

## General Information

### Doha, QATAR – March 17, 2018

### Doha Corniche

Qatar Swimming Association (QSA) has the honour and pleasure to invite you to the FINA Marathon Swim World Series, in Doha, Qatar (QAT).

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

#### **EVENT CONTACT**

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

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#### **EVENT KEY DATES**

March 04, 2018	Entries by Name, Accreditation, Accommodation, Travel Details
March 14 – 16, 2018	Official Training (competition venue & official training pool, times tbc)
March 16, 2018	Technical Meeting (competition venue at the Briefing area @ 15:00)
March 17, 2018	Competition (time tbc)

#### **SITES & DATES of the FINA Marathon Swim World Series 2018**

March 17, 2018	Doha (QAT)
<b>May 5, 2018</b>	<b>Masplaomas, Gran Canaria (ESP)</b>
May 20, 2018	Seychelles (SEY)
June 09, 2018	Setubal (POR)
June 16, 2018	Balatonfured (HUN)
July 26, 2018	Lac St. Jean (CAN)
September 16, 2018	Chun'An (CHN)
September 22, 2018	Taiwan (TPE)
November 24, 2018	Abu Dhabi (UAE)

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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's 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 place online through the FINA General Management System (GMS) via <https://data.fina.org>. Each national federation will access the system to complete their registrations before the designated deadline for each event.

Support and assistance will be provided by the GMS Support Team via [aquaticfdb@fina.org](mailto:aquaticfdb@fina.org).

### **PROTOCOL**

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

### **TECHNICAL / TEAM LEADERS` MEETING**

The Team Leaders Meeting will take place at the competition venue Briefing area in March 16, 2018 at 15:00. One representative from each National Federation/Club must attend this meeting.

### **COURSE INFORMATION**

The competition of the 10km swim will be organized on a 1,250m lap course (left shoulder turns), at the Doha Corniche, which the swimmers must swim in eight (8) laps. More details on the course design will be shared one month prior to the competition. Waters in Doha Corniche are relatively calm, with a course depth varying from 1.8 – 3.5m.

### **CURRENT AND WEATHER INFORMATION**

Weather data over the last 8 year's reveals an average air temperature ranging between 19 – 27 degrees Celsius at the date of the competition, with clear blue skies, nil precipitation and humidity ranging between 40 – 60%. Prevailing wind pattern is from East to North East, at average speeds between 8 – 17 km/h. Water temperature ranges between 19 – 23 degrees Celsius.

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### **COMPETITION PROGRAMME**

FINA Marathon Swim World Series 2018 competition program will include a 10km swim race for men and women. The starting time of the race will be announced one month prior to the start of the competition with its final time to be confirmed at the Team Leaders Meeting.

Awarding ceremonies will take place at the competition venue, immediately after the race.

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

### **RULES**

Please note that all the events in the Series will be conducted according to latest FINA Rules, in force at the time event.

### **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:

<b>Race Finish Position</b>	<b>Points*</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	20
2 <sup>nd</sup>	18
3 <sup>rd</sup>	16
4 <sup>th</sup>	14
5 <sup>th</sup>	12
6 <sup>th</sup>	10
7 <sup>th</sup>	8
8 <sup>th</sup>	6
9 <sup>th</sup>	4
10 <sup>th</sup>	3
All other race finishers	2

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 will pay a total of US\$30'000 prize money, equally distributed between men and women and as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	US\$ 3'500
2 <sup>nd</sup>	US\$ 3'000
3 <sup>rd</sup>	US\$ 2'500
4 <sup>th</sup>	US\$ 1'700
5 <sup>th</sup>	US\$ 1'500
6 <sup>th</sup>	US\$ 1'200
7 <sup>th</sup>	US\$ 950
8 <sup>th</sup>	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:

1st	US\$ 38'000
2nd	US\$ 26'000
3rd	US\$ 18'000
4th	US\$ 15'000
5th	US\$ 11'000
6th	US\$ 8'500
7th	US\$ 5'000
8th	US\$ 3'500

### VISA REQUIREMENTS

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

Qatar Swimming Association (QSA) will facilitate an entry visa to Doha, Qatar for all participants of the World Cup and coordinate all the required procedures upon receipt of (a) electronic copies of a valid

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passport (at least for 6 months from the entry date), (b) date of arrival and (c) country of residence. All information should reach Qatar Swimming Association (QSA) no later than March 04, 2018

Upon completion of the visa issuing procedures, entry visas can be downloaded directly from the Ministry of Interior (MOI) website following the below link and by using the passport number and nationality. Qatar Swimming Association (QSA), will inform the visa applicants should an issue arise with their application.

<http://www.moi.gov.qa/VsaWeb/Actions?action=getVisaInfoInput&language=English>

Additional information on whether a Visa is needed for entry into the Doha, Qatar can be found in [www.moi.gov.qa](http://www.moi.gov.qa). Please note that application for Visa may take from 3 to 5 working days depending on various criteria.

### **ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS**

Qatar Swimming Association (QSA) will organise accommodation to all participating athletes and team officials of that event as per FINA Marathon Swim World Series Rules & Regulations.

The Official Teams hotel for the FINA Marathon Swim World Series – Doha (QAT) will be the Mövenpick Hotel West Bay Doha (5-star / <https://www.movenpick.com/en/middle-east/qatar/doha/hotel-west-bay-doha/overview>) located 10minutes drive from the competition venue.

Room rates are:

- Single: 175 USD (full board) per night /per room
- Double: 220 USD (full board) per night /per room

To avoid cancellation charges the Accommodation section must be notified of any amendments or cancellation at the latest by March 04, 2018.

### **LOCAL TRANSPORTATION**

Qatar Swimming Association (QSA) will welcome all members of the participating National Federations at the Hamad International Airport (<http://www.dohahamadairport.com>) at the Welcome desk, providing transportation services only between the Airport, the Official Team hotel and the Competition /Training Venue.

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

Qatar Swimming Association (QSA) will facilitate Airport Welcome and Transportation services upon receipt of the Travel Information in the FINA GMS by the deadline of March 04, 2018.