



FINA/ Hosa Marathon Swim World Series 2018 Chun'An (CHN)-16/09/2018

General Information Chun'An, China –16/09/2018 Qiandao Lake

The China Swimming Association has the honour and pleasure to invite you to the FINA/Hosa Marathon Swim World Series, to be held in Chun'An, China (CHN)

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 China Swimming Association.

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EVENT KEY DATES

Date (August 10, 2018)	Preliminary Entries
Date (August 25, 2018)	Entries by Name, Accreditation, Accommodation, Travel Details
Date (Sep. 15, 2018)	Technical Meeting (at Official Hotel @ 11:00)
Date (Sep. 13-15, 2018)	Official Training (competition venue and pool)
Date (Sep. 16, 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.

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.



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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 – Chun'An, China, please submit your Preliminary Entry no later than 10 August 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, the China 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 25 August 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 Official Hotel in 15 September, 2018 at 11:00 am. One representative from each National Federation/Club must attend this meeting.

COURSE INFORMATION

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

CURRENT AND WEATHER INFORMATION

Chun'an County is located in the west of Zhejiang Province, the upstream of Qiantang River, located in north latitude 29°11'- 30°02', east longitude 118°20'- 119°20'. All 96.8 kilometres long and 94.4 kilometres wide, covers an area of 4427 square kilometres. Chun'an is the largest county of Zhejiang province by accounting for 4.35% of the total area of it, and 151 kilometres away from Hangzhou City. It belongs to subtropical monsoon climate which has four distinct seasons; the weather is warm, wet, and with plentiful rainfall that the annual average temperature is 17°C and the average annual rainfall is 1430mm.

Chun'an is the place where the famous Qiandao Lake located in, with exquisite sceneries. Qiandao Lake is an artificial lake which is formed by the water from the reservoir of Xin'an River hydropower station, covers an area of 573 square kilometres; totally have 1078 islands of all sizes and the total



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amount of water storage capacity is equivalent to 3000 times of the West Lake's. She has not only the great momentum like the Tai Lake, but also the artistic conception like the West Lake. She has been awarded the National AAAAA Tourist Attraction, the Nationally Designated Eco-Demonstration Region, as well as the Nations in Bloom which by reason of its magnificent mountains, limpid water of lake, and unique beautiful sceneries.

COMPETITION PROGRAMME

Sep. 12, 2018 (Wednesday)

All Day Teams' Arrival

09:00 Registration & Accreditation Colletion. Please bring the CD of the National Anthem of the athletes' Nations. Signed Declaration Forms must be presented for Accreditations.

Sep. 13, 2018 (Tuesday)

9:30—11:30 am Training

3:00—5:00 pm Training

Sep. 14, 2018 (Friday)

8:00—10:00 am Training

11:00 am Familiarization with the route of the event

2:30—4:30 pm Training

Sep. 15, 2018 (Saturday)

8:00—10:00 am Training

11:00 am Technical meeting (at Hotel)

3:00—5:00 pm Training

Sep. 16, 2018 (Sunday)

8:00 am. Opening Ceremony

8:30 am Start of the Competition

6:00 pm. Awards Ceremony and Closing Ceremony

Awarding ceremony will take place at 18:00 at the Official Hotel.

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.



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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

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.



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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 Chun'An, China should have a valid visa for their entry and stay in the country.

The China Swimming Association will facilitate an entry visa to the Chun'An, China 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) city and country to apply for the Chinese visa. All information should reach the China Swimming Association at e-mail: swimming@aquatics.org.cn no later than 25 August 2018.

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

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

The China Swimming Association 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 – Chun'An, China will be the Holiday Inn Hangzhou Qiandao Lake (Add: No.1, Kaifa Road, Qiandao Lake Town. Tel: +86-0571-64880888) and is located 5 minutes by walk from/to the competition lake.

Room rates are:

- Single: USD180 (full board) per night /per room
- Double: USD280 (full board) per night /per room

To avoid cancellation charges the Accommodation section must be notified of any amendments or cancellation latest by 1 September 2018.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

The China Swimming Association will welcome all members of the participating National Federations at the Xiaoshan International Airport at the Welcome desk, providing transportation services between the Airport, the Official Team hotel and the Training Pool (about 10 minutes' drive to the hotel). As the competition lake is only 500m far from the Official Hotel, there will be no need for transportation.



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Transportation schedules for training in the swimming pool will be provided upon arrival and as part of the detailed Information Pack.

The China Swimming Association will facilitate Airport Welcome and Transportation services upon receipt of the Travel Information Form by no later than 25 August 2018.