54	1 st /2 nd
10. B2 - B4							

BL 10.5.3.18 Schedule for twenty (20) teams

The twenty teams shall play on Day 1 to Day 4 a preliminary round-robin in four Groups, A, B, C and D, with five teams in each group and with teams from each group having for one day two matches. The Quarter Finals shall be played on Day 5 with the 1st and 2nd placed teams and the 3rd and 4th placed teams from each group. The 5th placed teams shall play each other in a cross group format. Semi-finals shall be played on Day 6 and the finals on Day 7.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Rankings
1. A3-A4	11. B3-B5	21. C4-C5	31. D1-D4	41. 5A-5D	51. L41-L42		19 th /20 th
2. A2-A5	12. B1-B2	22. C1-C3	32. D2-D3	42. 5B-5C	52. W41-W42		17 th /18 th
3. B3-B4	13. C3-C5	23. D4-D5	33. A1-A4	43. 4A-3D	53. L43-L44	61. L53-L54	15 th /16 th
4. B2-B5	14. C1-C2	24. D1-D3	34. A2-A3	44. 3A-4D	54. L45-L46	62. W53-W54	13 th /14 th
5. C3-C4	15. D3-D5	25. A4-A5	35. B1-B4	45. 4B-3C	55. W43-W44	63. L55-L56	11 th /12 th
6. C2-C5	16. D1-D2	26. A1-A3	36. B2-B3	46. 3B-4C	56. W45-W46	64. W55-W56	9 th /10 th
7. D3-D4	17. A3-A5	27. B4-B5	37. C1-C4	47. 2A-1D	57. L47-L48	65. L57-L58	7 th /8 th
8. D2-D5	18. A1-A2	28. B1-B3	38. C2-C3	48. 1A-2D	58. L49-L50	66. W57-W58	5 th /6 th
9. A1-A5	19. B1-B5	29. C1-C5	39. D1-D5	49. 2B-1C	59. W47-W48	67. L59-L60	3 rd /4 th
10. A2-A4	20. B2-B4	30. C2-C4	40. D2-D4	50. 1B-2C	60. W49-W50	68. W59-W60	1 st /2 nd

BL 10.5.4 Draw

BL 10.5.4.1 The draw for the FINA World Masters Championships shall be made at least one month prior to start of the Water Polo competition. The seeding for the draw for the preliminary rounds shall be based on the placing at the previous FINA World Masters Championships as follows:

- a) With two groups in the age group:
 - First line, the best and second best placed of the entered teams from the previous Championships,
 - Second line, two of the next best placed of the entered teams from the previous Championships,
 - The rest of the entered teams shall be placed in groups by a random draw.

- b) With four groups in the age group:
 - First line, four of the best placed of the entered teams from the previous Championships,
 - The rest of the entered teams shall be placed in groups by a random draw.

BL 10.5.4.2 Teams from the same country should not be drawn in the same group, if possible

BL 10.5.4.3 The FINA Masters Commission can decide, if needed, on additional criteria as base for the draw.

BL 10.5.5 Classification

BL 10.5.5.1 The classification of teams in the preliminary rounds will be made based on FINA BL 9.6.

BL 10.6 Artistic Swimming

BL 10.6.1 In FINA World Masters Championships a club may enter up to five (5) routines in solo, duo, mixed duo and team in each age group in each event, and one (1) Free Combination in each age group.

BL 10.6.2 A competitor can take part in only one Duet, Mixed Duet, Team and one Free Combination.

BL 10.6.3 A female competitor can take part in both Duet and Mixed Duet.

BL 10.6.4 Changes in names of competitors for a routine must be received by the Chief Recorder at least 14 days prior to the first event of the Artistic Swimming competition. The new competitor must have already registered for the competition with the organising committee.

BL 10.6.5 The reserves listed in a routine must be of an age that any combination of the listed competitors would result in swimming in the same age group.

BL 10.6.6 Any changes in reserves must be handed to the Chief Recorder in writing at least two hours prior to the listed start time for the age group routine. Changes after this can only be made in the case of sudden illness of or an accident to a competitor and if the reserve is ready to compete without delaying the competition.

BL 10.6.7 A competitor may be listed as a reserve on more than one routine in an age group event. However, once a competitor swims in one routine, that competitor is ineligible to swim in another routine in the same age group event.

BL 10.6.8 Failure to notify the Chief Recorder of substitution and/or scratches shall result in disqualification of the routine.

BL 10.6.9 Order of Appearance

BL 10.6.9.1 For the FINA World Masters Championships, a computer draw for the Technical Routines shall be done by the Chief Recorder at least 24 hours before the Technical Meeting.

The order of the draw shall be Team, Free Combination, Duet and Solo.

BL 10.6.9.2 When a competitor(s) draws start number one (1) in a Technical Routine, she (they) will be exempted from drawing start number one (1) in another Technical Routine in the same Age Group, if possible.

Swimming number one (1) in a Technical Routine does not make a routine exempt from swimming number one (1) in the Free Routine in the same event.

BL 10.6.9.3 The order of appearance for the Free Routines in each age group shall be determined by the results of the Technical Routines for that age group event and shall be swum in groups of 6 competitors.

- a) If the number of competitors is not divisible by 6, the smallest group shall start first.
- b) If there are fewer than 12 entries in an age group event, the draw will be in two equal groups, the smallest group start first.
- c) If there is a tie in the placement in an age group event which overlaps two groups, those competitors shall form a group of their own and swim between the original groups.

BL 10.6.9.4 For each age group event, the lowest scoring competitors in the Technical Routine will swim in the first group and the highest scoring competitors will swim in the last group.

BL 10.6.9.5 Within each age group in each event, the highest scoring competitor in the Technical Routine for that age group and event shall draw first, with the next competitors drawing in order of Technical Routine placement. In the case of ties, the order of draw shall be based on the Technical Routine start number, with the lowest start number drawing first.

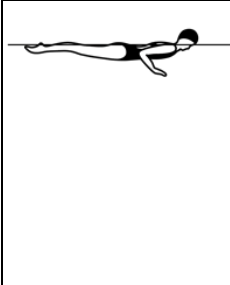
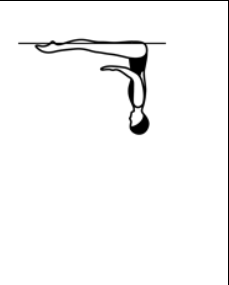
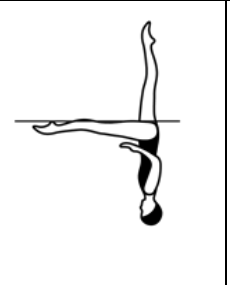
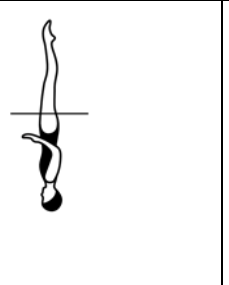
BL 10.6.10 Judging and Scoring

BL 10.6.10.1 At the FINA World Masters Championships at least four (4) judges shall officiate in three panels.

BL 10.6.11 For the FINA World Masters Championships the Degree of Difficulty for Required Elements shall be:

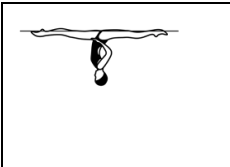
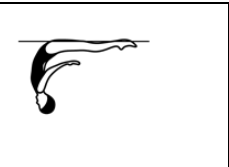
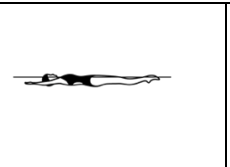
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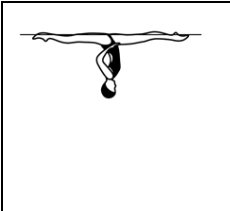
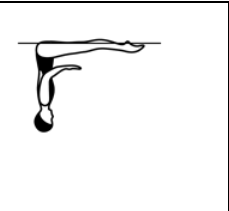
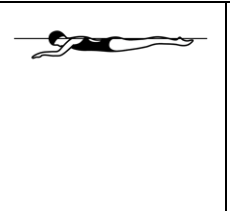
FISHTAIL – from a Front Layout Position, a Front Pike Position is assumed; one leg is lifted to a Fishtail Position, the second leg is lifted to a Vertical Position (ending is optional).

					Total
NVT=	6.0	14.5	20.5		41
PV =	1.46	3.54	5.00		1.61

ELEMENT #2 - 1.3

SPLIT POSITION – followed by a walkout front or walkout back. The final DD is based on the lowest of the two values.

					Total
NVT=	23.0	8.0			31
PV =	7.42	2.58			1.42

					Total
NVT=	19.0	6.0			25
PV =	7.60	2.40			1.31

ELEMENT #3 – 1.1

SPINNING 180° – From a Bent Knee Position, a Spin 180° is executed as the legs are joined to a Vertical Position at the ankles followed by submergence.

					Total
NVT=	15.0	0.0			15
PV =	10.0	0.0			1.13

ELEMENT #4 – 1.3

TRAVELLING BALLET LEG COMBINATION – Beginning in a Back-Layout Position to include any 2 of the following positions – Bent Knee Back Layout, right; Bent Knee Back Layout, left; Ballet Leg, left; Ballet Leg, right; Flamingo Position, left; Flamingo Position, right; Ballet Leg Double. The DD is based on the lowest value of two positions combined.

						Total
NVT=	10.5	11.0	(13.0 or 18.5)	3.0	19.0	21.5
PV =	4.77	5.0		1.36	8.64	1.25

ELEMENT #5 – 1.6

BARRACUDA BENT KNEE – From the Back-Pike Position with the legs perpendicular and the toes just below the surface, a Thrust is executed as one leg is drawn along the inside of the other extended leg to assume a Bent Knee Vertical Position. A Vertical Descent is executed in a Bent Knee Vertical Position at the same tempo as the Thrust.

					Total
NVT=	28.0	11.0			39
PV =	7.18	2.82			1.57

BL 11 WORLD CUPS

BL 11.1 General Rules

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

BL 11.1.1 All World Cups shall be conducted with doping control in accordance with FINA Doping Control Rules.

BL 11.1.2 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 11.1.3 Judging selections shall be determined by the appropriate Technical Committee, subject to approval by the Bureau or the Executive.

BL 11.2 Diving

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

BL 11.3 Water Polo

BL 11.3.1 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 11.3.2 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 11.4 Artistic Swimming

BL 11.4.1 The Rules for the Artistic Swimming Cup are decided by the Bureau and based upon proposals from the Technical Artistic Swimming Committee six (6) months before competition.

BL 11.4.2 The Rules for the FINA Artistic Swimming World Series are decided by the Bureau and based upon proposals from the Technical Artistic Swimming Committee six (6) months before competition.

BL 11.4.3 The Rules for Junior Worlds Artistic Swimming Competitions are decided by the Bureau based upon the proposals from the Technical Artistic Swimming Committee six months (6) before competition.

BL 11.5 High Diving

BL 11.5.1 At the World Cup only dives prescribed by the FINA Rules for High Diving shall be executed.

BL 11.5.2 The number of participants is decided by the Bureau and based upon proposals from the Technical High Diving Committee. From a Member not more than three (3) male divers and no more than four (4) female divers can be selected for fully expensed attendance at the event. Additional divers from Members may participate at the Members expense.

BL 11.5.3 No more than three (3) male divers and no more than four female (4) divers in the rankings after round three may progress to the final round from a Member.

BL 12 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION AND THE FINA WORLD AQUATIC CALENDAR

BL 12.1 An International Competition shall refer to any competition organised or sanctioned by FINA, any Continental or Regional Organisation or any Member Federation in which other FINA recognised Federations, clubs or individuals participate.

BL 12.2 International Competitions are divided into the following tiers:

1. Tier 1. Major World Aquatics Competitions - the Olympic Games, FINA World Championships, FINA World Swimming Championships (25m);
2. Tier 2. Other FINA World Competitions - World Junior and Youth Championships in each discipline, World Cups, World Leagues, World Series and other FINA competitions;
3. Tier 3. Continental and Regional Competitions - Continental or Regional Multi-Sport Games, Competitions organised by Continental or Regional Organisations;
4. Tier 4. - Member Federation' International Competitions - Events organised or sanctioned by a Member Federation in which other FINA recognised Federations, clubs or individuals participate;
5. Tier 5. – other competitions of major international importance as defined by FINA.

BL 12.3 All Continental and Regional Organisations and Member Federations shall seek approval from FINA for any International Competition to be organised or sanctioned by them. Approval is however not necessary for national competitions in which foreign clubs or individuals not representing their Member Federation participate. The application for approval shall be submitted to FINA at least six months prior to the proposed date of the International Competition, and shall include the following information:

1. Proposed dates of the International Competition;
2. Competition Programme;
3. Doping Control Organization;
4. Any modification of the FINA Rules and requirements.

BL 12.4 Any approval of the International Competition from FINA shall be subject to all conditions and requirements in accordance with the FINA Rules. All Competitors must comply with FINA eligibility rules.

BL 12.5 FINA World Aquatic Calendar.

FINA shall compile and publish on its website the FINA World Aquatic Calendar in which all International Competitions approved by FINA shall be listed. When a new application for approval of an International Competition is received, FINA will compare the proposed dates of the new International Competition with the FINA World Aquatic Calendar to determine if the new dates conflict with a previously approved International Competition. If a conflict is deemed to exist by FINA (or any other issue arises in connection with the proposed International Competition) after considering the aquatic discipline, geographic region of the International Competition and/or age group of the Competitors and/or any other matter which FINA may in its discretion take into consideration, FINA will contact the new applicant and advise them that a conflict exists, and request that the dates be changed or competition is postponed to avoid the conflict. Applicants are advised to check the FINA World Aquatic Calendar for potential conflict in dates prior to applying for approval of a new International Competition. It is the policy of FINA that no International Competition of major international importance, with the exception of Masters competitions, should be held within 30 days prior to any Tier 1 Event, without FINA's prior consent.

BL 12.6 Any cancellation or rescheduling of an International Competition that has been approved by FINA and published on the FINA World Aquatic Calendar shall be reported to FINA as soon as practicable, but in any case not later than 3 months prior to the commencement of that competition.

BL 12.7 Competition Programme.

For Tier 3 Continental or Regional Multi-Discipline Competitions or Multi-Sport Games, the Competition Programme should include all aquatic disciplines where possible. Any Tier 3 International Competition should include at a minimum the Competition Programme for the relevant discipline at the prior Olympic Games. For Tier 4 and Tier 5 International Competitions, applicants are asked to state in the application for approval the competition programme to be adopted and the reasons for the said programme (e.g., sprint events only or relay events only, etc).

BL 12.8 Modification of FINA Rules and Requirements. Any application for approval of any International Competition shall indicate the modifications (if any) of the FINA Rules and Requirements applicable to the event.

BL 12.9 Failure to comply with BL 12 may lead to possible sanctions in accordance with C 12.7.

BL 13 REQUIREMENTS WITH REGARD TO ORDER, SAFETY AND SECURITY AT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND FINA COMPETITIONS (AND CONTINENTAL AND REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS/GAMES)

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 13.1 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 13.2 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 13.3 Organisation

BL 13.3.1 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 13.3.2 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 13.4 Security Meetings

BL 13.4.1 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 13.4.2 In the event of serious emergency situation all persons identified in BL 13.4.1 on a special signal broadcast over the public address system must immediately attend an Emergency Meeting.

BL 13.4.3 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 13.5 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 13.6 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 13.7 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 13.8 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 13.9 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 13.10 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 13.11 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 13.12 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 13.13 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 13.14 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 13.15 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 13.16 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 13.17 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.

BL 13.18 Conduct of FINA World Championships and FINA Competitions in case of emergency situation

In case of an emergency, the FINA Bureau is empowered to formulate all rules and regulations for the conduct of FINA World Championships and FINA Competitions without applying the one-year notice provided under FINA Rule GR 9.1.3.

BL 14 AUTONOMY AND MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS OF FINA MEMBERS

BL 14.1 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 14.2 Members of the FINA Members, in particular clubs, states, provinces or others so named, shall only be able to exercise their voting rights at the general meetings of the FINA member to which they are affiliated and nominate individuals to a board of directors to if they comply with the following conditions:

- i. It shall have a minimum of 10 athletes affiliated to it;
- ii. It shall participate in national championships and other Aquatics competitions recognised and/or organised by the FINA member to which it is affiliated;
- iii. It shall pay its annual membership fee set by the FINA member to which it is affiliated and comply with all other financial obligations; and
- iv. It shall fully comply with the rules enshrined under FINA Rule C.8, notably complying with and implementing decisions taken by FINA (notably taken by the Congress, the Bureau, the Executive or/and judicial panels) and the FINA member to which it is affiliated, as well as supporting FINA and the FINA Member to which it is affiliated in their efforts to achieve their objectives.

BL 15 HIGH DIVING COMPETITION FORMAT

BL 15.1 The men's and women's competition is divided into two (2) sessions in a two (2) or three (3) day programme as agreed between FINA and the OC.

BL 15.2 The competitions for men and women shall comprise four (4) dives. A dive of the same number shall be regarded as the same dive.

BL 15.3 Women 20m Platform

BL 15.3.1 The Women's competitions shall comprise four (4) dives. Two (2) dives with a limit of (DD) 2.6 and from two different take off positions and two (2) optional dives without limit of DD from two different groups.

BL 15.3.2 If the DD of the required dive is less than 2.6 the calculated DD following appendixes HD1 and HD2 will be used. If a diver performs a dive above 2.6 they will only receive 2.6.

BL 15.3.3 A diver may provide on the statement of dives two (2) reserve dives which may be substituted five (5) minutes before commencement of the final round of dives subject to the dive being compliant with the competition rules.

BL 15.4 Men 27m Platform

BL 15.4.1 The Men's competitions shall comprise four (4) dives. One (1) required dives with a maximum DD of 2.8, one (1) intermediate dive with a maximum DD of 3.6. These two dives must be performed from different take off position and two (2) dives without limit of DD from two different groups.

BL 15.4.2 If the DD of a required dive is less than 2.8 the calculated DD following appendixes HD1 and HD2 will be used. If a diver performs a dive above 2.8 they will only receive 2.8.

BL 15.4.3 If a diver performs a dive from the same take off position or from the same group the referee will declare it a fail dive.

BL 15.4.4 If the DD of the intermediate dive is less than 3.6 the calculated DD following appendixes HD1 and HD2 will be used. If a diver performs a dive above 3.6 they will only receive 3.6.

BL 15.4.5 A diver may provide on the statement of dives two (2) reserve dives, which may be substituted five (5) minutes before commencement of the final round of dives subject to the dive being compliant with the competition rules.

BL 16 AQUATICS ATHLETES' RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

BL 16.1 Aquatics Athletes' Rights

BL 16.1.1 Aquatics Athletes have the right to a culture of trust and respect, including protection of physical and mental health through a safe competition and training environment without abuse and harassment. For instance, Aquatics Athletes have the right to be protected from any form of harassment or abuse, of whatever sort, including notably physical, psychological or sexual, and they have the right to expect that any allegation of this type is appropriately and efficiently prosecuted by the competent instances and authorities.

BL 16.1.2 Aquatics Athletes have the right to compete in a safe environment free of structural defaults, defects, and environmental hazards.

BL 16.1.3 Aquatics Athletes have the right to participate in Aquatics events without any discrimination on the basis notably of race, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, disability, political affiliation, or religion – and subject only to sport qualification criteria.

BL 16.1.4 Aquatics Athletes have the right to participate in competitions that are based entirely on the competing merits of the participants and consistent with the FINA Rules on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, the FINA Doping Control Rules and the World Anti-Doping Code.

BL 16.1.5 Aquatics Athletes have the right to due process, including the right to a fair hearing within a reasonable time by an independent and impartial panel (e.g., the FINA Doping Panel, the FINA Disciplinary Panel and/or the FINA Ethics Panel) with a right to appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

BL 16.1.6 Aquatics Athletes have the right to report unethical behavior without fear of retaliation.

BL 16.1.7 Aquatics Athletes have the right to access general information on competitions in a timely and clear manner. Accordingly, FINA publishes a Calendar that lists all FINA Sanctioned Events allowing Aquatics Athletes to plan their training and competition schedules.

[**NOTE TO BL 16.1.7:** FINA Sanctioned Event means any competition or event either directly organized by FINA, a FINA National Federation, a FINA Continental Organization, and/or a FINA Regional Organization, or otherwise organized, sponsored, and/or hosted by an independent organizer with the sanction of FINA or the sanction of a FINA National Federation, a FINA Continental Organization or a FINA Regional Organization and, where applicable, the approval of FINA.]

BL 16.1.8 All results achieved by Aquatics Athletes at Sanctioned Events will be recognized by FINA and will be published in FINA's official top times ranking lists.

BL 16.1.9 Aquatics Athletes who satisfy FINA and/or IOC qualification criteria and rules for participation in FINA World Championships, FINA World Swimming Championships and Olympic Games will be invited to participate in those events through their National Federation or National Olympic Committee and subject to any criteria imposed by the National Federation or National Olympic Committee.

BL 16.1.10 FINA will not undertake disciplinary action for Aquatics Athletes who choose to participate in events that are not FINA Sanctioned Events.

BL 16.2 Aquatics Athletes' Responsibilities

BL 16.2.1 Aquatics Athletes shall act in accordance with the FINA Code of Ethics and are encouraged to report unethical behaviour, including instances of doping, manipulation of competitions, prohibited discrimination, and abuse and harassment.

BL 16.2.2 Aquatics Athletes shall respect the rights and well-being of, and refrain from discriminating against or harassing, other athletes, officials, volunteers and all others within the sporting environment.

BL 16.2.3 Aquatics Athletes shall comply with applicable national laws, policies of National Federations, and rules of qualification for competitions and events.

BL 16.2.4 Aquatics Athletes shall compete as clean athletes, in particular by refraining from doping and complying with the FINA Doping Control Rules and the World Anti-Doping Code for required conduct in both in-competition and out-of-competition testing protocol.

BL 16.2.5 Aquatics Athletes shall act in accordance with the FINA Rules on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions and refrain from any activities that are not consistent with fair and equitable competition.

BL 16.2.6 Aquatics Athletes shall participate in the governance of the sport by voting in elections for athlete representatives to the FINA Athletes Committee.

BL 16.2.7 Aquatics Athletes shall inform themselves of the technical rules for their respective discipline contained in the FINA Handbook and the Aquatics Athletes' responsibilities contained in the FINA Rules, notably the FINA By Laws and General Rules.

BL 17 POLICY ON ELIGIBILITY FOR THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S COMPETITION CATEGORIES

(both approved by the FINA Bureau and ratified by the FINA Congress on 19 June 2022)

BL 17.1 Introduction

FINA is the international federation recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for administering international competitions in Aquatics. Its primary mission is to promote and encourage the advancement of Aquatics in all possible aspects, throughout the world. It does this through the promotion of Aquatics health, education, and development, and the staging of FINA competitions, including the FINA World Championships, World Cups, Grand Prix, World Leagues, and World Series events and tournaments. FINA is responsible for promulgating appropriate rules and regulations for the disciplines of Swimming, Open Water Swimming, Diving, Water Polo, Artistic Swimming, and High Diving, as well as for Masters programme/activity.

As part of its mission, FINA is responsible for developing and administering eligibility criteria for its sport and competitions. In this respect, FINA is committed to providing safe, fair, inclusive, and non-discriminatory opportunities for all Aquatics athletes wishing to compete in FINA competitions.

Historically, Aquatics sport has been separated into men's and women's competition categories. The separation reflects the sport's commitment to: (1) ensuring equal opportunity for both male and female athletes to participate and succeed in the sport, including through the equal representation in its programs and competitions of athletes of both biological sexes; (2) ensuring competitive fairness and physical safety within its competition categories; and (3) developing the sport and promoting its popular appeal and commercial value. Because of the performance gap that emerges at puberty between biological males as a group and biological females as a group, separate sex competition is necessary for the attainment of these objectives. Without eligibility standards based on biological sex or sex-linked traits, we are very unlikely to see biological females in finals, on podiums, or in championship positions; and in sports and events involving collisions and projectiles, biological female athletes would be at greater risk of injury.

BL17.2 Background of the Policy

In November 2021, the IOC issued its Framework on Fairness, Inclusion and Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Gender Identity and Sex Variations (IOC Framework), which encouraged all international federations to develop eligibility criteria for the women's competition category that reflect the specificities of their particular sports but that include to the maximum extent possible athletes who, without regard to their sex or sex-linked traits, identify as women.

Specifically, the IOC Framework rejects the presumption that the male sex confers an athletic advantage, and discourages continued reliance on a testosterone proxy as the exclusive basis for eligibility for the women's category. Where evidence-based concerns about safety or fairness mean

it is not possible to include male-to-female transgender athletes (transgender women) and athletes with 46 XY differences of sex development (46 XY DSD) and a female legal gender and/or gender identity in the women's competition category, it encourages consideration of alternative opportunities within the sport, such as open events.

In January 2022, the International Federation of Sports Medicine and the European Federation of Sports Medicine Associations issued a joint position statement (Joint Position Statement) responding to what those organisations considered to be failures of the IOC process and recommendations. According to the Joint Position Statement, the IOC's focus on only one aspect of the human rights analysis meant that it failed to take proper account of "the scientific, biological or medical aspects," in particular that "high testosterone concentrations, either endogenous or exogenous, confer a baseline advantage for athletes in certain sports" such that "it is clear to uphold the integrity and fairness of sport that these baseline advantages of testosterone must be recognized and mitigated."

In response to the IOC Framework and the Joint Position Statement, FINA convened a working group to consider the best available statistical, scientific, and medical evidence concerning sex differences in sports performance, and any associated male sex-based advantage. Its charge was to use this evidence to establish eligibility criteria to regulate the participation of transgender and 46 XY DSD athletes in the men's and women's categories in Aquatic sports that are consistent with FINA's mission and core commitments. The working group included (a) an athlete group (Athlete Group), (b) a science and medicine group (Science Group), and (c) a legal and human rights group (Legal and Human Rights Group).

The Athlete Group was comprised of current and retired Aquatics athletes and coaches (including transgender athletes and coaches), who brought to account their views and the views of their broader communities. The view of the majority of the Athlete Group was that competitive fairness must remain the primary objective in the establishment of competition categories. Moreover, it was highlighted that by reason of their sex and sex-linked traits, females often enjoy fewer societal opportunities compared to males, including fewer sporting opportunities, and sex-separated competitions are necessary to help address this inequality. In the majority view, FINA should remain committed to the separation of athletes in sport into men's and women's categories based on biological sex and should allow male-to-female transgender athletes (transgender women) and athletes with 46 XY DSD with a female gender identity to compete in the women's category pursuant to eligibility criteria that are consistent with, and do not undermine, that commitment.

The Science Group was comprised of independent experts in the fields of physiology, endocrinology, and human performance, including specialists in sex differences in human performance and in transgender medicine. The task of the Science Group was to examine the most up-to-date scientific knowledge on (1) the impact of biological sex on athletic performance, and (2) the impact of gender-affirming medical transition on factors that influence athletic performance, and to produce a report setting out their findings.

The Science Group reported that biological sex is a key determinant of athletic performance, with males outperforming females in sports (including Aquatics sports) that are primarily determined by neuromuscular, cardiovascular, and respiratory function, and anthropometrics including body and

limb size. The extent of the male/female performance gap varies by sport and competition, but the gap universally emerges starting from the onset of puberty. The group reported that there are sex-linked biological differences in Aquatics, especially among elite athletes, that are largely the result of the substantially higher levels of testosterone to which males are exposed from puberty onwards. Prior to puberty, testosterone levels are similar in females and males. During puberty, however, testes-derived testosterone concentrations increase 20-fold in males, while testosterone concentrations remain low in females so that post-pubescent males have circulating testosterone concentrations at least 15 times higher than post-pubescent females (15-20 nmol/L in adult males versus c.1 nmol/L in typical females of any age). High testosterone levels generate not only anatomical divergence in the reproductive system but also measurably different body types/compositions between sexes.

According to the Science Group, if gender-affirming male-to-female transition consistent with the medical standard of care is initiated after the onset of puberty, it will blunt some, but not all, of the effects of testosterone on body structure, muscle function, and other determinants of performance, but there will be persistent legacy effects that will give male-to-female transgender athletes (transgender women) a relative performance advantage over biological females. A biological female athlete cannot overcome that advantage through training or nutrition. Nor can they take additional testosterone to obtain the same advantage, because testosterone is a prohibited substance under the World Anti-Doping Code.

The Legal and Human Rights Group was comprised of legal experts in sex discrimination, human rights, and international sports law, including the jurisprudence of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). This group accepted the lawfulness of FINA's mission, authority and responsibility, and FINA's core commitment to equality of opportunity for both male and female athletes, all as summarised above. It was informed of the views of the Athlete Group and the scientific evidence produced by, and conclusions of, the Science Group. Thus, its task was to reflect FINA's commitment to a sex-based women's category as necessary to ensure that FINA does not discriminate against—and is able to empower—female athletes, and that Aquatics is able to promote male and female athletes and male and female sport equally. It is also understood that, as with any form of affirmative action, FINA's effort not to discriminate against female athletes and thus to ensure a sex-based women's category itself has exclusionary effects. In this instance, those effects are on male-to-female transgender athletes (transgender women) and athletes with 46 XY DSD whose gender identity is female. The Legal Group has tailored FINA's eligibility rule narrowly, so that (a) it is neither under- nor over-inclusive, and (b) it includes provisions throughout that are designed to ensure that the requirements and restrictions for transgender women and 46 XY DSD athletes with a female gender identity to compete in the women's competition category are limited to what is necessary and proportionate to achieve FINA's overarching objectives.

BL 17.3 The Policy

Taking into account all of the matters outlined above, FINA issues this policy (the Policy) establishing the criteria for eligibility (a) to compete in the men's category or in the women's category in the FINA World Championships, World Cups, Grand Prix, World Leagues, and World Series events and tournaments, and other international competitions events (FINA competitions), and (b) to set FINA World Records in the men's category or in the women's category in FINA competitions and in other events recognised by FINA, wherever they are held.

BL 17.4 Policy Definitions

FINA recognises that some individuals and groups may be uncomfortable with the use of medical and scientific terminology related to sex and sex-linked traits. FINA respects all Aquatics athletes and has sought to avoid sensitive terminology that may cause offense. Nevertheless, some use of sensitive terminology is needed to be precise about the sex characteristics that justify separate competition categories and to ensure that the Policy's terms are understood by all Aquatics stakeholders. Some of those terms are explained in this section.

For purposes of this Policy:

“Differences of sexual development” (DSD) are a group of conditions where external genital appearance is discordant with internal sex organs (testes and ovaries). This Policy is only concerned with 46 XY DSD, i.e., DSD affecting athletes with testes (males as defined below).

The word “female” means possession of XX chromosomes and (in the absence of medical intervention) ovaries and increased circulating oestrogen and progesterone starting at puberty.

The word “male” means possession of XY chromosomes and (in the absence of medical intervention) testes and increased circulating testosterone starting at puberty.

The word “sex” denotes natural biological differences between females and males, including chromosomes, sex organs, and endogenous hormonal profiles. This Policy uses the word “sex” and the term “biological sex” interchangeably.

The term “Tanner Stages” denotes the five stages of puberty during which individuals develop secondary sex characteristics. Tanner Stage 2 denotes the onset of puberty. The normal time of onset of puberty ranges from 8 to 13 years old in females, and from 9 to 14 years old in males.

The term “transgender” refers to individuals whose gender identity and/or expression differs from what is typically associated with their sex.

BL 17.5 The Policy Objectives

FINA is committed to the inclusion of all Aquatics athletes from all countries in the sport, subject to the eligibility requirements set out in this Policy.

It is committed to the separation of Aquatics sports into men's and women's categories according to sex, as this is necessary for the attainment of the goals for that category that are set out in the Introduction to this Policy. It is also committed to providing the opportunity for transgender and 46 XY DSD athletes to compete in Aquatics competitions pursuant to eligibility criteria that are consistent with and do not undermine those goals.

In light of these commitments, the objectives of this Policy are:

- to maintain the separation of Aquatic sports into men's and women's categories according to scientifically-grounded, sex-based criteria;

- to provide opportunities for transgender and 46 XY DSD athletes to compete in FINA competitions in the competition category that reflects their gender identity based on eligibility criteria that are consistent with and do not undermine FINA's goals for the women's category; and
- to provide a clear, fair, respectful, and confidential process by which athletes may establish their eligibility for FINA competitions.

BL 17.6 The Eligibility Requirements for Competition and for setting FINA Records in the Men's and Women's Categories

BL 17.6.1 Eligibility

- a. Subject to the requirements set forth below, all Aquatics athletes are eligible to compete in the men's category or in the women's category in FINA competitions and to set FINA World Records in FINA competitions and other events recognised by FINA, whatever their legal gender, gender identity, or gender expression. No athlete is excluded from a FINA competition or from setting FINA World Records based on their legal gender, gender identity, or gender expression.
- b. All issues relating to the eligibility of an athlete under this Policy to compete in a particular sex category will be determined by FINA following consultation, as necessary, with one or more independent scientific and medical experts appointed by the FINA Executive. It is an important part of this Policy that the experts can assess whether a given athlete meets the eligibility criteria set out below. To that end, FINA may ask the athlete to provide further information and documents and/or to submit to one or more medical examinations. All costs associated with this assessment will be borne by FINA.

BL 17.6.2 Certification

- a. All athletes must certify their chromosomal sex with their Member Federation in order to be eligible for FINA competitions. Failure to do so, or provision of a false certification, will render the athlete ineligible.
- b. Member Federations must confirm their athletes' certifications of chromosomal sex when registering their athletes to compete in FINA competitions.
- c. FINA reserves the right to include a chromosomal sex screen in its anti-doping protocol to confirm such certification.

BL 17.6.3 Eligibility for the Men's Category

- a. All male athletes, including athletes with 46 XY DSD, are eligible to compete in FINA competitions and to set FINA World Records in the men's category, regardless of their legal gender, gender identity, or gender expression.
- b. Female-to-male transgender athletes (transgender men) are eligible to compete in FINA competitions and to set FINA World Records in the men's category, except that:

i. For the disciplines of Water Polo and High Diving, the athlete must provide to FINA an assumption of risk form (in the form set out in Appendix One to this Policy) signed and dated by the athlete or, if the athlete is a minor, by their legal proxy.

[Comment to Section F.3.b.i: It is strongly recommended that the athlete speaks with a qualified medical specialist prior to competition to ensure their physical ability to participate in the event in the men's category and to ensure that they understand the attendant risks.]

ii. All athletes who are undergoing treatment involving testosterone or other anabolic substances as part of female-to-male gender-affirming hormone treatment are required to obtain a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) for that treatment in accordance with the FINA Doping Control Rules (FINA DCR).

BL 17.6.4 Eligibility for the Women's Category

a. All female athletes are eligible to compete in FINA competitions and set FINA World Records in the women's category, regardless of their legal gender, gender identity, or gender expression, under the following conditions:

i. Athletes who have previously used testosterone as part of female-to-male gender-affirming hormone treatment (with or without a TUE) but are no longer following that treatment are eligible to compete in the women's category in FINA competitions and to set FINA World Records in the women's category in FINA competitions and in other events recognised by FINA if they can establish to FINA's comfortable satisfaction that (a) the testosterone use was for less than a year in total (i.e., from the date of first use to the date of last use) and did not take place during pubertal growth and development, and (b) their testosterone levels in serum (or plasma) are back to pre-treatment normal and any associated anabolic effects have been eliminated.

ii. Female athletes who have used testosterone in violation of the World Anti-Doping Code or FINA DCR (or any other applicable anti-doping rules) may return to competition after they have served their period of ineligibility.

b. Male-to-female transgender athletes (transgender women) and athletes with 46 XY DSD whose legal gender and/or gender identity is female are eligible to compete in the women's category in FINA competitions and to set FINA World Records in the women's category in FINA competitions and in other events recognised by FINA if they can establish to FINA's comfortable satisfaction that they have not experienced any part of male puberty beyond Tanner Stage 2 or before age 12, whichever is later. Specifically, the athlete must produce evidence establishing that:

i. They have complete androgen insensitivity and therefore could not experience male puberty; or

ii. They are androgen sensitive but had male puberty suppressed beginning at Tanner Stage 2 or before age 12, whichever is later, and they have since continuously maintained their testosterone levels in serum (or plasma) below 2.5 nmol/L.

iii. An unintentional deviation from the below 2.5 nmol/L requirement may result in retrospective disqualification of results and/or a prospective period of ineligibility.

iv. An intentional deviation from the below 2.5 nmol/L requirement may result in retrospective disqualification of results and a prospective period of ineligibility equal or commensurate in length to periods imposed under the FINA DRC for intentional anti-doping rule violations involving anabolic steroids.

[Comment to Section F.4.b: For purposes of the Policy, all measurements of serum testosterone must be conducted by means of liquid chromatography coupled with mass spectrometry.]

BL 17.6.5 Process for Application

The process for applications for eligibility is set forth in the Operational Requirements (see Appendix Two to this Policy).

BL 17.7 Competitive Opportunities within and outside of the Men's and Women's Categories

- a) Classifying athletes on the basis of sex is necessary to meet FINA's goals for female Aquatics athletes and the women's competition category. FINA's eligibility standards for the women's category are narrowly tailored so that they can achieve those goals without unnecessarily limiting participation by gender-diverse athletes.
- b) Male-to-female transgender athletes (transgender women) and athletes who have a 46 XY DSD and a female legal gender and/or gender identity are eligible to compete in the women's category in FINA competitions and to set FINA World Records in the women's category at FINA competitions and other events recognised by FINA if they meet the applicable eligibility conditions.
- c) Female-to-male transgender athletes (transgender men) are eligible to compete in the men's category at FINA competitions and to set FINA World Records in the women's category at FINA competitions and in other events recognized by FINA if they meet the applicable eligibility conditions.
- d) Otherwise, everyone who qualifies according to the applicable eligibility conditions has a place in FINA's competition categories based on their sex.
- e) Within those categories, gender diversity is welcome. For example, female-to-male transgender athletes (transgender men) who are not using exogenous androgens remain eligible for, and are welcome to compete in, the women's category; and male-to-female transgender athletes (transgender women) remain eligible for, and are welcome to compete in, the men's category whether or not they are suppressing their endogenous androgens.
- f) Athletes who do not meet the applicable criteria for the men's category or the women's category may compete in any open events that FINA may develop in the future. FINA will begin work following the final promulgation of this Policy to determine the feasibility of establishing an open category in Aquatics sport disciplines, in which an athlete who meets the eligibility

criteria for that event would be able to compete without regard to their sex, their legal gender, or their gender identity.

- g) Athletes may also seek to qualify for and compete in events that are organised and sanctioned by bodies other than FINA. FINA does not seek to limit the development by others of opportunities to participate in different competitions.
- h) FINA recommends that each Member Federation adopts its own sex and gender policy to determine eligibility to compete in events taking place under its jurisdiction. FINA recommends that Member Federations use that policy to create a safe environment for their athletes, transgender or otherwise, that respects the inclusion of all Aquatics athletes.
- i) Member Federations may use this Policy as a guideline for national-level and age-group competition, to be tailored based on any relevant requirements within their jurisdiction. For the avoidance of doubt, however, any policy applied at a national level will not determine the eligibility of athletes to compete in FINA competitions or to set FINA World Records. Instead, that will be determined exclusively by reference to this Policy. In addition, any policy adopted and enforced by a Member Federation remains within the jurisdiction of the Member Federation. It follows that any decision taken by a Member Federation concerning the applicability of its policy, or this Policy, is not considered a FINA decision.
- j) FINA recommends that organisers of recreational (non-competitive or non-elite) Aquatics events consider their local circumstances and goals in their determination of whether or not separate sex competition is also necessary for them.

BL 17.8 Continued Involvement

While all athletes have a place in Aquatic sports, FINA acknowledges that the application of this Policy means that certain individuals may not be able to compete in the category that best aligns with their legal gender, gender identity, or gender expression. Individuals who exercise the choice not to compete because of these eligibility standards are encouraged to consider coaching, officiating, administration, and/or other ways to stay involved with Aquatics.

For more information on how to become involved, please contact FINA or your Member Federation.

BL 17.9 Application

This Policy will come into effect on 20 June 2022. It governs eligibility to compete in FINA competitions and to set FINA World Records at FINA competitions and other events recognised by FINA, taking place from that date forward

FINA is committed to reviewing this Policy periodically to take account of all relevant scientific and medical developments. It may be amended from time to time by FINA based on such developments.

BL 17.10 Assistance with this Policy



FINA is committed to the inclusion of all Aquatics athletes in accordance with the eligibility requirements set out in this Policy. Any individual seeking information on the application of this Policy should contact FINA for assistance at eligibility@fina.org.



APPENDICES

Appendix One (BL 17): Assumption of Risk Form

I, [print name], wish to compete in the men’s competition category in Water Polo and/or High Diving in accordance with FINA’s Policy on Eligibility for the Men’s and Women’s Competition Categories.

I have read and understood and agree to comply with the Policy and the Operational Requirements appended to the Policy.

I acknowledge and accept the possible increased injury risk associated with transgender men competing in the men’s competition category in Water Polo alongside males who are statistically likely to be stronger, faster, and heavier than transgender men.

AND/OR

I acknowledge and accept the possible increased injury risk associated with transgender men competing in the men’s competition category in the High Diving given the demands of the discipline.

I acknowledge and agree that it is my sole personal responsibility to determine whether I have the physical abilities to safely participate in the men’s competition category in Water Polo and/or High Diving.

I understand and acknowledge that FINA strongly recommends that I speak to a qualified medical specialist prior to competition to ensure my physical ability to participate in the men’s category and to ensure that I understand the attendant risks.

I acknowledge and agree that I am voluntarily assuming the risk that I might suffer loss, injury, death, or other damage as a result of my participation in the men’s competition category, including (without limitation) any possible increased risk due to my status as a female-to-male transgender athlete. I hereby waive and release FINA and all persons and entities involved in any way in FINA Competitions (including, without limitation, all of their respective members, directors, officers, employees, volunteers, contractors, and agents) from any claim of liability in respect of such loss, injury, death, or other damage.

Athlete name:
Athlete National Federation:
Athlete signature:
Date:

If the athlete is under the age of eighteen, this form must be signed on the athlete’s behalf by the athlete’s legal proxy.

Proxy name:
Proxy signature:
Proxy relationship to athlete:
Date:

Please complete this form and return it to eligibility@fina.org

Appendix Two (BL 17): Operational Requirements in relation to FINA's Policy on Eligibility for the Men's and Women's Competition Categories

In the case of confidential queries concerning the Policy (BL 17) or these Operational Requirements, or for the establishment of eligibility thereunder, please contact: eligibility@fina.org

A. Introduction

1. These Operational Requirements implement the Policy on Eligibility for the Men's and Women's Competition Categories that the FINA Bureau adopted on 18 June 2022 and that the FINA Congress ratified on 19 June 2022 (the Policy). They will come into effect on 20 June 2022, and from that date forward they will bind all Member Federations, athletes, and other natural and legal persons who are subject to FINA's jurisdiction, and will govern eligibility: (a) to compete in the FINA World Championships, World Cups, Grand Prix, World Leagues, and World Series events and tournaments, and other international events (FINA Competitions), and (b) to set FINA World Records in FINA Competitions and/or in other events recognised by FINA, wherever they are held.

2. The Policy and these Operational Requirements are intended to operate uniformly around the world, regulating the conditions to compete in FINA Competitions, and to set FINA World Records in FINA Competitions and other events recognised by FINA, wherever they are held. The Policy and these Operational Requirements are, therefore, to be interpreted and applied not by reference to national or local laws, but rather as an independent and autonomous text, and in a manner that protects and advances the objectives identified in the Policy.

3. Defined words and phrases used in these Operational Requirements have the meaning given to them in the FINA Constitution, or in the Policy, or in these Operational Requirements.

B. Eligibility Conditions and Application

1. The eligibility conditions for competing in the men's and women's categories in FINA competitions and for setting FINA World Records in the men's and women's categories in FINA Competitions and in other events recognised by FINA are set out in the Policy (the Eligibility Conditions).

2. Any athlete (including any transgender or 46 XY DSD athlete) who wishes to be eligible to participate in a FINA Competition, or to set a FINA World Record in a FINA Competition or in another event recognised by FINA, agrees, as a condition to such eligibility, and subject always to the confidentiality provisions set out in Section G:

a. To fully comply with the Policy and these Operational Requirements;

b. To cooperate promptly and in good faith with FINA and one or more independent scientific and medical experts appointed by the FINA Executive (Independent Expert) in the discharge of their responsibilities under the Policy and these Operational Requirements, including to provide them with all of the information and evidence (including physical examinations) they request to enable

them to assess compliance and/or monitor continuing compliance with the eligibility conditions set out in the Policy and these Operational Requirements;

c. To the fullest extent permitted and required under data protection and other laws of Switzerland and any other applicable jurisdictions) to the collection, processing, disclosure, and use of information (including their sensitive personal information) as required to implement and apply the Policy and these Operational Requirements effectively and efficiently; and

d. To follow the procedures set out in Section F to challenge the Policy and/or these Operational Requirements and/or to appeal decisions made under the Policy and/or these Operational Requirements, and not to bring any proceedings in any court or other forum that are inconsistent with that agreement.

3. An athlete may revoke at any time, with or without giving reasons, the consent that they have granted under Section B.2, in which case they will be deemed to have withdrawn any claim to satisfy the eligibility conditions set out in the Policy and these Operational Requirements.

4. Prior to competition, each Member Federation must register its athletes with the FINA General Management System (GMS). At registration, each Member Federation will be required to identify each athlete's chromosomal sex in accordance with Policy Section F.2 and either confirm compliance with the Policy and these Operational Requirements or identify that the matter requires further consideration under the Policy and these Operational Requirements. It remains the obligation of the National Federation to maintain an accurate record of their athletes' chromosomal sex and understanding of the application of the Policy and these Operational Requirements.

5. The performance in an event recognised by FINA of an athlete who has not been registered with FINA (i.e. a non-FINA event) in accordance with the foregoing requirements may be recognised as a FINA World Record if the athlete and/or their Member Federation satisfies FINA that the athlete met all of the relevant Eligibility Conditions of the Policy at the time of the event.

6. If, pursuant to Sections, B.4, B.9, C.4 or C.5, or otherwise in FINA's discretion, a case arises that requires further consideration under the Policy and these Operational Requirements, that matter will be dealt with in accordance with the Policy and these Operational Requirements.

7. Every Member Federation and every athlete and other natural or legal person who is subject to FINA's jurisdiction:

a. must cooperate promptly and in good faith with an Independent Expert in the discharge of their respective responsibilities under the Policy and these Operational Requirements; and

b. when providing information pursuant to the Policy and these Operational Requirements, must provide accurate and complete information, and must not provide any information in bad faith or for an improper purpose.

8. For the avoidance of doubt, FINA notes the following:

a. Neither legal recognition of an athlete's gender identity as the athlete's legal sex nor surgical anatomical changes are required in order for a transgender or 46 XY DSD athlete to be eligible to compete at a FINA Competition or to set a FINA World Record in the competition category that is consistent with their gender identity.

b. No athlete is required to undergo any medical assessment and/or treatment under the Policy or these Operational Requirements. It is the athlete's responsibility, in consultation with their medical team, to decide on the advisability of proceeding with any assessment and/or treatment.

c. The Eligibility Conditions operate without prejudice to the other eligibility requirements that are applicable to all athletes under the FINA Rules, which must also be satisfied at all relevant times. In particular, nothing in the Policy or these Operational Requirements is intended to undermine or affect in any way any of the requirements of the World Anti-Doping Code, of the WADA International Standards (including the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions), or of the FINA Doping Control Rules. Nothing in the Policy or these Operational Requirements permits, excuses, or justifies non-compliance with any of those requirements, including any requirement for an athlete to obtain a TUE for the use of substances on the WADA Prohibited List, such as testosterone, spironolactone, or GnRH agonists (see further the WADA Transgender Athletes TUE Physician Guidelines, available at www.wada-ama.org).

9. Any Masters athlete must register directly with FINA prior to participation in the event in question. At registration, each athlete will certify their chromosomal sex in accordance with Policy Section F.2 and either confirm compliance with the Policy and these Operational Requirements or identify that the matter requires further consideration under the Policy and these Operational Requirements.

C. Assessment by Independent Scientific and/or Medical Expert(s)

1. A female-to-male transgender athlete (transgender man), or a male-to-female transgender athlete (transgender woman), or an athlete with a 46 XY DSD whose legal gender and/or gender identity is female, who wishes to establish their eligibility under the Policy (including, without limitation, resulting from an investigation conducted further to Section D.2) must file the following with the FINA Executive:

a. A comprehensive medical history and such other evidence as is required to demonstrate their satisfaction of the Eligibility Conditions. The athlete (and their Member Federation, where applicable) is responsible for ensuring that the information provided is accurate and complete, and that nothing relevant is withheld.

b. The consents and waivers necessary to allow the FINA Executive to provide the athlete's submission under Section C.1.a to an Independent Expert who will conduct the eligibility assessment detailed herein.

2. Upon the athlete's request for an eligibility determination under Section C.1.a, or pursuant to an investigation under Section D.2, an Independent Expert shall review the submission and make a determination of eligibility under the Policy.

3. The Independent Expert shall have the medical and/or scientific credentials and expertise necessary and relevant for the assessments at issue. In selecting an Independent Expert, the FINA Executive may, but need not, draw from experts in the athlete's region.
4. The Independent Expert will assess cases referred to them by the FINA Executive to determine whether the Eligibility Conditions have been met. The Independent Expert may make such enquiries or undertake such investigations or examinations as they consider necessary to carry out the required assessment effectively, including requesting further information from the athlete and/or the athlete's physician, and/or conducting an independent physical examination of the athlete, and/or obtaining opinions from other relevant experts.
5. In making an assessment, an Independent Expert will take into account all relevant and reliable evidence that goes to establishing whether or not the Eligibility Conditions are satisfied, including (without limitation):
 - a. evidence as to whether or not an athlete wishing to compete in the women's category has complete androgen insensitivity;
 - b. evidence as to whether or not an athlete wishing to compete in the women's category suppressed male puberty beginning at Tanner Stage Two or before age 12;
 - c. evidence as to whether or not an athlete wishing to compete in the women's category continuously maintained their testosterone levels in serum (or plasma) below 2.5 nmol/L beginning at Tanner Stage Two or before age 12;
 - d. evidence as to whether or not an athlete wishing to compete in the men's category obtained a TUE authorizing the use of exogenous androgens in accordance with Policy Section 3.b.ii; and
 - e. evidence as to whether or not an athlete wishing to return to competition in the women's category satisfies the conditions set out in Policy Section 4.a.i.
6. If an Independent Expert has any concerns about the adequacy of the evidence provided by the athlete on any particular point, they must give the athlete a fair opportunity to try to address those concerns before they come to their final decision.
7. The Independent Expert will complete their assessment as soon as is reasonably practicable given the circumstances of the case. However, there is no obligation to complete the assessment by any particular date, and in no circumstance will FINA or the Independent Expert be liable for any detriment allegedly suffered by the athlete or anyone else as a result of the length of time taken to complete the assessment.
8. Once they have completed their assessment, the Independent Expert will send their decision in writing to the FINA Executive and the athlete.
 - a. If the Independent Expert decides that the Eligibility Conditions have not been met, they must explain in writing the reasons for that decision. Where applicable, they should also specify what else the athlete may do in order to satisfy the Eligibility Conditions.

b. If an Independent Expert decides that the Eligibility Conditions have been met, they must explain in writing the reasons for that decision. The athlete will immediately be eligible to compete in the relevant competition category (men's or women's, as applicable) in FINA Competitions and to set FINA World Records in that competition category in FINA Competitions and other events recognised by FINA. That eligibility will be subject in every case to the athlete's continuing satisfaction of the Eligibility Conditions, including (where applicable) continuously maintaining their testosterone in serum (or plasma) at a concentration of less than 2.5 nmol/L. The Independent Expert may specify particular means of demonstrating such continuing compliance. In any event, the athlete must produce, on request, evidence satisfactory to an Independent Expert of such continuing compliance.

9. The Independent Expert's decision will be final and binding on all parties. It may only be challenged by way of appeal in accordance with Section F.2.C.

D. Compliance

1. FINA may monitor an athlete's ongoing compliance with the Eligibility Conditions by any appropriate means, including (where relevant) random or targeted testing of the athlete's testosterone level in serum (or plasma) or further assessment by an Independent Expert. The athlete agrees to provide whereabouts information and blood samples for this purpose on request, and also agrees that any samples or whereabouts information that they provide for anti-doping purposes and/or any anti-doping data relating to them may also be used for this purpose.

2. In addition to the general power to monitor continuing compliance with the Eligibility Conditions, FINA may investigate, at any time:

a. whether an athlete who has not filed a declaration under these Operational Requirements is a transgender athlete or 46 XY DSD athlete who needs to establish their eligibility to compete in a particular competition category in accordance with the Policy and these Operational Requirements; and/or

b. any circumstances that indicate actual or potential non-compliance with the Policy and/or these Operational Requirements.

In such cases, if they wish to retain their eligibility to compete in FINA Competitions and to set FINA records in FINA Competitions and in other events recognised by FINA, the athlete in question and their Member Federation (and all other relevant persons who come under FINA's jurisdiction) must cooperate fully and in good faith with that investigation. Where necessary to safeguard the fairness and/or integrity of competition and/or the safety of the competitors, the FINA Executive may provisionally suspend the athlete from competing in FINA Competitions and from setting FINA World Records in FINA Competitions or in other events recognised by FINA pending resolution of the matter, provided that in such cases all reasonable endeavours will be used to complete the investigation as expeditiously as possible. Any such provisional suspension may be appealed in accordance with Section F.2.a.

3. Any investigation under Section D.2 must be initiated in good faith and on reasonable grounds based on information derived from reliable sources, such as (without limitation) information from the affected athlete or their Member Federation, results from a routine pre-participation health examination, or data as to testosterone levels and/or other data obtained from analysis of samples collected for anti-doping purposes.
4. Without prejudice to Section D.5, if it is determined that a male-to-female transgender athlete (transgender woman) or a 46 XY DSD athlete competed in the women's competition category at a FINA Competition while having testosterone levels in serum (or plasma) of 2.5 nmol/L or more, the results obtained by the athlete/team at that event will be disqualified, with all resulting consequences, including forfeiture of any medals, ranking points, prize money, or other rewards awarded to the athlete based on those results.
5. An unintentional deviation from the 2.5 nmol/L requirement may result in retrospective disqualification of results and/or a prospective period of ineligibility.
6. Without prejudice to Section D.7, if it is determined that a male-to-female transgender athlete (transgender woman) or a 46 XY DSD athlete competed in the women's category at an event recognised by FINA while having testosterone levels in serum (or plasma) of 2.5 nmol/L or more, the results obtained by the athlete/team at that event will not be recognised for purposes of determining FINA records.
7. An intentional deviation from the 2.5 nmol/L requirement may result in retrospective disqualification of results and a prospective period of ineligibility equal or commensurate in length to periods imposed under the FINA Doping Control Rules for intentional anti-doping rule violations involving anabolic agents.
8. Since athletes specifically agree to comply with the Policy and these Operational Requirements for eligibility purposes (and transgender women undergoing testosterone-suppression treatment will typically maintain serum testosterone levels below 2.5 nmol/L), the burden is on the athlete to establish, to FINA's reasonable satisfaction, that any deviation above 2.5nmol/L was unintentional.

E. Disciplinary Proceedings and Sanctions

1. Where:
 - a. information that is provided pursuant to the Policy and/or these Operational Requirements is inaccurate or misleadingly incomplete;
 - b. an athlete competes in a FINA Competition in a category of competition for which they have not satisfied the Eligibility Conditions;
 - c. an athlete who has previously been determined to have satisfied the Eligibility Conditions fails to cooperate fully and in good faith with efforts to determine their continuing compliance with the Eligibility Conditions;
 - d. there has been any other breach of or non-compliance by an athlete with the Policy and/or these Operational Requirements; or

e. a coach, trainer, agent, or other person or entity has been complicit in an athlete's breach of or non-compliance with the Policy and/or these Operational Rules; FINA may take disciplinary action against the person(s) involved in accordance with FINA Rule C 23.

2. In such disciplinary proceedings, the person(s) charged may not challenge the validity of the Policy or these Operational Requirements, or of any decision made under the Policy or these Operational Requirements. Instead, such challenge may only be brought by way of challenge or appeal in accordance with Section F.

3. In such disciplinary proceedings, the sanctions to be imposed, depending on all of the circumstances of the case, may include (without limitation):

a. a caution, reprimand and/or warning as to future conduct;

b. the disqualification of individual and/or team results obtained in FINA Competitions, with all resulting consequences, including forfeiture of any medals, ranking points, prize money, or other rewards awarded to the athlete based on those results;

c. the non-recognition as a FINA record of individual and/or team results obtained at an event recognised by FINA;

d. a specified period of ineligibility to participate in FINA Competitions and to set FINA records in other events recognised by FINA;

e. a fine; and/or

f. if the breach involves more than two members of a representative team of a Member Federation, or if there are multiple breaches involving such a team, appropriate sanctions on the team and/or the Member Federation (e.g., disqualification of team results; imposition of a period of future ineligibility to participate in FINA Competitions; a fine).

F. Dispute Resolution

1. The validity of the Policy and/or these Operational Requirements may only be challenged by way of ordinary proceedings filed before the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland (CAS) or as part of an appeal to the CAS made pursuant to Section F.2.

2. The following decisions (and only the following decisions) made under the Policy and these Operational Requirements may be appealed to the CAS:

a. a decision to suspend an athlete provisionally from competition pursuant to Section D.2 may be appealed by the athlete, in which case FINA will be the respondent to the appeal;

b. a decision that the athlete may not compete in FINA Competitions or set FINA records in the competition category that is consistent with their gender identity may be appealed by the athlete, in which case FINA will be the respondent to the appeal; and

c. a decision by an Independent Expert that the athlete may compete in FINA Competitions in the competition category that is consistent with their gender identity may be appealed by FINA, in which case the athlete will be the respondent to the appeal.

3. Any such challenge or appeal will be conducted in the English language and will be governed by the FINA Constitution and other FINA Rules (in particular, the Policy and these Operational Requirements), with the laws of Switzerland applying subsidiarily. In the case of any conflict between any of the above instruments and the CAS Code of Sports-Related Arbitration in force at the relevant time, the above-instruments will take precedence.

4. The CAS will hear and determine the challenge/appeal in accordance with the CAS Code of Sports-Related Arbitration. Pending that determination, the matter under challenge and/or the decision under appeal (as applicable) will remain in full force and effect unless the CAS orders otherwise.

5. The decision of the CAS will be final and binding on all parties, and no right of appeal or other challenge will lie from that decision on any ground, except as set out in Chapter 12 of the Swiss Federal Code on Private International Law.

G. Confidentiality

1. All cases arising under the Policy and these Operational Requirements, and in particular all athlete information provided to FINA under the Policy and these Operational Requirements, and all results of examinations and assessments conducted under the Policy and these Operational Requirements, will be dealt with in strict confidence at all times. All medical information and data relating to an athlete will be treated as sensitive personal information and the Independent Expert will ensure at all times that it is processed as such in accordance with applicable data protection and privacy laws. The information covered by this paragraph will not be used for any purpose not contemplated in the Policy and these Operational Requirements, and will not be disclosed to any third party save as is strictly necessary for the effective application and enforcement of the Policy and these Operational Requirements, or otherwise as is required by law.

2. FINA will not comment publicly on the specific facts of a pending case (as opposed to general descriptions of the process and science involved) except in response to public comments attributed to the athlete involved or their representatives.

3. Each Independent Expert will be required to sign an appropriate conflict of interest declaration and confidentiality undertaking in relation to their work carried out pursuant to the Policy and these Operational Requirements.

H. Costs

1. Athletes are responsible for the costs associated with their initial application for eligibility under the Policy and Operational Requirements, including for obtaining and transmitting their medical files to FINA, and (where applicable) for continuing to satisfy the Eligibility Conditions. FINA is responsible for the costs associated with any required medical assessments and monitoring under the Policy and Operational Requirements.

2. FINA and an athlete whose case arises for investigation and/or assessment under the Policy and these Operational Requirements may agree on the appointment of an independent Ombudsman to assist the athlete in understanding and addressing the Policy and these Operational Requirements. FINA is responsible for the costs of the Ombudsman, if any.

I. Miscellaneous

1. In no circumstances will FINA, the Independent Expert, or any of FINA's employees, officers, agents, representatives, or other persons involved in the administration of the Policy and these Operational Requirements be liable in any way for any acts done (or omitted to be done) in good faith in connection with the administration of the Policy and these Operational Requirements.

2. In the event an issue arises that is not foreseen in the Policy or these Operational Requirements, it will be addressed by FINA in a manner that protects and promotes the objectives identified in the Policy.