



MARATHON SWIM
WORLD SERIES

ABU DHABI
(UAE) 2018

Information Bulletin

FINA/Hosa Marathon Swim World Series 2018

General Information **Abu Dhabi, UAE – 09/11/2018** **Abu Dhabi Sailing and Yacht Club**

The United Arab Emirates Swimming Federation has the honour and pleasure to invite you to the FINA/Hosa Marathon Swim World Series, to be held in **Abu Dhabi, UAE**.

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 following **UAE Swimming Federation representative:**

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EVENT KEY DATES

28 th September 2018	Preliminary Entries
8 th October 2018	Accommodation Details
15 th October	Entries by Name, Accreditation, Visa
8 th November 2018	Technical Meeting (Location @ and time)
7 th & 8 th November	Official Training (competition venue and pool)
9 th November	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.

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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 Marathon Swim World Series – **Abu Dhabi, UAE**, please submit your Preliminary Entry no later than **5th October 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.

FINAL Named Athlete Entry:

Named Entries must be completed and submitted no later than **15th October 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 **8th November 2018 16:00**. One representative from each National Federation/Club must attend this meeting.

COURSE INFORMATION

The competition will be organized on a **2 km** course, swimmers must complete **5** laps.



COMPETITION PROGRAMME

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Final schedule to be confirmed

Awarding ceremony will take place at the event venue at 10:45am on Friday 9th November.

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:

Race Finish Position	Points*
1 st	20
2 nd	18
3 rd	16
4 th	14
5 th	12
6 th	10
7 th	8
8 th	6
9 th	4
10 th	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.

2. PRIZE MONEY AT THE EVENT

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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:

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 the **Abu Dhabi, UAE** should have a valid visa for their entry and stay in the country.

The **LOC** will facilitate an entry visa to the **Abu Dhabi, UAE** for all participants and coordinate all the required procedures upon receipt of:

- A clear coloured copy of the original passport
 - o Please ensure the passport is valid for more than 6months
- the VISA/Accreditation form

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To be sent to fina_entries2018@hotmail.com

Deadline: **October 15th 2018.**

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

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Transport to and from **Abu Dhabi International Airport (AUH)** and from the official hotel to the competition venue will be provided by the OC by bus or car for all athletes and NF Team members. Airport transfers will be booked by OC to the official hotels. Schedule for shuttles to the competition venue will be provided upon arrival.

Non-Eligible persons will have to pay for their transfers and a quote can be sent to you. Please indicate this on the attached booking form.

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

THE SOUTHERN SUN HOTEL ABU DHABI

Al Mina Street, Al Zahiva, Tourist Club Area, Abu Dhabi

Tel. + 971 2 818 4888

Website: www.tsogosun.com

Check-in time is at 14:00 hrs Check-out time is at 12:00 hrs (noon).

The hotel is located just 16 minutes away by bus from the competition venue.

Accommodation cost for persons not eligible for free accommodation on a full board basis (three meals per day) will be:

Single room AED 635 per room per night

Twin/Double room AED 830 per room per night

(Prices based on full board and include municipal fees, Tourism Levy and VAT.)

THE COURTYARD by MARRIOTT WORLD TRADE CENTRE ABU DHABI

Hamdam Bin Mohammed Street, 5th Street, Abu Dhabi

Tel. +971 2 698 2222

Website: www.marriott.com

Check-in time is at 14:00 hrs Check-out time is at 12:00 hrs (noon).

The hotel is located just 14 minutes away by bus from the competition venue.

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Accommodation cost for persons not eligible for free accommodation on a full board basis (three meals per day) will be:

Single room AED 575 per room per night

Twin/Double room AED 750 per room per night

(Prices based on full board and include municipal fees, Tourism Levy and VAT.)

For non-eligible persons, please complete and email the attached form (Travel Booking Request Form) to secure your reservations to the OC E-mail:

Manue@worldsport.co.za by **September 30th 2018**. Payment for persons not eligible for complimentary accommodation can be made by bank transfer in advance and information will be provided to you upon quotation.