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ULTRAMARATHON
SWIM SERIES

Information Bulletin

FINA UltraMarathon Swim Series 2018

General Information SANTA FE , ARG – Date (04/02/18) SANTA FE - CORONDA

Confederación Argentina de Deportes Acuáticos (CADDA) has the honour and pleasure to invite you to the FINA UltraMarathon Swim Series, to be held in Santa Fe, Argentina (ARG).

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 CADDA through the Organising Committee (OC)

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EVENT KEY DATES

January 15	2018	Preliminary Entries
January 22	2018	Entries by Name, Accreditation, Accommodation, Travel Details
February 03	2018	Technical Meeting (Castelar Hotel, Santa Fe. 9:00 AM)
February 01-03	2018	Official Training (competition venue and pool)
February 04	2018	Competition

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.

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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 UltraMarathon Swim Series – Santa Fe, Argentina (ARG) , please submit your Preliminary Entry no later than **January 15th 2018** 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, CADDA & OC 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 **January 22nd 2018**.
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 **in February 3rd 2018 at 9:00 AM**.
One representative from each National Federation/Club must attend this meeting.

COURSE INFORMATION

The competition will be organized on a 57 km course, swimmers must complete it all.

Course map will be provided at arrival and includes Santa Fe, Santo Tomé, Sauce Viejo, Coronda cities.

CURRENT AND WEATHER INFORMATION

This will be provided at arrival.

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COMPETITION PROGRAMME

This information will be provided at arrival.

Awarding ceremony will take place at Coronda city, right after the finish of the race.

Closing Ceremony to be held, Monday February 5th.

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

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:

Event Ranking	PRIZES US\$25,000 and above	PRIZES US\$20,000 – 24,999	PRIZES US\$10,000 – 19,999
1 st	25	20	15
2 nd	19	16	11
3 rd	16	14	9
4 th	13	12	7
5 th	11	10	6
6 th	9	8	5
7 th	7	6	4
8 th	5	4	3
*All other finishers of the race (within the time limit) will receive:	4	3	2

*All other starters 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 this event the OC pays a total of **US\$ 10.000** prize money, distributed as follows:

Prize Money: To be paid Monday February 5th at Castelar Hotel.

TOTAL CASH PURSE: US\$ 10.000.-

80%

	MEN	WOMEN
1 st place	1.500	1.500
2 nd place	800	800
3 rd place	600	600
4 th place	400	400
5 th place	300	300
6 th place	200	200
7 th place	150	150
8 th place	50	50
Total: US\$ 8.000.-		

GENERAL RANKING 20%

1 st place	1.100.-
2 nd place	600.-
3 rd place	300.-
Total: US\$2.000.-	

- 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.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

All visitors to Santa Fe, Argentina (ARG) should have a valid visa for their entry and stay in the country. CADD & OC will facilitate an entry visa to the city of Santa Fe, Argentina (ARG) 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 CADD & OC no later than **January 22nd 2018.**

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For additional information on whether a Visa is needed for entry into Santa Fe, Argentina, please visit www.Argentina.gob.ar

Please note that application for Visa may take up to 3 or more days depending on various criteria.

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

CADDA through OC 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 – Santa Fe, Argentina will be the CASTELAR HOTEL located at 25 de Mayo 2349 St, (3.000) Santa Fe, 10 minutes away from the competition venue.

The OC shall provide accommodation full board (3 meals per day) from Thursday February 1st until Tuesday February 6th (10:00 am) 2018.

To avoid cancellation charges the Accommodation section must be notified of any amendments or cancellation latest by January 26th 2018.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

CADDA through OC will welcome all members of the participating National Federations at the Santa Fe local airport (Sauce Viejo) at the Welcome desk, providing transportation services between the Airport, the Official Team hotel and the Competition Venue.

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

CADDA through OC will facilitate Airport Welcome and Transportation services upon receipt of the Travel Information Form by no later than January 22nd 2018