MASTERS

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT
THE MASTERS PROGRAMME

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WHAT IS FINA?

FINA IS THE WORLD GOVERNING BODY FOR AQUATICS.

FINA COMPRISER NOW 209 NATIONAL MEMBER FEDERATIONS IN THE FIVE CONTINENTS.

FOUNDED IN LONDON JULY 19, 1908 DURING THE OLYMPIC GAMES IN LONDON (GBR).

8 NATIONAL FEDERATIONS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS FORMATION:
Belgium | Denmark | Finland | France
Germany | Great Britain | Hungary | Sweden

WATER IS OUR WORLD
AQUATICS MEANS

SWIMMING, OPEN WATER SWIMMING, DIVING, HIGH DIVING, WATER POLO, ARTISTIC SWIMMING AND MASTERS.

THERE ARE A COUNTLESS VARIETY OF VALUES AND PRINCIPLES ASSOCIATED WITH EACH OF OUR DISCIPLINES:

- **SWIMMING**
  - Strength and Speed

- **OPEN WATER SWIMMING**
  - Challenge and Perseverance

- **DIVING**
  - Balance and Agility

- **HIGH DIVING** *
  - Courage and Perfection

- **WATER POLO**
  - Team Spirit and Mental Toughness

- **ARTISTIC SWIMMING**
  - Flexibility and Grace

* HIGH DIVING ISN’T INCLUDED IN THE MASTERS PROGRAMME
DESCRIPTION

THE MASTERS PROGRAMME INCLUDES: SWIMMING, DIVING, ARTISTIC SWIMMING, WATER POLO AND OPEN WATER SWIMMING.

FINA MASTERS EVENTS ARE OPEN TO ATHLETES AGED 25 AND ABOVE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF WATER POLO WITH A MINIMUM PARTICIPATION AGE OF 30.

MASTERS PROGRAMME SHALL PROMOTE

*fitness, friendship, understanding and competition*
A BIT OF HISTORY

70-80’s
FIRST FORMAL MASTERS COMPETITIONS WERE HELD IN THE ANGLO-SAXON WORLD (AUSTRALIA, CANADA, GREAT BRITAIN, NEW ZEALAND AND USA), BUT ALSO IN JAPAN, GERMANY AND ITALY.

1984
UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF ROBERT HELMICK (USA), THE MASTERS MOVEMENT BECAME PART OF THE FINA WORLD.

1985
A MASTERS COMMISSION WAS FORMED.

1986
THE WORLD MASTERS MOVEMENT HAS SEEN CONSISTENT STRONG GROWTH EVER SINCE.
# A Bit of History

**FINA World Masters Championships**

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<td>Brisbane (AUS)</td>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>Munich (GER)</td>
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<td>2002</td>
<td>Christchurch (NZL)</td>
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<td>2004</td>
<td>Riccione (ITA)/San Marino (SMR)</td>
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<td>2006</td>
<td>Stanford (USA)</td>
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<td>2008</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>Gothenburg &amp; Borås (SWE)</td>
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**1st Edition Together with the World Championships**

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TOGETHER WITH THE
FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
SINCE 2015

Since 2015, the FINA World Masters Championships are held immediately after the FINA World Championships, in the same host city.

Creating the largest celebration of the Aquatic sports

Strengthening the profile of FINA’s most important event

Demonstrating the ability of FINA and the Host City to stage an event of this magnitude and reach.
KAZAN BECAME THE FIRST CITY TO JOINTLY HOST THE FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND THE WORLD MASTERS.

The competitions were held in 14 age categories, from 25 to 100 years old.

- Open Water Swimming: August, Kazanka venue
- Synchronised Swimming: from 5 to 7 August, Akchariak swimming pool
- Diving: from 12 to 14 August, Aquatics Palace
- Water Polo: from 10 to 16 August, Burevestnik and Olymp swimming pools
- Swimming: from 10 to 16 August, Aquatics Palace
HIGHLIGHTS FROM KAZAN 2015

+50,000 spectators visited the opening/closing ceremonies
930 persons from 64 countries lived in the Athletes’ Village + 235 in city hotels

2,638 ATHLETES REPRESENTING 727 CLUBS

7,504 ACCREDITED PERSONS

30 MASTERS WORLD RECORDS

82 CHAMPIONSHIPS RECORDS

6,196 MEDALS AWARDED

397,078 WEBSITE VIEWS TOGETHER WITH THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

281,098 UNIQUE VIEWS
WORLD RECORDS

FINA IS THE ONLY INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION TO RECOGNISE WORLD RECORDS IN MASTERS EVENTS (SWIMMING ONLY).

MASTERS WORLD RECORDS FOR ALL FINA EVENTS IN BOTH GENDERS IN EACH AGE GROUP SHALL BE RECOGNISED AND MAINTAINED IN 1/100 SECOND TIME (2 DECIMAL PLACES).

RECORDS CAN BE SET BY REGISTERED MASTERS COMPETITORS.
FINA CURRENTLY RECOGNISES WORLD RECORDS IN THE FOLLOWING EVENTS FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN

### Freestyle
- 50 m, 100 m, 200 m, 400 m, 800 m, 1500 m

### Backstroke
- 50 m, 100 m, 200 m

### Breaststroke
- 50 m, 100 m, 200 m

### Butterfly
- 50 m, 100 m, 200 m

### Individual Medley
- 100 m (short course only), 200 m, 400 m

### Relays
- 4×50 m freestyle relay
- 4×100 m freestyle
- 4×200 m freestyle
- 4×50 m medley relay
- 4×100 m medley

### Mixed Relays (teams of two men and two women)
- 4×50 m mixed freestyle
- 4×100 m mixed freestyle
- 4×200 m mixed freestyle
- 4×50 m mixed medley
- 4×100 m mixed medley
## Participation Over the Years

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<td>7’325</td>
<td>5’061</td>
<td>6’778</td>
<td>12’671</td>
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<td>2008</td>
<td>5’535</td>
<td>3’256</td>
<td>5’233</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>82</td>
<td>198</td>
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<td>2012</td>
<td>319</td>
<td>132</td>
<td>407</td>
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### Total Competitors

- **Swimming**:
  - 2006: 5’535
  - 2008: 3’256
  - 2010: 198
  - 2012: 238

- **Diving**:
  - 2006: 200
  - 2008: 82
  - 2010: 198
  - 2012: 238

- **Artistic Swimming**:
  - 2006: 319
  - 2008: 132
  - 2010: 407
  - 2012: 579

- **Water Polo**:
  - 2006: 996
  - 2008: 818 (71 teams)
  - 2010: 710 (57 teams)
  - 2012: 1’380 (101 teams)

- **Open Water Swimming**:
  - 2006: 922
  - 2008: 768
  - 2010: 980
  - 2012: 2’316

### Federations Entered

- 2006: 74
- 2008: 74
- 2010: 73
- 2012: 77

### Total Figures

Note that some participants entered more than one Aquatic discipline.
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<td><strong>TOTAL COMPETITORS</strong></td>
<td>7'853</td>
<td>2'640</td>
<td>9'031</td>
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<td><strong>SWIMMING</strong></td>
<td>5'893</td>
<td>2'002</td>
<td>6'209</td>
<td>2'848</td>
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<td><strong>DIVING</strong></td>
<td>230</td>
<td>72</td>
<td>304</td>
<td>174</td>
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<td>487</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>520</td>
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<td><strong>WATER POLO</strong></td>
<td>949</td>
<td>429</td>
<td>1'595</td>
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<td>(70 TEAMS)</td>
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<td><strong>OPEN WATER SWIMMING</strong></td>
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<td>366</td>
<td>1'128</td>
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**TOTAL FIGURES**

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AGE GROUP

THE MASTERS COMPETITIONS ARE ORGANISED BY AGE GROUPS, NORMALLY WITH A FIVE-YEAR INTERVAL (25-29, 30-34, 35-39, AND SO ON).

IN WATER POLO, THE YOUNGEST PLAYER IN A TEAM DETERMINES THE AGE GROUP OF THAT TEAM.

MASTERS OPEN WATER EVENTS ARE UP TO 5KM IN DISTANCE.
COMPETITION SCHEDULE

THE FINA WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE DEPENDS UPON THE NUMBER AND AVAILABILITY OF VENUES AND FACILITIES TO STAGE THE PROPOSED PROGRAMMES:

11 DAYS

SWIMMING
7 day programme

DIVING
5-6 day programme

ARTISTIC SWIMMING
6-7 day programme

WATER POLO
7 day programme

OPEN WATER SWIMMING
1-3 day programme
FACTS & FIGURES

THE WORLD MASTERS MOVEMENT HAS SEEN CONSISTENT STRONG GROWTH SINCE 1986

THE HIGHEST INTEREST AND PARTICIPATION WERE RECORDED IN

BUDAPEST (HUN) (7-20 AUG 2017)
WITH

9,031 ATHLETES

RICCIONE (ITA) (1-17 JUNE 2012)
WITH

12,671 ATHLETES
2017 HIGHLIGHTS
ACROSS 4 VENUES AND 8 COMPETITION POOLS.

120 WATER POLO TEAMS
304 DIVERS
1'128 OPEN WATER SWIMMERS
520 ARTISTIC SWIMMERS
37 MASTERS WORLD RECORDS IN THE 2017 EDITION
IN BUDAPEST 2017, THE OLDEST ATHLETES WERE TWO SWIMMERS ON THE MEN’S SIDE, Bela Horvath (HUN) WAS A PROUD 97-YEAR-OLD COMPETITOR IN THE DUNA ARENA, WHILE AMONG WOMEN Maurine Kornfeld (USA) WAS ALSO IN EXCELLENT SHAPE AT 96.
BELA HORVATH (HUN)

MAURINE KORNFIELD (USA)