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INTRODUCTION

From 2019, elite swimming stars will have the opportunity to shine in a brand new FINA competition, the "FINA Champions Swim Series", a circuit gathering the top athletes of the Sport. With an original competition format including only finals, the Series aims to be a milestone in the Aquatic Sports calendar.

The main goals of this new international gathering are to give high-level swimmers increased attention and additional occasions to compete, thus generating stronger global interest to the sport of swimming.

The Series will be an exceptional showcase for the sport and its top swimmers. The competition will be held in 50-metre pools and together with innovative sports presentation and entertainment, it will comprise events of 50m, 100m and 200m in freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly (as well as the 400m free and 200m IM), in addition to relay races.

The athletes' participation in this exclusive Series is on an invitation-only basis, comprising the Olympic and World medallists, the current World Record holder and the best in the world rankings in each discipline. Attractive prize money will be paid in each individual race, with overall prize money pool over 4.2 million US dollars.

With an extensive and well-developed range of broadcast partners throughout the globe, alongside digital distribution platforms like FINALIVE.TV, FINA is uniquely placed to deliver an unforgettable circuit of the "FINA Champions Swim Series" to the fans, followers and our potential new stars.

In 2019, the inaugural edition of the FINA Champions Swim Series will be hosted by:

***Guangzhou, China, on April 27-28;
Budapest, Hungary, on May 11-12;
Indianapolis, USA, on May 31-June 1.***

I. EVENT INFORMATION

1. Host, Place and Date of Competitions

The first leg of the FINA Champions Swim Series 2019 will be held in Guangzhou, China:

Saturday, 27 April:	Competition – Day 1
Sunday, 28 April 2019:	Competition – Day 2

The hosts for these event, the China Swimming Association and Guangdong Provincial Sports Administration.

2. Guangdong Province & Guangzhou Information

Guangdong Province is located in the south of mainland China, facing the South China Sea and neighboring Hong Kong SAR and Macau SAR. It's one of the earliest-opened commercial port in ancient China and it was the starting point of the famous "Maritime Silk Road". It's also a forerunner province under the reform and opening policy of China. With an area of 179.7 thousand square kilometers in land space, Guangdong Province is divided to 21 cities and 119 administrative districts. By the end of 2016, the population of Guangdong Province is 109.99 million, while the GDP is 7950 billion, ranking the first all over China.

Guangzhou, capital city of Guangdong Province, is located in the middle south part of Guangdong Province and in the north part of the Pearl River Delta. The third river of China, Pearl River runs through this city. With a favourable geographical location, Guangzhou is a national famous city of its long history and rich culture. It is also an important central city in China and an important trading, transportation, financial, economic, logistics, cultural and technology center of South China. With an area of 7434.4 square meters in land space, Guangzhou has 11 districts and 3 national development districts. By the end of 2016, the population of Guangzhou is 14.04 million, while the GDP is 1960 billion, ranking the top three of big cities in China.

In recent years, lots of important international sports events took place in Guangzhou, such as 2010 Guangzhou Asian Games, 2017 BRICS Games and FINA Diving World Series Guangzhou 2017. Also, FIBA Basketball World Cup will be held in Guangzhou in August, 2019.

Some of the city most recognizable landmarks are Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall, the Museum of the Nanyue King Mausoleum, Temple of the Six Banyan Trees, the Huangpu Military Academy, the Museum of the Nanyue King Mausoleum and Chime Long Safari Park. The city not only attracts tourists for its history and landmarks, it is also a business destination due to the Canton Trade Fair, which is celebrated every spring and autumn.

3. Organising Committee

The China Swimming Association and Guangdong Provincial Sports Administration, have established the Local Organizing Committee of the 2019 FINA Champions Swim Series – Guangzhou (**LOC Guangzhou - 2019**), which shall be in charge of the preparation and organisation of the competitions under the control and supervision of FINA. The participants and the guests of the FINA Champions Swim Series – Guangzhou 2019 required to communicate with LOC, should address their queries according to the details below:

c/o: **FINA Champions Swim Series Guangzhou 2019 Organizing Committee**

Attention: Ms. Han Chaohua, OC Liaison Officer

Address: NO.16 Jiaochang Xi Road, Yuexiu District, Guangzhou, 510056, Guangdong Province, China

Email: gdsports@126.com

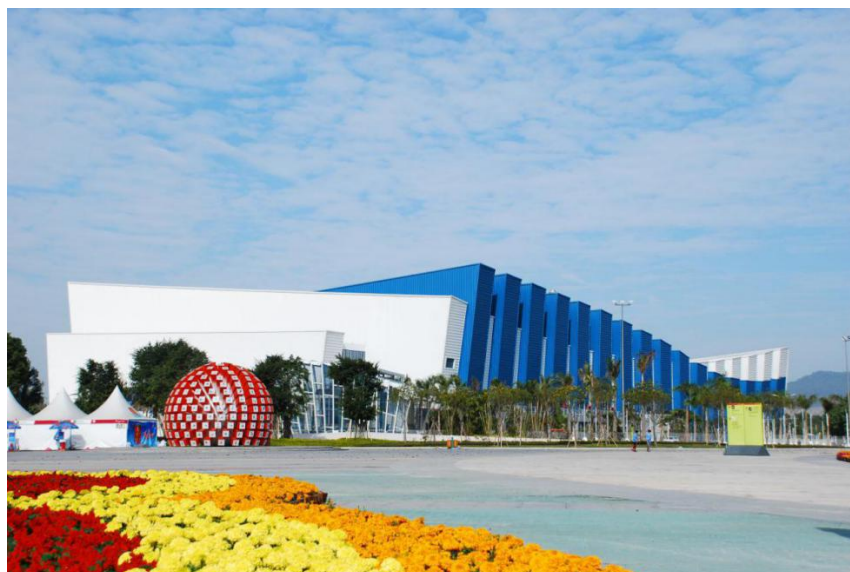
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4. Competition Venue

The official competition venue of the FINA Champions Swim Series will be the Guangdong Olympic Sports Centre Swimming Natatorium.

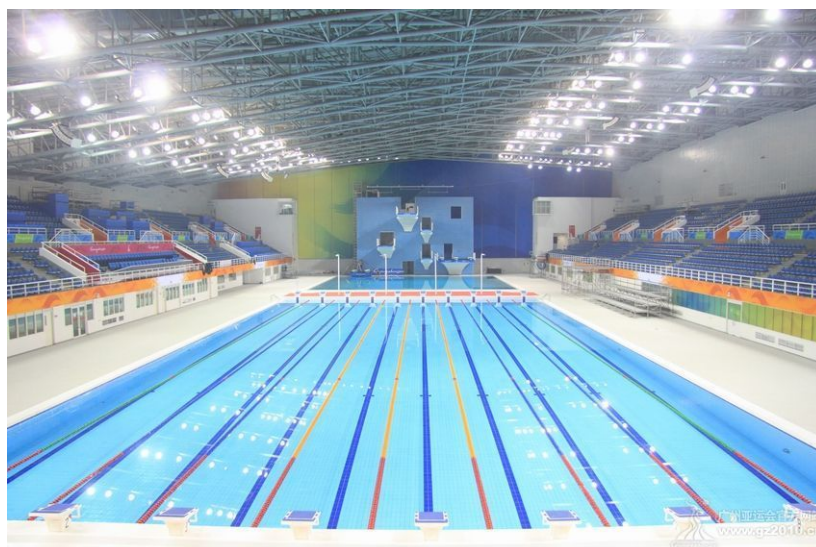
The Guangdong Olympic Sports Centre Swimming Natatorium, with floor space of 33331 square meters and a total construction area of 99978 square meters, is located in Guangdong Olympic Sports Centre, near Daguan Road in Dongpu Town, Tianhe District, Guangzhou. This Natatorium has a design of spiral shape in blue and white colors, not only symbolic to the urban geographic characteristics of Guangzhou "Baiyun Mountain and Pearl River", but also adopting a modern sense. Its 33 quadrangles of different sizes form the effect of gradual change, interlaced like life basic double-helix DNA organization, which is symbolic to life and sports. Its special design combined with the orientation, makes enough indoor space, lightening and ventilation. It can also improve building energy efficiency and meets the requirement of setting up equipment and pipelines.



The venue is equipped with one standard competition pool with constant temperature and movable pool sides, one training pool and one diving pool. Competition pool and training pool are standard pools with space of 25 meters by 50 meters. The competition pool is 3-meter-deep, training pool is 1.8-meter-deep and diving pool is 5.5-meter-deep. The pools are equipped with ozone sterilization system.

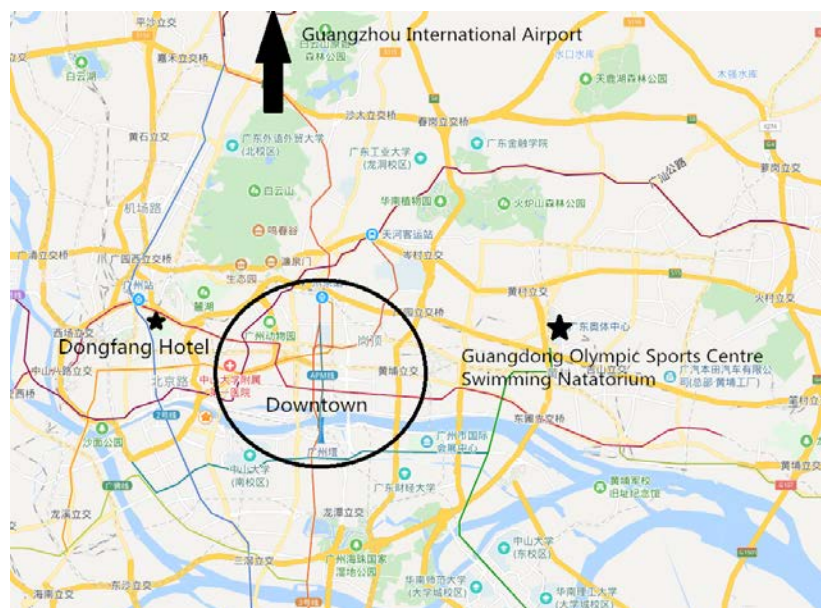
A number of national and international sports events took place in this Natatorium, including Swimming, Diving & Modern Pentathlon Competition of 2010 Guangzhou Asian Games, Swimming Competition of 2010 Guangzhou Asian Para Games, 2016 National Swimming Competition Guangdong Division, 2016 National Diving Championships, FINA Diving World Series Guangzhou

2017, Water Polo Competition of the 7th China-Russia Youth Games, and Synchronized Swimming Competition of the 15th Guangdong Provincial Games, etc. It is also open to the national/provincial teams for training and to the public for amateur swimming.



The venue provides sufficient space for preparation and training including 2 ten lanes 50 meters swimming pools and diving pool. The swimming pools and training facilities will be available for training and practicing starting from the 25th of April 2019.

The Guangdong Olympic Sports Centre Swimming, Natatorium is about 25-30 minutes' drive time from the official hotel.



Address: Aoti Swimming Natatorium, No. 36, Dagan Nan Lu, Huangcun, Tianhe District, CN - 510000 Guangzhou, Guangdong

5. General Programme

The competitions will be staged over 2 days with direct final sessions only.

Thursday, 25 April 2019:

Arrival

Friday, 26 April 2019:

Technical Meeting (start at 17:00, GMT +8)

Saturday, 27 April:

Competition – Day 1 (start at 19:30, GMT +8)

Sunday, 28 April 2019:

Competition – Day 2 (start at 19:30, GMT +8)

Monday, 29 April 2019:

Departure

The competitions will be staged over 2 days with direct final sessions only.

Day 1 - Saturday, 27 April (start at 19:30, GMT +8)

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| 1. 400m Freestyle, Women | 9. 100m Breaststroke, Women |
| 2. 100m Freestyle, Men | 10. 200m IM, Men |
| 3. 100m Backstroke, Women | 11. 100m Butterfly, Women |
| 4. 200m Backstroke, Men | 12. 100m Backstroke, Men |
| 5. 200m Butterfly, Women | 13. 50m Backstroke, Women |
| 6. 50m Butterfly, Men | 14. 200m Butterfly, Men |
| 7. 200m Freestyle, Women | 15. 4x100m Freestyle, Mixed* |
| 8. 50m Breaststroke, Men | |

Day 2 - Sunday, 28 April (start at 19:30, GMT +8)

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| 1. 400m Freestyle, Men | 9. 50m Backstroke, Men |
| 2. 50m Freestyle, Women | 10. 100m Freestyle, Women |
| 3. 100m Butterfly, Men | 11. 200m Freestyle, Men |
| 4. 50m Butterfly, Women | 12. 50m Breaststroke, Women |
| 5. 200m Breaststroke, Men | 13. 100m Breaststroke, Men |
| 6. 200m Backstroke, Women | 14. 200m IM, Women |
| 7. 50m Freestyle, Men | 15. 4x 100m Medley, Mixed* |
| 8. 200m Breaststroke, Women | |

* Relays are subject to confirmation, and dependent on participation.

Further details on competition running order including the events, entertainment programme and the awards ceremonies, will be available at the Technical Meeting. The format of the competitions consider interviews with race winners/stars after each race.

II. TEAM INFORMATION

1. Registration Procedure

All Registrations and Entries shall take place through the FINA General Management System (FINA GMS) which can be accessed by <https://data.fina.org>. National Federations must use their usual login details to access the system. For registration help and assistance please contact: aquaticsdb@fina.org

Please note that the registration for the FINA Champions Swim Series – Guangzhou 2019 – is open until **16 April 2019** (23:59 GMT). All participants must be registered at this date.

We highly advise federations who need visa to register their athletes as soon as possible in the FINA GMS in order to receive the visa assistance from the Organising Committee.

2. Training Facilities

Training facilities will be provided at the official competition venue, Guangdong Olympic Sports Centre Swimming Natatorium. Training will follow the "Open Training System", therefore, each team may train at any time within the specified training time for an unlimited duration.

From Thursday 25th April through Sunday 28th April the competition venue will be available for training from 09:00-20:00.

3. Technical Meeting

The Technical Meeting will be held Friday, 26th April at 12:00 PM at the **Dong Fang Hotel Guangzhou, Building 2, 8th Floor**.

The Technical Meeting will cover all aspects about the execution of the FINA Champions Swim Series and include the following issues:

- Pre-Competition procedures
- Competition procedures
- Post-competition procedures

The Technical Meeting will provide updated sport specific information for all coaches and Team Leaders. All swimmers must be represented at the meeting because there will be a review regarding the competition procedures, athletes' flows, warm-up procedures, etc.

At the meeting Team Leaders must check the start lists, as well as all information related to their athletes including spelling of the athlete's name (first name, last name, date of birth, etc.). No corrections or changes will be allowed after the Technical Meeting. Withdrawals after conclusion of the Technical Meeting will be fined according to FINA Rules.

4. Doping Control

The conduct of the doping control will be the responsibility of the China Anti-Doping Association (CHINADA) and one or more persons appointed by the FINA Bureau. A selection of competitors to be tested during the FINA competition shall be decided by the Doping Control Commission at the competition. All participating competitors shall be considered for doping control selection.

5. Entering China - Visa Assistance

All foreign participants of the FINA Champions Swim Series requiring an entry visa to China need to apply for such visa before travelling.

In accordance with visa requirement of the People's Republic of China, official invitation letters will be provided by China Swimming Association to entire FINA Family (athletes, NF representatives and team officials, FINA Bureau, Committee and Commission members, FINA Staff and FINA Guests), media representatives and all other approved foreign visitors attending the competition e.g. coaches, officials and judges.

Request for visa assistance will be accepted only if placed through the FINA General Management System (FINA GMS) with fully submitted registrations.

Processing times for temporary resident visa applications processed by visa offices outside China vary widely from a matter of days to several weeks. Further information about the Chinese visa for foreign nationals, with answers to frequently asked questions, can be obtained following the link: <http://english.gov.cn/services/visitchina/>

Last date to accept request for the Visa Assistance is 10th of April 2019 at 23:59 (GMT)

Please note that traveler who is transiting into or through any third country might need the relevant visa to enter that country, thus he/she should be solely responsible for obtaining such visa and any other required documents.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

For your travel to China you should have a valid passport or other appropriate identification document with an expiry date **not less than six months after the expected departure.**

All invited persons applying for a visa to attend the FINA Champions Swim Series are required to pay appropriate official fees at the time of their application. The visa application fee will be reimbursed only against original receipt, proof of payment. For avoidance of doubt no additional expenses related to the visa application, such as tourist agency fee, will be covered.

The participants and the guests of the FINA Champions Swim Series – Guangzhou 2019 required to further information regarding visa assistance are free to contact directly the Chinese Swimming Association by using contact details below:

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6. Travel to Guangzhou

Guangzhou Airport, also known as Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport (IATA: CAN, ICAO: ZGGG), is the main airport serving Guangzhou city, the capital of Guangdong province. It is located 28 kilometers north of Guangzhou city center, in Baiyun and Handu District.

It is China's largest transport hub. Guangzhou Airport is a hub for China Southern Airlines, 9 Air, Shenzhen Airlines and Hainan Airlines. In 2018, Guangzhou Airport was the third busiest airport in China and the 13th busiest airport in the world, serving over 69 million passengers.

7. Accommodation

All accommodation for international attendees of the FINA Champions Swim Series will be organised at **Dong Fang Hotel Guangzhou**.

The deadline for accommodation request is **25th March 2019, 23.59 GMT.**

The Dong Fang Hotel Guangzhou is a 5-star hotel located by the Yuexiu Park Metro Station at the foot of Yuexiu Hill and adjacent to Liuhuahu Park which encloses Liuhua Lake, making this Guangzhou hotel a perfect starting point for scenic and relaxing strolls. In addition, the Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, the Guangzhou Railway Station and the Guangzhou East Railway Station (Guangzhou-Kowloon Express Station) are all located within a 30-minute commute from the hotel.



The hotel is located 18 km from the competition venue, 30-minute drive.

Address: Dong Fang Hotel Guangzhou, No.120 Liu Hua Road , Yue Xiu, 510016
Guangzhou, China.

The full-board accommodation (including breakfast, lunch, and dinner) will be offered at the hotel for a maximum of 4 nights, with check-in Thursday 25th April, and check-out on Monday 29th April.

For all correspondence relating to Accommodation please contact the LOC Guangzhou 2019 on:

Attention: Ms. Han Chaohua, OC Liaison Officer

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For extension of stay at the hotel, requests of accommodation by team members and any other appropriate request on this matter, as well as payment terms and cancellation policy could be consulted through the LOC via email gdsports@126.com.

Room rate for Dongfang Hotel (full-board accommodation including breakfast, lunch and dinner):

- Single Room: 240 US\$ per person per day
- Double Room: 200 US\$ per person per day

8. Local Transportation

The LOC will provide pickup and sendoff service for the participants and officials of the FINA Champions Swim Series who arrive to and leave from Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport.

The service will be provided based on travel details submitted through the FINA GMS,

During the days of the competitions the special-purpose vehicle and shuttle bus services will be provided between official hotel and competition venue. Further details regarding local transportation service will be available upon arrival in Guangzhou.

9. Travel & Accommodation Assistance to Invited Athletes

Information has been communicated directly to each National Federation Member of FINA and can be consulted further by contacting the FINA Office:

Attention: Mr. Cornel Marculescu, Executive Director

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