

## FINA Synchronised Swimming Judges

Every year the National Federations are asked to confirm the judges to be mentioned on the FINA list of the following year. Forms are sent out every autumn to this effect. National Federations are allowed to nominate their judges as follows:

### Categories of Judges:

Please note that each FINA Member Federation is entitled to nominate up to a maximum of five (5) Synchronised Swimming Judges for the "G" list (General list). For each new Judge nominated, the National Federation must provide a Passport / ID card copy.

Also, each Federation may have a maximum of five (5) judges on the "B" list and five (5) on the "A" list.

When a judge is promoted from "General" to "B", the respective Federation may name a new judge to the "G" list (General list).

TSSC members, in addition to the maximum quota allowed per Federation, are identified on the FINA List as "F". When a TSSC Member is no longer a Member of the Committee, two things shall be considered when determining his/her subsequent status as a FINA Official:

- a. FINA Rating when he/she became a member of the TSSC
- b. Judging activity during tenure on the TSSC

If his/her country's quota at the designated level is already full, the former TSSC member shall be in addition to the quota until a vacancy becomes available. If a retiring member was not on the FINA List when initially named to the TSSC, status shall be determined on the basis of judging activity during his/her term(s) on the TSSC.

### Age Limits:

Please note that the maximum age for a Judge to be included in the FINA Synchronised Swimming Judges List is sixty-five (65), as per the FINA Rule BL 6:

*"The maximum age of Technical Officials (Judges, Starters and Referees) when officiating at FINA Championships or FINA Competitions, except Masters, shall be sixty-five (65) years during the year of competition. Technical Officials on the FINA Lists of International Referees, Starters or Judges above that age shall be entitled to officiate until the end of their appointment."*

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### Practice Judges in FINA events:

Federations are permitted to have one practice judge per competition, and the Host Federation is permitted to have two practice judges. Practice judging is not permitted at the Olympic Games.

The Practice Judge's Form must be returned at least 60 days before the beginning of the chosen competition. The FINA TSSC must then approve the application.

To practice judge, a judge must have attended a FINA Judges School and passed the test.

FINA A list judges are not permitted to practice judge at World Championships, World Junior Championships, the FINA World Cup and the Olympic Qualification Tournament.

**It is mandatory for all FINA Synchronised Swimming Judges are to be registered in the FINA GMS.**

**In order to be eligible for nomination at FINA events by the FINA TSSC, Judges must have attended a school and passed the test of the current quadrennial.**

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