ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE SWC 2018

The 2018 FINA Swimming World Cup will kick-off in just four months, as seven hosts have confirmed their commitment, all ready to provide outstanding facilities and a backdrop for elite performances.

Detailed information regarding each host city, such as venue info, dates and competition schedule, is now available on FINA website in the respective INFORMATION BULLETINS.

As announced in February, a revised format for the 30th edition of the Swimming World Cup will be tested. The seven-leg competition will integrate meets held in 25m-pool as well as meets in 50m-pool, with the main objective to increase the level of participation.

As per usual, the 2018 circuit will be divided into three Clusters, including two legs in the first two stages and three in the final Cluster. The World Cup distributes a total of prize money reaching over US$ 2.5 million equally awarded between the genders.

2018 Calendar

1. September 7-9: Kazan, Russia
2. September 13-15: Doha, Qatar
4. October 4-6: Budapest, Hungary
5. November 2-4: Beijing, China
6. November 9-11: Tokyo, Japan
7. November 15-17: Singapore

The first two meets will be held in a 50m-pool, with a total of 32 individual events and 2 relays.

The second and the third Clusters however will be raced in 25m-pools and comprise of 34 individual events and 2 relays.

All meets will run across three days (including mandatory heats) and swimmers are allowed to swim an unlimited number of individual events, however only the best 3 results will count toward the ranking/scoring. Last year’s top male and female finishers of the World Cup were South Africa’s Chad Le Clos and Sweden’s Sarah Sjostrom.

You will be able to follow LIVE all the pool action on FINAtv.

LEARNING PLATFORM: ONLINE TOOL TO ENHANCE AQUATICS WORLDWIDE

FINA announced last week the launch of the FINA Learning Platform, an online tool accessible on computers and mobile devices to the entire Aquatics community, who will be able to share and learn the latest trends and techniques, but also to promote FINA disciplines worldwide.

The main goal of the FINA Learning Platform is to provide a platform to all National Member Federations to educate coaches, officials, and administrators. FINA’s goal by the end of 2020 is to reach more than 10,000 users.

The FINA Learning Platform will host the theoretical part of the FINA Coaches Certification Programme, as well as the update and annual exams for Technical Officials, and will continuously provide information and tips for coaches, officials, and sports medicine representatives. The Platform will also display the date and location of the courses, clinics and schools staged under FINA’s Development Programme.

With this tool, administrators have access to training courses (private or public), and the system will be able to create specific modules for different groups, follow the users’ progress, send them notifications and give them the necessary certification.

One of the activities that will be directly linked to the FINA Learning Platform is the FINA Coaches Certification Programme. This initiative offers the possibility to the coaches of FINA disciplines to certify their level of skills, knowledge and competence. Moreover, FINA aims at growing Aquatics by offering a continuous learning pathway for coaches, providing and setting the necessary competences to complete their certification.

The range of FINA Certification Courses comprises the following three levels:

- FINA Coaches Certification Course - Assistant Coach (L1)
- FINA Coaches Certification Course - Coach (L2)
- FINA Coaches Certification Course - Senior Coach (L3)

Through this programme, all the participants will have access to up-to-date coaching information and best practices. This will increase the number of certified coaches and enhance the quality of the existing ones. For this specific programme, FINA has partnered with the renowned Institute of Swimming, in Great Britain.

AFTER THE SEYCHELLES, RUFFINI, CUNHA AND BECK LEAD THE MARATHON SWIM WORLD SERIES
Italy's Simone Ruffini, overall winner of the FINA/HOSA Marathon Swim World Series in 2015, 2016 and 2017, temporary leads the ranking (36 points) after racing in Doha (QAT) and Victoria (SEY).

The Italian took silver in Doha, while he was victorious in the Seychelles on Sunday May 20.

Olympic champion Ferry Weertman of the Netherlands is second in the ranking with 32 points. He won the men's race in Doha but narrowly missed the podium in Victoria, where he was fourth.

Germany's Rob Muffels is third with 22 points. He pocketed silver in Victoria, but was eighth in Doha.

In the women's competition, Brazil's Ana Marcela Cunha and Germany's Leonie Beck are in front with 32 points each.

Cunha secured the fourth place in Doha. She however did better in Victoria and claimed silver and Beck pocketed silver in Doha and missed the podium (4th) in the Seychelles.

Olympic champion and Doha winner Sharon Van Rouwendaal occupies the third place in the ranking with 30 points. She was sixth last weekend.

The full provisional rankings are available here

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The Fédération Internationale de Natation, FINA (founded in 1908) is the governing body for aquatics worldwide. Its five disciplines - Swimming, Open Water Swimming, Diving, Water Polo and Synchronised Swimming - are all included in the Olympic programme. High Diving is on the World Championships programme since 2013. FINA organises World Championships, World Swimming Championships in 25m-pool and World Masters Championships every two years. FINA counts 209 affiliated National Federations on the five continents and has its headquarters in Lausanne (SUI).