



REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION CERTIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING OFFICIALS

A. AIMS

- to improve officiating in swimming.
- to unify the officiating procedures.
- to achieve a list of qualified swimming officials. Only Referees and Starters from this list will officiate as Referees and Starters in major international competitions.

B. BASIC REGULATIONS

1. Only two (2) international swimming officials' categories will be recognised and certified: **Referees** and **Starters**.
2. Certifications are for a **4-year period** and must be renewed at the end of this period.
3. The application form must show that the applicant has officiated as a Referee and/or Starter in at least two (2) National Championships during the last four (4) years
4. There shall be a maximum number of new applications and renewals of existing certifications, which a federation may file every two years. **This is maximum three (3) Referees and two (2) Starters.**

Present and former FINA Bureau and TSC Members are certified in **addition** to the maximum quota allowed per federation if they are recognised Referees or Starters within their Federation. They must also file an application for certification or renewal of certification on the official FINA form and process it through their federation which must attest that the applicant does qualify for the position he or she applies for.



5. A Swimming Official can only be on one list in a particular category: he/she cannot be a Referee on two lists at the same time, but may be a Referee on one list and a Starter on the other List.
6. At Olympic Games, World Championships, and all other competitions organised by FINA, only certified officials on the FINA list may officiate on the deck as Referees, Starters, Stroke Judges and Inspectors of Turns.
7. The FINA working language is English. The nominated Officials must therefore be able to communicate in English.
8. All applications (new applications and applications for renewal) must be filed on the official FINA Form. These forms can be obtained from the FINA Office.
9. The Swimming Official has to be citizen, whether by birth or naturalisation, of the nation he/she represents.

C. PROCEDURE REGARDING THE TIMES AND PERIODS FOR APPLICATIONS (NEW AND RENEWALS)

Lists N° 1 to 16: are no longer valid.

List N° 17: **Valid from 1 January 2013 through 31 December 2016**
Certifications can be renewed for List N° 19 for another four (4) years starting on 1st January 2017. Please note age criteria.

List No. 18: **Valid from 1 January 2015 through 31 December 2018**

List N° 19: **Valid from 1 January 2017 through 31 December 2020**
Applications for certifications (new and renewals) for the period of List N° 19 must be received in the FINA Office in Lausanne by **30th June 2016**.