



SAN JUAN / 2015



**FINA DIVING GRAND PRIX 2015
SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO
APRIL 16-19, 2015
SAN JUAN NATATORIUM AQUATIC COMPLEX**

Dear Friends:

The "Federación Puertorriqueña de Natación" (FPN) is pleased to invite your Federation to participate in the **FINA Diving Grand Prix Event held in Puerto Rico in Alliance with USA Diving Inc.**, to be held from April 16 -19, 2015, at the San Juan Natatorium Aquatic Complex at Parque Central, Santurce, Puerto Rico.

Number of Divers: There will be individual and synchronized diving competition in the 3-meter springboard and 10-meter platform events. Two (2) divers per individual event and one (1) team per Synchronized and Mixed Synchro event are welcome to participate from each National Federation.

Housing and Payment: The meet headquarters hotel will be at the **Condado Plaza Hilton** in Condado district. The hotel is located **on 999 Ashford Avenue, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00907**, approximately 15 minutes from San Juan Natatorium Aquatic Complex. Hotel reservations may begin as early as Monday, April 10th, 2015. Meals will begin on Monday, April 13th with dinner and will conclude with breakfast on Monday April 20, 2015.

Accommodations and meals will be at a cost of \$165.00 (USD) per person per day for double occupancy and \$235.00 (USD) per person per day for single occupancy. For those who may choose not to stay at the host hotel, a flat rate of \$150.00 (USD) per person will be required. Incidentals and/or extra expenses will be the responsibility of the participant(s) or the Federation they represent. A minimum down payment of 50% of the full amount due, should be sent to "Federación Puertorriqueña de Natación" by **February 16, 2015**. Your final payment will be **due March 15, 2015**.

Entries: Preliminary entries with hotel requirements are due **February 16, 2015** and final entries and final payment by **March 15, 2015**. **We are unable to guarantee availability of rooms after March 15, 2015.**

Visa and Medical Insurance: Puerto Rico is a Commonwealth of the United States of America, therefore **USA visas may be required for some countries prior to enter the territory of Puerto Rico**. For many countries, an interview is required for a USA visa. If your Federation or diver(s) are required to obtain a United States visa, please initiate the process as soon as possible to avoid any problems. We want to emphasize the importance of getting interviews as early as 3 - 4 months in advance to avoid delays in getting your visas. Federations are reminded to ensure they have medical insurance. The Organizing Committee will provide first aid at the pool and the hotel if required at all times. Individual Federations are responsible for all other necessary medical expenses.

Doping Control: Six doping tests will be conducted by the local IOC-accredited laboratory in accordance with FINA doping control rules.

First Aid / Hospital : Beginning on Monday, April, 13, 2015 medical personnel will be present on the pool deck to attend to any medical needs you may have. In the case of a major incident, patients will be transfer to the Hoare Hospital located at Calle Marginal Munoz Rivera 00907 San Juan, Puerto Rico

Safety / Lifeguards : A safety rehearsal will take place near the swimming pool on Thursday by expert lifeguards. An emergency doctor will be available above the technical podium during all competitions. Lifeguards will be available during training sessions and competitions next to our synchro springboards.

Results: Results will be posted following each event by the competition office near the pool. Live results will be available through www.divemeets.com and www.natacionpr.org for the families and federations back home.

Travel: Air travel must be arranged for arrival to and departure from **San Juan, Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport**. Transportation WILL NOT be provided **to or from any other airport**. You will receive information on the ground transportation arrangements prior to your arrival.

We really hope you will be able to participate in the **FINA Diving Grand Prix 2015 in Puerto Rico**. Come and visit us and explore the “*Continent of Puerto Rico*”. If you should have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS,

Thursday, April 16 2015, 10:00 a.m.

Women's 3 Meter Springboard Preliminaries, follow by:
Men's 10 Meter Platform Preliminaries, follow by:
Women's 3 Meter Springboard Semi-Finals A and B, follow by:
Men's 10 Meter Platform Semi-Finals A and B

Friday, April 17, 2015, 10:00 a.m.

Men's 3 Meter Springboard Preliminaries, follow by:
Women's 10 Meter Platform Preliminaries, follow by:
Men's 3 Meter Springboard Semi-Finals A and B, follow by:
Women's 10 Meter Platform Semi-Finals A and B

Saturday, April 18, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

Women's 10 Meter Platform Synchronized Final, follow by:
Men's 3 Meter Springboard Synchronized Final, follow by:
Women's 3 Meter Springboard Final, follow by:
Men's 10 Meter Platform Final, follow by:
3 Meters Springboard Mixed Synchro Final

Sunday, April 19, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

Men's 10 Meter Platform Synchronized Final, follow by:
Women's 3 Meter Springboard Synchronized Final, follow by:
Men's 3 Meter Springboard Final, follow by:
Women's 10 Meter Platform Final, follow by:
10 Meters Platform Mixed Synchro Final

COMPETITION FORMAT

The maximum number of divers who can participate in an individual DGP event is four (4) from the Host Federation and two (2) from each visiting Federation. The Host Federation may enter four (4) divers in the prelims of an individual event but only two (2) can advance to the semi-finals. The Host Federation may enter two (2) teams in the direct final of a synchro event but only the best team may go to the podium for the medals. No additional divers or teams are allowed to start in a DGP meet, which means that participation in the form of exhibition is not allowed.

The FINA DIVING GRAND PRIX comprises the following events:

3 meters Springboard	Men and Women
10 meters Platform	Men and Women
3 meters Springboard Synchro	Men and Women
10 meters Platform Synchro	Men and Women
3 meters Mixed Synchro	Men/Women
10 meters Mixed Synchro	Men/Women

All events shall be conducted in accordance with the FINA Rules.

The format for the individual events in the FINA DIVING GRAND PRIX is the tournament system based only on dives with unlimited degree of difficulty (men six (6) dives, women five (5) dives).

The tournament consists of a preliminary competition, two (2) semi-finals with six (6) divers in each and a final with six (6) divers. Semi-final "A" comprises the divers ranked 12-10-8-6-4-2 and Semi-final "B" comprises the divers ranked 11-9-7-5-3-1 in the preliminary competition, however not more than two (2) dives from the Organizing Federation may be counted among these twelve (12) divers. In the finals, the three (3) best divers from both semi-finals meet. In the semi-finals and finals, the divers start in the reverse order of their placing in the preliminary competition.

The synchronized events are held as direct finals and are run in accordance with FINA Rule D 3.7. If the Organizing Federation enters two (2) teams, only the best team counts and may go to the podium for the medals.

The Mixed Synchro events are held as direct finals and are run in accordance with FINA Rule D 3.9. If the Organizing Federation enters two (2) teams, only the best team counts and may go to the podium for the medals.

Awards

The three best qualified in each event will get Medals.

Technical Meeting:

The Technical meeting will be held at the Hilton Condado Plaza Hotel on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 10:00 am.

Judges

At the FINA DIVING GRAND PRIX meetings, each judge in the judging panel of individual events shall be from different countries, if available. In addition, FINA Certified Judges should be used for all events, however, if there are not enough Certified Judges to fill the requirements, other judges may be used. If judges from seven different nations are not available, the judging panel for that event should be reduced to five judges. In the semi-finals and finals, the panel of judges shall consist of judges whose nationality is different to that of any of the participating divers, if available. In synchronized diving, there shall be nine or eleven judges from different countries, if available. If not possible, there can be two judges from the same country, provided one is judging the execution and the other the synchronization. Otherwise, seven judges can be used.

A Federation taking part in a FINA DGP meet with **a team of four (4) divers or more MUST bring a judge**; the judge might, however, also serve as a coach provided that does not concern the event where he/she is judging. **A Federation that does not bring a judge will be fined 250 Swiss Francs payable to the Organizing Committee.**

BANKING INFORMATION:

Please use this bank to do all money transfer for this event. Please remember that a minimum down payment of 50% of the full amount due, should be sent to “Federación Puertorriqueña de Natación” by **February 16, 2015**. Your final payment will be due **March 15, 2015**. Banking information as follow:

Bank Name: BANCO SANTANDER DE PUERTO RICO
Branch: Avenida Piñero
Bank Address: Ave. Jesús T. Piñero # 1421-23, Puerto Nuevo, PR 00921
Account Name: Federación Puertorriqueña de Natación
Phone Number: 1-787- 781- 6435
ABA number: 021502341
Account No.: 300-481-2440

Swift Code: BSCHPRSX