

# FINA TECHNICAL OPEN WATER SWIMMING COMMITTEE

## REGULATIONS FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL OPEN WATER SWIMMING REFEREES

### **AIMS**

- to improve officiating at Open Water Swimming Competitions;
- to unify the Open Water Swimming officiating procedure;
- to achieve a List of qualified Open Water Swimming Referees. Only Referees from this List may officiate as Referees in any major International Open Water Swimming competitions.

### **REGULATIONS**

1. FINA Member Federations are entitled to nominate up to **4 (four)** International Open Water Swimming Referees for the General List. Present and Former FINA TOWSC Members are not included in this number.
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 in at least 2 major Open Water Swimming competitions within the 3 years preceding the dates of the application.
4. There shall be a maximum number of new applications and renewals of existing certifications, which a Federation may file every 2 years. **This maximum is 4 Referees.**

All new applications (not including renewals) to the FINA OWS Officials List No. 12 must have attended and passed a FINA OWS School within the last 4 years of their application.

The FINA OWS Officials List No. 12 is valid from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2020.

Please note that for the FINA OWS Officials List N° 13 and all subsequent FINA OWS Officials Lists, all new applicants and renewals must have attended and passed a FINA OWS School.

5. Present and Former FINA TOWSC Members are certified in addition to the maximum quota allowed per 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. **Present and Former FINA TOWSC Members are exempt from regulation no. 4.**
6. At Olympic Games, World Championships and all FINA Open Water Swimming Events only certified Officials from the FINA List may officiate as Referees.
7. All applications (new applications or applications for renewal) must be filed on the **OFFICIAL FINA FORM** by the submission deadline, as given by FINA. These Forms can be obtained from the FINA Office in Lausanne (SUI). **A copy of the applicant's passport must also be included with the application.**
8. The maximum age of Open Water Technical Officials when officiating at FINA Championships or FINA competitions, except Masters, shall be 65 years when the list number 12 is concluded.