



Rules and Regulations

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EVENT RULES & REGULATION

1. GENERAL CONCEPT

- 1.1. The FINA Champions Swim Series is an annually staged elite level competition comprising the Olympic and World Championships medalists and finalists, the top overall ranked from the FINA Swimming World Cup and the best in the FINA World rankings in each discipline.
- 1.2. FINA owns all rights in the FINA Champions Swim Series and its meets.
- 1.3. The FINA Champions Swim Series will consist of a number of competitions "Meets", staged by Local Organising Committees ("LOC's) under the recognition of host National FINA-Member Federations ("HMF's") and staged each year on dates to be approved by FINA.
- 1.4. The FINA Champions Swim Series is invitation-based event, subject to the relevant qualifying criteria (as specified in the clause 5 of this Rules & Regulations).
- 1.5. All the meets of the FINA Champions Swim Series should be conducted according to FINA Rules and these Rules & Regulations valid on the date of the competition.

2. COMPETITION PROGRAMME

2.1. Individual and team events

The events included in the programme of the FINA Champions Swim Series are as follows:

<i>Team Relays</i>	Mixed
Freestyle	4x100m
Medley	4x100m

<i>Individual events</i>	Men	Women
Freestyle	50m, 100m, 200m, 400m	50m, 100m, 200m, 400m
Backstroke	50m, 100m, 200m	50m, 100m, 200m
Breaststroke	50m, 100m, 200m	50m, 100m, 200m
Butterfly	50m, 100m, 200m	50m, 100m, 200m
Ind. Medley	200m	200m

Four (4) central lanes of the 50m competition pool will be used, with only four athletes (teams) competing at each race.

2.2. Competition Schedule

The competition will be staged over 2 days with direct final sessions only.

(Competition Day 1)

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| 1. 200m Backstroke, Women | 9. 100m Freestyle, Women |
| 2. 200m Butterfly, Men | 10. 200m IM, Men |
| 3. 100m Butterfly, Women | 11. 50m Breaststroke, Women |
| 4. 50m Freestyle, Men | 12. 100m Breaststroke, Men |
| 5. 200m Breaststroke, Women | 13. 50m Backstroke, Women |
| 6. 100m Backstroke, Men | 14. 200m Freestyle, Men |
| 7. 400m Freestyle, Women | 15. 4x100m Freestyle, Mixed* |
| 8. 50m Butterfly, Men | |

(Competition Day 2)

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. 200m Backstroke, Men | 9. 100m Freestyle, Men |
| 2. 200m Butterfly, Women | 10. 200m IM, Women |
| 3. 100m Butterfly, Men | 11. 50m Breaststroke, Men |
| 4. 50m Freestyle, Women | 12. 100m Breaststroke, Women |
| 5. 200m Breaststroke, Men | 13. 50m Backstroke, Men |
| 6. 100m Backstroke, Women | 14. 200m Freestyle, Women |
| 7. 400m Freestyle, Men | 15. 4x100m Medley, Mixed* |
| 8. 50m Butterfly, Women | |

* Relays are subject to confirmation, and dependent on participation.

3. CONTROL OF EVENT

3.1. Management Committee

The members of the FINA Technical Swimming Commission (FINA Bureau Liaison, the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Honorary Secretary of the FINA Technical Swimming Committee) forms the competition Management Committee.

3.2. Jury of Appeal

The Management Committee will act as the Jury of Appeal.

3.3. FINA Official Representatives

For each Meet, FINA will nominate a Technical Delegate and a Doping Control Delegate. FINA may also appoint a Media Delegate and any representatives from the FINA office (Marketing, GMS, Event Management, etc.) responsible for the respective areas/activities to attend the competition.

4. RULES

The FINA Champions Swim Series competitions will be held under the FINA Rules in force at the time of the event.

5. QUALIFYING CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION

- 5.1. Only active athletes will be considered for invitation. The athletes should not be suspended by FINA or its respective NF for any reason (doping, disciplinary cases etc.).

- 5.2. Selection of the swimmers to be invited for participation at each event (race) will be done under the following principle and order:
- (i) FINA World Championships - (Gwangju 2019) - Gold Medalist
 - (ii) Olympic Games - (Rio de Janeiro 2016) - Gold Medalist
 - (iii) FINA World Championships - (Gwangju 2019)- Silver Medalist
 - (iv) Olympic Games - (Rio de Janeiro 2016)- Silver Medalist
 - (v) FINA World Championships - (Gwangju 2019) - Bronze Medalist
 - (vi) Olympic Games - (Rio de Janeiro 2016)- Bronze Medalist
 - (vii) World Record Holder
 - (viii) FINA Swimming World Cup - Overall winner - 1st place
 - (ix) FINA Swimming World Cup - Overall 2nd place
 - (x) FINA Swimming World Cup - Overall 3rd place
 - (xi) FINA World Championships finalists
 - (xii) Top ranked athletes of the FINA World Swimming ranking, provided they were not invited before. (Ranking period January 01 – November 10, 2019). If two athletes have the same time in the ranking and only one spot available, the invitation will go to the athlete who did the time first.

The selection/invitation is done race by race, leg by leg, until the number of four athletes per race is reached.

6. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

- 6.1. Officiating of the competition should be done by Referees and Starters included on the valid FINA Swimming Officials Lists (e.g. for competition in 2020 the valid lists are No. 20 and No. 21)
- 6.2. The LOC/ Host NF shall appoint the Technical Officials, and all other officials, marshals and other persons required as per FINA Rules. The number of Technical Officials (total number 20 (twenty)). on each day/session of the competition should be as follow:
- Referees - 2 (two)
 - Starters – 2 (two)
 - Judges of stroke – 4 (four)
 - Chief inspectors of turns – 2 (total two, one at each end of the pool)
 - Inspectors of turns – 8 (total eight, one at each end of each lane)
 - Officials at call room – 2 (two)
- 6.3. All the appointments should be submitted for approval by FINA.
- 6.4. FINA will appoint two additional International Technical Official to act as the Referees.

7. TECHNICAL MEETING

The Technical Meeting should be held at least one day prior to the first day of Competition.

The Technical Meeting will cover all aspects about the execution of the FINA Champions Swim Series and include the following issues:

- Pre-Competition procedures
- Competition procedures
- Post-competition procedures

The Technical Meeting will provide updated sport specific information for all coaches and Team Leaders. All swimmers must be represented at the meeting because there will be a review regarding the competition procedures, athletes' flows, warm-up procedures, etc.

At the meeting Team Leaders must check the start lists, as well as all information related to their athletes including spelling of the athlete's name (first name, last name, date of birth, etc.). No corrections or changes will be allowed after the Technical Meeting. Withdrawals after conclusion of the Technical Meeting will be fined according to the FINA Rules and these Regulations (see point 10).

8. REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

All Registrations and Entries shall take place through the FINA General Management System (FINA GMS) which can be accessed by <https://data.fina.org>. National Federations must use their usual login details to access the system. For registration help and assistance please contact: aquaticsdbs@fina.org

We highly advise federations who need visa to register their athletes as soon as possible in the FINA GMS in order to receive the visa assistance from the Organising Committee.

The entry steps are as follows:

8.1. Registration (Entries By Name)

Registration of Athletes and Team Officials and submission of all relevant data for the purposes of Accreditation and Visa assistance should be completed not later than deadline announced by the LOC of each particular event.

Only the Athletes nominated and invited by FINA should be registered and submitted to compete at the FINA Champions Swim Series. Each Federation shall be allowed to include in its delegation Team Officials (coaches, managers, trainers, chaperons, etc.)

Individuals who are serving as Team Officials (coaches, managers, chaperons, etc.) cannot serve as Technical Meet Officials.

8.2. Final Sport Entries

Each Athlete must be registered for the event (s) they are invited to.

Rules for Individual Entries:

- National Federations will be able to submit times for athletes from competitions in 50m pool only.
- All entry times MUST be included in the FINA World Swimming Rankings in order to be validated. Please check validity of the entry by visiting <https://www.fina.org/content/swimming-world-ranking> or through official FINA Result application (FINA RESULTS APP)
- The qualification period for all entry times is: 01 January 2019 – 31 December 2019.

Important note: *Only valid times included in the FINA Rankings at the date of the deadline for entries can be accepted as entry times. Where no valid time information is recorded in the FINA Rankings, the swimmer will be entered with no time.*

- *Only 50m entry times will accepted*
- *All entry times will be seeded as per FINA Rules.*

Rules for Team Events Entries:

- The athletes from different nationalities are encouraged to enter in each of the relays, respecting the quota of two (2) men and two (2) women per relay.
- For each relay event, the teams will be compiled from applications to be received from participating athletes and followed by a draw to be done at the Technical Meeting.
- The applications for competing at the relays should be received by the Management Committee not later than the start of the Technical Meeting.

- The order of swimmers actually swimming on a relay must be submitted at least one hour before the start of the session.

9. ACCREDITATION

9.1. General Principles for Accreditation

The purpose of accreditation is to authorise people by confirming their roles at the competition and providing them the rights to have privileges and appropriate access to functional areas to perform their duties.

The procedure of accreditation ensures appropriate security in the functional zones and arrears of operation.

Accreditation ensures that only the appropriately qualified and eligible people are entitled to participate in or perform official functions at the Championships and used to keep unauthorised people out of such areas, therefore accreditation is not to be granted in lieu of a “free pass” or “event ticket”.

The teams representing the FINA member National Federations are entitled to receive accreditation for all eligible athletes competing at the event, including the team officials. The team officials are defined as persons whose presence is essential to the administration of an NF’s delegation and for the technical and medical support of the athletes competing at the competitions.

FINA has final approval for all additional Team Official and NF Representative Accreditation pass requests that have been registration through the FINA GMS by the registration deadline.

9.2. Venue Access Zone

In order to ensure secure operation and facilitating movements and function of people at the venue performing specific roles during the competition there will be areas with restricted and additional access control.

The access rights to enter “access zones” are defined according to category of accreditation provided to a person. Such category is based on official function and duty of a person during the event.

9.3. Loss of Accreditation

In case the individual accreditation badge is stolen or lost, the bearer should immediately report to the nearest security personnel from the LOC. A penalty fee may be charged for the reproduction of lost accreditation badges.

10. SUBSTITUTION, WITHDRAWAL AND PROTESTS

10.1. Substitution

Considering the format of the event as invitational meet with direct finals, as a matter of principle substitution is not foreseen.

10.2. Withdrawal

Any withdrawal should be reported to the FINA Technical Delegate no later than conclusion of the official Technical Meeting. A competitor or team who withdraws from the event after the Team Leaders Meeting, will be penalised. In case of late withdrawal FINA reserves the right to withhold financial penalty from payment to the competitor, or respective NF. The respective penalties will apply also in case of no show.

10.3. Protests

- a. Protests are possible. **(GR 9.2.1)**
 - If the rules and regulations for the conduct of the competitors are not observed,
 - If other conditions endanger the competitions and/or competitors, or against decisions of the referee;
 - however, no protest shall be allowed against decisions of fact.
- b. Protest must be submitted. **(GR 9.2.2)**
 - to the referee,
 - in writing on FINA Forms,
 - by the responsible team leader,
 - together with a deposit of 500 Swiss Francs or its equivalent, and
 - within 30 minutes following the conclusion of the respective race.
- c. If conditions causing a potential protest are noted prior to the event a protest must be lodged before the signal to start is given.
- d. If the protest is rejected, the deposit will be forfeited to the management body of the competition. If the protest is upheld, the deposit will be returned. **(GR 9.2.4).**

11. SWIMWEAR

- 11.1. The swimwear used by the competitors must comply in full with FINA rule **BL 8** and **GR 5** and duly approved by FINA in accordance with the rules and procedures set forth in the FINA Requirements for Swimwear Approval (FRSA).
- 11.2. In swimming competitions the competitor must wear only one swimsuit in one or two pieces. No additional items, like arm bands or leg bands shall be regarded as parts of a swimsuit. **(BL 8.2).**
- 11.3. The referee of a competition has the authority to exclude any competitor whose Swimwear does not comply with the FINA rules.

12. DOPING CONTROL

- 12.1. The conduct of the doping control will be the responsibility of the national Anti-Doping Association and one or more persons appointed by the FINA Bureau. A selection of competitors to be tested during the FINA competition shall be decided by the Doping Control delegate at the competition. All participating competitors shall be considered for doping control selection.
- 12.2. Any Athlete equaling or breaking a World Record (or World Junior Record) shall submit to Testing following the race. When a relay team breaks or equals a World Record, all Athletes swimming the relay shall be tested. If no Testing is conducted at the Competition, the Athletes shall be responsible for making arrangements to submit to Testing no later than 24 hours after the race. No World Record shall be recognised without a negative doping test certificate for all Prohibited Substances or Prohibited Methods identified on the Prohibited List for which an analytical technique is available. **(DC 5.3.3.2).**
- 12.3. Should an Athlete obtain a national record in a FINA Competition and not otherwise be selected for Testing, and the Rules of the Member Federation of the Athlete are similar to **DC 5.3.3.2**, the Member Federation may request FINA to conduct Testing on such Athlete upon payment of a fee reasonably determined by FINA. **(DC 5.3.3.3).**

13.ADVERTISING

To assist athletes in concentrating on their performance and to ensure that the focus of spectators remains on our sport, FINA aims to ensure that all swimwear and equipment to be used on pool deck complies with the latest edition of FINA Rule on Advertising and Commercial Markings.

- 13.1. Identification in the form of logos on swimwear, i.e. swimsuit, cap and goggles, and pool deck equipment, i.e. track suits, official's uniforms, footwear, towels and bags, is permitted in accordance with regulations established in the By-Laws **(BL 7)**. A two-piece swimsuit shall, in relation to advertising, be regarded as one.
- 13.2. The name and the flag of the country of the competitor or the country code shall not be regarded as advertisements. **(GR 6.1)**. Furthermore the athletes are encouraged to use their national colours, name, flag and emblems, as well as NF's emblems (hereinafter "National Identifications"), in order to visually enhance the national identity. No maximum frequency or sizes are applied to National Identifications.
- 13.3. Body advertisement is not allowed in any way whatsoever. **(GR 6.2)**
- 13.4. Advertising for tobacco or alcohol is not allowed. **(GR 6.3)**.
- 13.5. Any advertising identifications which are not indicated in the regulations are not permitted. In the event that any clothing or other items of equipment contravenes these regulations, the competitor must immediately remove the offending item(s) and replace it/them with clothing that complies with FINA rules. In the event that the breach is not immediately remedied the competitor may be requested to wear attire provided by the event organiser. **(BL 7.1.7)**
- 13.6. The final approval of all swim caps, swimsuits, goggles and pool deck equipment is always made by the technical officials, in the call room prior to each competition swim.

14.AWARDS AND AWARDS CEREMONIES

- 14.1. Special Award will be given only to the Winner of each race.
- 14.2. The Awards will be presented to the Athletes on the day of competition. Further practicalities and procedure for Awards Ceremonies will be provided by the LOC at the Technical Meeting.

15.RULES OF CONDUCT DURING THE COMPETITION

The competitors shall actively participate in the full conduct of the competition including victory ceremonies and, if applicable, presentations and/or press conferences. They shall strictly avoid any offensive or improper behaviour towards the officials, the other competitors, the team members and/or the spectators during the entire conduct of the competition. Any political, religious or discriminatory statement or behaviour is strictly prohibited. (FINA BL, FINA CODE OF CONDUCT, Article 3)

16.PRIZE MONEY AND ENGAGEMENT FEES

Prize Money at the FINA Champions Swim Series will be based on the following allocation.

16.1. Prize Money

Prize money will be awarded for each individual race as follows:

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| 1 st place: | US\$ 10'000.- |
| 2 nd place: | US\$ 8'000.- |
| 3 rd place: | US\$ 6'000.- |
| 4 th place: | US\$ 5'000.- |

Prize money will be awarded for each relay race as follows:

1 st place:	US\$ 16'000.-
2 nd place:	US\$ 12'000.-
3 rd place:	US\$ 8'000.-
4 th place:	US\$ 6'000.-

16.2. Distribution of Prizes in Case of Tie

In the event of a tie, the prize money corresponding to concerned positions will be equally paid to these athletes / relay teams.

16.3. World Record Bonus

A bonus will be paid to the swimmers establishing each new World Record.

World Records (each) US\$ 20'000.-

No bonus payment is considered for establishing equal World Record or Junior World Record.

16.4. Engagement Fees

Each swimmer will receive an engagement fee for attending the event, swimming the race(s) for which he/she was invited, and if required so, to provide at least one hour of his/her time to participate in additional activities around the event, such as: press conferences, photo-calls, meet the media sessions, swim clinics, community visits, etc.

FINA and the LOC shall discuss and agree in advance with each swimmer on their engagement at the event.

16.5. Payment of Prize Money and Engagement Fees

All the payments above will be paid by means of wire transfer after the event.

The National Federation of a swimmer winning prize money should inform FINA as to whether the prize money will be paid to the National Federation or directly to the athlete.

The amount of the prize money will be paid without any deductions, however FINA shall not be responsible if any national tax has to be deducted from the prize money or for any tax obligation of the participants in their respective countries.

The Prize Money will be paid only after receiving all laboratory doping control tests results.