



FINA/CNSG Marathon Swim World Series 2019
Balatonfured (HUN), 15 June 2019

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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General Information Balatonfured, Hungary – 15/06/19 Lake Balaton

The Hungarian Swimming Association has the honour and pleasure to invite you to the 4th leg of the 2019 FINA/CNSG Marathon Swim World Series, to be held in Balatonfured (HUN).

The following information has been designed to assist your National Federation in its decision to attend this event.

Please note that all the events in the Series will be conducted according to FINA Rules.

EVENT CONTACT

Should you have any questions or queries regarding the information provided in this document please feel free to contact the Hungarian Swimming Association.

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EVENT KEY DATES

4 May 2019	Preliminary Entries
1 June 2019	Entries by Name, Accreditation, Accommodation, Travel Details
14 June 2019	Technical Meeting (Location and time TBA)
11-14 June 2019	Official Training (competition venue and pool)
15 June 2019	Competition

SITES & DATES of the FINA/CNSG Marathon Swim World Series 2019

01. February 16, 2019	Doha (QAT)
02. May 12, 2019	Seychelles (SEY)
03. June 8, 2019	Setubal (POR)
04. June 15, 2019	Balatonfured (HUN)
05. July 25, 2019	Lac St. Jean (CAN)
06. August 3, 2019	Lac Magentic (CAN)
07. August 28, 2019	Ohrid (MKD)
08. September 7, 2019	Nantou (TPE)
09. September 29, 2019	Chun'An (CHN)

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PARTICIPANTS

Meets are open to entries from all national member federations of FINA and except for clubs within its own country, the HMF shall correspond with, and accept entries, only from national member federations of FINA, and not with clubs, coaches or individual swimmers. The HMF may choose to send a National Team and/or Club Representative.

HMF are encouraged to continue inviting top athletes, most specifically individual medallists of the last Olympic Games (Rio 2016) and FINA World Championships (Budapest 2017).

Each HMF shall be obliged to enter National Stars' within the Host Country meet and shall use its best efforts to ensure the attendance of top swimmers in all other Meets.

ENTRY PROCESS & PROTOCOL

Registration: All National Federation registration and entries will take on the official forms.

Preliminary Entry:

Should you wish to compete at the FINA/CNSG Marathon Swim World Series – Balatonfured, Hungary, please submit your Preliminary Entry no later than **4 May 2019**. Preliminary Entries must include the following:

- The number of male swimmers attending the meet.
- The number of female swimmers attending the meet.
- The number of officials being sent by that National Federation.

Upon receiving the Preliminary Entries, the Hungarian Swimming Association will send a detailed information pack to the National Federation to compete at the event.

FINAL Named Athlete Entry:

Named Entries must be completed and submitted no later than **1 June 2019**.

A recent photo of the swimmer has to be sent in digital format together with the entry form.

Protocol

Costume Protocol - Swimwear worn shall be according to FINA by-laws BL 7 and BL 8.

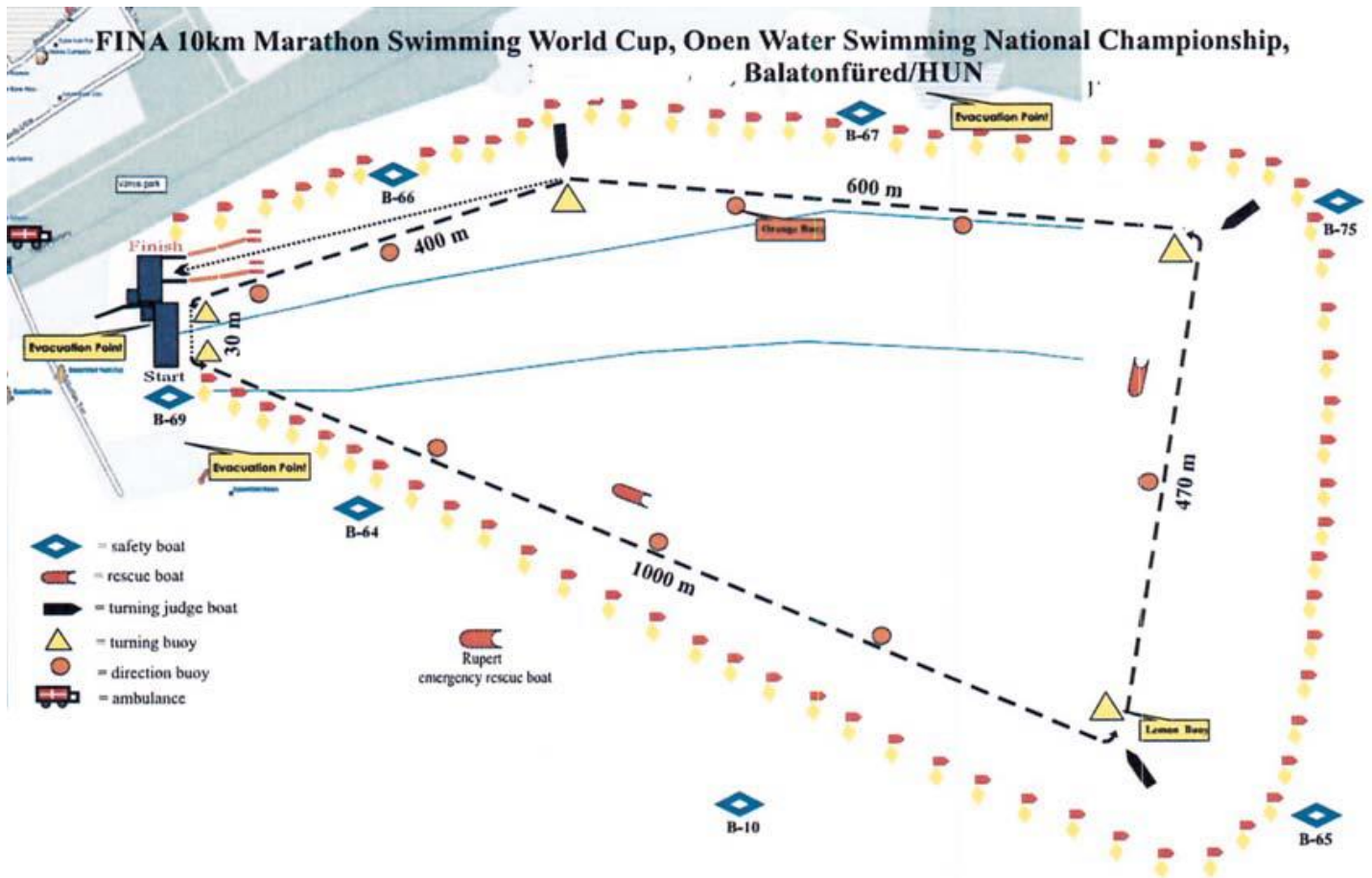
TECHNICAL / TEAM LEADERS` MEETING

A Technical meeting will be held at the competition venue on **14 June 2019** – exact time and location to be announced. One representative from each National Federation/Club must attend this meeting.

COURSE INFORMATION

The competition will be organized on a 2,500 m course, swimmers must complete four (4) laps. It is going to be the same course that was used during the previous editions of the World Series as well as the 17th FINA World Championships in 2017.

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CURRENT AND WEATHER INFORMATION

No currents in the water – course is to be set alongside the lakeshore. There is a generally mild weather in mid-June, air temperature is usually in the 24-28 C, water temperature is usually 22-25C. However, you all witness extreme periods in the weather all around the world – since 2013 we had one outstandingly hot race day, one relatively cooler one (though not extremely cold, water temperature dropped to 19C) and the rest produced the average figures.

COMPETITION PROGRAMME

9:00	Opening ceremony
9:10	Last call, briefing
9:20	Introduction of athletes – men
9:30	Men's race start
9:35	Introduction of athletes – women
9:40	Women's event start
12:30 (appr.)	Victory ceremony – men, women

All announcements, instructions, and commands during the event will be delivered in English.

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PRACTICE SCHEDULE (PROVISIONAL)

Official training days: 11-14 June

Training times:

Competition course (Lake Balaton):

9.30-11.30 and 15.30-17.30, except for Friday, 14 June. On this day there will be **no afternoon session** on Lake Balaton.

25m indoor pool (Balatonfured):

9.00-12.00 and 15.00-18.00

Please note that all times are subject to final confirmation by the OC.

RULES

All events included for competition shall be conducted under the rules of FINA.

POINT SYSTEM AND PRIZE MONEY

1. POINT SYSTEM

In each Event, points will be awarded to the swimmers depending upon their race finishing position. Swimmers may accumulate points at each Event in which they participate and finish, with their total points counting towards the overall final rankings for each year.

The points awarded for both the men's and women's races at each Event will be as follows:

Race Finish Position	Points*
1 st	800
2 nd	700
3 rd	600
4 th	550
5 th	500
6 th	450
7 th	400
8 th	350
9 th	300
10 th	250

All other race finishers:

As it's in the Rules and Regulations 2019

Any swimmers who do not finish the race or who are disqualified will receive zero (0) points.

Any swimmers who the Technical Officials have reason to believe have colluded and/or agreed to finish with a tie, will be subject to disqualification.

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2. PRIZE MONEY AT THE EVENT

At each event the OC pays a total of US\$30'000 prize money, equally distributed between men and women, as follows:

1 st	US\$ 3'500
2 nd	US\$ 3'000
3 rd	US\$ 2'500
4 th	US\$ 1'700
5 th	US\$ 1'500
6 th	US\$ 1'200
7 th	US\$ 950
8 th	US\$ 650

- The method of the distribution of the prize money shall be announced to the swimmers at each Event during the Technical Meeting.
- The total amount of the prize money has to be paid to the swimmers without any deductions.
- In case there are less than 8 finishers within a gender for the race, then all the prize money will be redistributed amongst the finishers.
- The National Federation of all swimmers winning prize money will inform the HMF as to whether the prize money will be paid to the National Federation or directly to the athlete.

3. OVERALL PRIZE MONEY

The overall annual winners will be decided by the male and female swimmers respectively, who have accumulated the most points at Events in that year, provided that they have participated in a minimum of 70% of Events in that year, including the final Event of the season.

The annual prize money to be awarded for both the Men's and Women's Series overall winners is as follows:

1 st	US\$ 50'000
2 nd	US\$ 35'000
3 rd	US\$ 25'000
4 th	US\$ 20'000
5 th	US\$ 15'000
6 th	US\$ 12'000
7 th	US\$ 8'000
8 th	US\$ 5'000
9 th	US\$ 3'500
10 th	US\$ 1'500

VISA REQUIREMENTS

All visitors to Balatonfured, Hungary should have a valid visa for their entry and stay in the country.

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General information for entering Hungary

Hungary joined the Schengen Area on December 21, 2007. From that time visas and residence permits issued by one of the Member States are valid also for Hungary, and visas/residence permits issued by Hungarian authorities are as a general rule also valid for the entire Schengen Area.

Holders of passports issued by the countries, entities or territories listed on the following website are granted, under bilateral agreements, visa-free travel to Hungary:

<http://konzulizsolgalat.kormany.hu/visa-waiver-agreements>

Participants who need a visa to enter Hungary are advised to submit their application to the competent Hungarian mission at least 4 weeks before travelling. Applications should include a proof of registration

Where to submit a visa application?

Uniform visa applications have to be submitted at the representation of Hungary or at the Consulate/Embassy representing Hungary on visa issuance in your country.

Which of the Hungarian consulates are responsible for issuing visa?

- a) where the applicants resides legally and has a habitual residence (the applicant is a citizen of the esteemed country or holds a permit that makes a stay longer than 3 months possible – e.g. residence permit)
- b) the applicant does not have a habitual residence or right for long term stay but at the moment stays legally there and gave reasons for applying at that consulate. This is not a personal right, it depends on the consulate's consideration and can only happen for an extremely good cause.

The stay is legal if, according to the third-countries law, the applicant is entitled to stay within the consulate's authorized area for short stay (e.g. with a visa) or for longer stay (e.g. with residence permit).

If there is no Hungarian mission in the country where the applicant has his/her habitual residence, a Schengen Member State may represent Hungary regarding visa issuance, in the framework of an existing visa representation agreement.

Visas are issued on behalf of Hungary by other Schengen Member States in accordance with visa representation agreements in countries listed on the website at:

<http://konzulizsolgalat.kormany.hu/visa-issuance-on-behalf-of-hungary>

Who can submit a visa application?

The application should be submitted personally by the applicant (fingerprints will be collected /exemptions exist for specific categories of applicants).

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Important information

1. Application shall be lodged no more than three months before the start of the intended visit.
2. The decision about the admissible applications as a main rule must be made within 15 calendar days counted from the submission. Therefore it is advised to submit the application earlier than 15 calendar days before the planned departure. The consulate does not take any responsibility for delayed submission and for therefore failed travels.
3. The period of examining a visa application may be extended up to a maximum of 30 calendar days, and exceptionally up to a maximum of 60 calendar days in special cases.

Documents needed upon visa applications:

1. Completed [visa application form](#);
2. Travel document with at least two empty pages. The passport should have been issued within the last 10 years. The passport must be valid for at least 3 months beyond the date on which you intend to leave the Schengen territory.
3. Travel medical insurance (covering emergency medical, hospitalization and repatriation. The minimum cover should be of 30.000 EUR. This insurance must be valid for the entire Schengen area and throughout the duration of the stay)
4. Travel itinerary and hotel reservation
5. Invitation letter
6. Visa fee (60 EUR)

Please note:

- **All submitted documents must be in English or in the language of the representing Member State**
- **An interview may be required at the Embassy or by phone**
- **You may be asked to provide further information or documentary evidence in addition to the above guideline**


The Hungarian Swimming Association will do its very best to facilitate an entry visa to Hungary for all participants and coordinate all the required procedures upon receipt of (a) electronic copies of a valid passport (at least for 6 months from the entry date), (b) date of arrival and (c) country of residence. All information should reach the Organising Committee no later than **10 May, 2019**.

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

The Hungarian Swimming Association will organise accommodation to all participating athletes and team officials of that event as per FINA/CNSG Marathon Swim World Series Rules & Regulations.

The Official Teams hotel for the FINA/CNSG Marathon Swim World Series – Balatonfured will be the following:

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Option A Anna Grand Hotel****	8230 Balatonfüred, Gyógy tér 1 Website: https://annagrandhotel.hu/en/
Distance from venue	200 m
Wifi	Available for free
 <p>Room rates:</p> <p>SGL: €250 (full board) per night /per room TWN: €280 (full board) per night /per room</p>	
Option B Flamingo Hotel****	8230 Balatonfüred, Széchenyi u. 16. Website: https://www.flamingohotel.hu/en
Distance from venue	900 m
Wifi	Available for free
 <p>Room rates:</p> <p>SGL: €210 (full board) per night /per room TWN: €240 (full board) per night /per room</p>	

To avoid cancellation charges the Accommodation section of the Organising Committee must be notified of any amendments or cancellation by **17 May 2019 the latest**.

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LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

The Organising Committee will welcome all members of the participating National Federations at the Liszt Ferenc International Airport Budapest (<http://www.bud.hu>), providing transportation services between the Airport, the Official Team hotels and the Competition Venue.

Transportation schedules will be provided upon arrival and as part of the detailed Information Pack.

The OC will facilitate Airport Welcome and Transportation services upon receipt of the Travel Information Form to be submitted no later than **1 June 2019**.

Important note: only teams or individuals booking their accommodation through the OC will be eligible for transportation services.