1st FINA World Youth Artistic Swimming Championships 2019

“A swirl of dancing stories...”
Bratislava
Bratislava is the capital of Slovakia, with a population of about 450,000. Bratislava is in southwestern Slovakia, occupying both banks of the River Danube and the left bank of the River Morava. Its location on the borders with Austria and Hungary makes it the only national capital that borders between two countries. It is only 18 km (11.2 miles) from the border with Hungary and only 60 km (37.3 miles) from the Austrian capital Vienna.

Šamorín
Šamorín is a small Slovak town in western Slovakia, southeast of Bratislava. The town is located on the Danubian Flat on Žitný island, near the Gabčíkovo dam on the Danube. It is located around 17 km (11 miles) southeast of Bratislava and 25 km (16 miles) west of Dunajská Streda.
Slovak Swimming Federation has the honor and pleasure to invite you to the 1st FINA World Youth Artistic Swimming Championships 2019, to be held in Šamorín, Slovakia. The following information has been designed to assist your National Federation in attending this event.

**DATES AND LOCATION**

Training Days: August 26, August 27, 2019  
Competition Days: August 28 to September 1, 2019  
Coaches' Seminar: September 2, 2019 (Names of the lecturers and detailed program will be announced later)

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**KEY DATES**

Opening Ceremony: August 27, 2019  
Technical Meeting: August 27, 2019  
Judges Meeting: August 27, 2019

Preliminary Entry: May 26, 2019  
Final Entry: August 14, 2019  
Accommodation Preliminary Entry: May 26, 2019  
50% deposit to be paid by bank transfer by June 2, 2019  
Accommodation Final Entry: June 23, 2019  
Final Payment to be paid by bank transfer by June 30, 2019  
It is possible to change (or cancel) Accommodation Preliminary Entry until June 30, 2019 with a possibility of a refund. **No refunds will be available after June 30, 2019.**

Final Accommodation for Fans: June 23, 2019  
Payment to be paid by bank transfer by June 30, 2019  
Visa Entry: July 7, 2019  
Transport Entry: July 7, 2019  
Accreditation Entry: August 14, 2019
VENUE INFORMATION

The x-bionic® sphere resort was established on the basis of an idea of creating exceptional conditions for anyone who likes to engage in sports, but also enjoys quality relaxation, gastronomy and meaningful leisure time. In addition to top-class Olympic sports and equipment, visitors can find a wide range of recreation possibilities according to their taste and mood.

The ideal location of the resort guarantees easy accessibility from Bratislava (30 min.), Vienna (60 min.) and Budapest (120 min.) and through their international airports also from other European metropolises or the entire world.

X-bionic® sphere, with a total area of more than 1,000,000 m² provides professional conditions for the performance of 27 different Olympic disciplines (video). In the Summer of 2016, the resort received the statute of the Slovak Olympic Training Center. The complex includes one of the most up-to-date and largest Olympic riding centers, a modern athletic stadium, first-class X-BIONIC® HOTEL and top congress facilities.
Competition pool:
- 50m x 25m outdoor pool (10 lanes)
- depths vary between 2.0 and 2.2m
- the main deck size is 12m x 3.9m

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Warm up pool:
- 25m x 20m indoor pool (8 lanes)
- depths vary between 2.0 and 3.0
RULES

FINA Rules (2017-2021) for competitions will apply for the 13-15 Age Group competition. The FINA figures for Age Groups 13, 14 & 15, and the FINA time limits for Age groups 13, 14 & 15 shall also apply. The time limits, including ten (10) seconds of deck movements, shall be:

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PARTICIPANTS

Each FINA member federation can submit 12 or 14 competitors (only if the federation enters Mixed Duets) born in 2004, 2005, 2006 from 1 January to the following 31 December at the age they are at the close of day (12 midnight) on 31 December of the year of the competition.

SESSIONS

Figures, Free Solo, Free Duet, Mixed Duet, Free Team, Free Combination

ENTRY

Entry forms must be received by the secretary or deputy of the competition at least fourteen (14) days prior to the start of the competition. After this date, no entries will be accepted.

The entry shall designate the name of the Solo and the reserve, the names of the Duet competitors and a maximum of one reserve, the names of the Mixed Duet competitors and a maximum of one reserve, the names of the Team competitors and a maximum of two reserves, the names of the competitors in the Free Combination and a maximum of two reserves.

The total number of competitors entered by each Federation (unless otherwise specified) may not exceed fourteen (14) competitors including a maximum of two male competitors only if the federation enters Mixed Duets.

FORMAT

Solo, Duet, Team and Free Combination shall be held with preliminaries and finals. The preliminaries shall include Figures (100%) and Free Routine Preliminary (100%). Solos, duets and team members that are ranked 1st to 12th after the preliminary figures and routine preliminaries shall qualify for the Finals.

The Final results in Solo shall include 100% competitor result in figures and 100% free solo Final session.

The Final results in Duets, Mixed duets and Teams shall include 100% average competitors result in figures and 100% free routines Final session.

The Final result in Free Combination shall include 100% from the Final session. If there are more than twelve (12) entries in Free Combination, preliminaries shall be held. Only the twelve (12) best results shall be allowed in the official finals.
SCHEDULE

Schedule presented below shall be amended after we receive the final entries.

Day 1  26.08.2019  Training Day
Day 2  27.08.2019  Training Day
Team managers meeting and Draw
Judges meeting
Opening Ceremony
Day 3  28.08.2019  Solo Preliminary
Team Preliminary
Day 4  29.08.2019  Duet Preliminary
Free Combination Preliminary
Day 5  30.08.2019  Figures Competition
Day 6  31.08.2019  Solo Final
Mixed Duet Final
Free Combination Final
Day 7  01.09.2019  Duet Final
Team Final
Gala

AWARDS

Medals shall be awarded to the competitors who place first, second and third in each session. The added scores achieved by a Federation in each session shall decide the ranking in the competition. To determine the finalists, the score of the finals shall be used.

OFFICIALS

Each participating Federation may enter maximum two judges qualified in category «G» or «A» from the FINA list. Neutral FINA judge may apply to the FINA office. Entered judges shall be approved by the FINA TASC. Their National Federations will be responsible for all their expenses. Neutral judges are responsible for their own expenses. Judges cannot be assured of a spot on every event but federations may be assured that each judge will be seated enough times to receive a full evaluation by a FINA evaluator. Please, send Judges Entry Form to the Organizing Committee as well as to the FINA TASC.

MUSIC

Please send us the music of your athletes as mp3 file and name it as follows: Event_Country_Name-Name.mp3
Event: Solo, Duet, Mix, Team, Combo
Name: for duets 2 surnames without reserve, for teams and combos 2 surnames (first 2 in alphabet order)
Example: Duet_SVK_Nova-Stara.mp3
Bring your music on USB stick as your backup
Music submission: August 14, 2019
E-mail: music@finasamorin2019.sk
ACCOMMODATION

Official Hotel: Is located in the competition venue. We also offer accommodation for fans.

X-BIONIC® HOTEL

Prices are with full board and transportation:

**Standard room single – 170 €/person** – bedroom with king size bed and a living room with 2 sofas, en suite bathroom with shower

**Standard room double – 155 €/person** – two bedrooms with king size bed each (or one bedroom with king size bed and a living room with 2 sofas or beds 90 x 210 cm each), en suite bathroom with shower

**Standard room triple – 140 €/person** – two bedrooms with separated beds 90 x 210 cm each, en suite bathroom with shower

**Standard room quadruple – 120 €/person** – two bedrooms with separated beds 90 x 210 cm each, en suite bathroom with shower

50% deposit for accommodation to be paid by bank transfer by June 2, 2019. It is possible to change (or cancel) Accommodation Preliminary Entry until June 30, 2019 with a possibility of a refund.

Full board (or any other meal arrangement) will be provided only to those federations that will stay at the official hotel.

E-mail: accommodation@finasamorin2019.sk
TRANSPORTATION

Slovak Swimming Federation will provide transportation to and from the airports and railway/bus stations:

Vienna International Airport – VIE (73 km)
Bratislava Airport – BTS (24 km)
Bratislava Main Station/Hiľná stanica – railway station (26 km)
Bratislava, Mlynské Nivy – bus station (24 km)

Slovak Swimming Federation offers each federation a maximum of two options for arrival and departure. Any extra requests can be arranged at extra costs. (E.g.: option 1 – swimmers, coaches, option 2 – judges). Exception will be applied for coaches attending the Coaches’ Seminar on Sept. 2.

Transportation will be provided only to those federations that will stay at the official hotel.

VISA INFORMATION

Slovak Swimming Federation will provide Visa assistance.


Citizens of the following countries have a visa-free entrance to the Slovak republic ONLY WITH A BIOMETRIC PASSPORT: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Serbia, Ukraine.

Citizens of countries, who are subject to visa requirement and want to enter Slovakia as their target destination, must file a visa application with the competent Slovak embassy or consulate general. Foreign citizens legally residing in a third country (i.e. other than the country of their citizenship) may apply for a visa at the embassy/consulate general competent for the country of their current residence.

General consular information can be found here: http://www.mzv.sk/web/en/consular_info
MEET RUDY, THE COMPETITION’S MASCOT

The town of Samorin, where the 1st FINA World Youth Artistic Swimming Championships will take place, is situated in the south of Slovakia on Žitný island. Žitný island is the largest river island in Europe and is also the largest reservoir of drinking water in central Europe. The longest river in the European Union, the Danube, also flows through this territory.

One of the birds that nests along the banks of the Danube in the area around Samorin is the Heron, which also happens to be the name of one of the figures in artistic swimming. They nest in colonies near rivers or other bodies of water. As our sport is also a team sport and, of course, a water sport, the Heron has been chosen as the mascot for this event.

Today artistic swimming is a sport open to both boys and girls, so we decided to name our mascot “Rudy”, which can be either a girl’s or a boy’s name. It is a short and friendly form of the name “Rudolf” which means FAME and ABILITY TO ACHIEVE ANYTHING, which reflects the ambition of the young athletes who are trying to establish themselves in this demanding sport.
EVENT CONTACT

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All up-to-date information (finale schedule, list of participants for each discipline, start lists, results, photos, etc.) will be available here:

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