EVENT SUMMONS

18 - 19 January 2020

Beijing, China
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INTRODUCTION

Since 2019, elite swimming stars have had the opportunity to shine in a brand new FINA competition, the “FINA Champions Swim Series”, a circuit gathering the top athletes of the Sport. With an original competition format including only finals, the Series aims to be a milestone in the Aquatic Sports calendar.

The main goals of this international gathering are to give elite swimmers increased attention and additional occasions to compete, thus generating stronger global interest in the sport of swimming.

The Series is an exceptional showcase for the sport and its top swimmers. The competition is held in 50-metre pools and together with innovative sports presentation and entertainment, it comprise events of 50m, 100m and 200m in freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly (as well as the 400m free and 200m IM), in addition to relay races.

The athletes’ participation in this exclusive Series is on an invitation-only basis, comprising the Olympic and World medallists, the current World Record holder and the best in the world rankings in each event. Attractive prize money is paid in each individual race, with an overall prize money pool of over 3 million US dollars.

With an extensive and well-developed range of broadcast partners throughout the globe, alongside digital distribution platforms like FINA-TV, FINA is uniquely placed to deliver an unforgettable circuit of the “FINA Champions Swim Series” to the fans, followers and our potential new stars.

In 2020, the second edition of the FINA Champions Swim Series will be hosted by:

Shenzhen, China, on January 14-15;

Beijing, China, on January 18-19.
I. EVENT INFORMATION

1. Host, Place and Date of Competitions

The second leg of the FINA Champions Swim Series 2020 will be held in Beijing, China:

Saturday, 18 January 2020: Competition – Day 1
Sunday, 19 January 2020: Competition – Day 2

The hosts for this event, the Chinese Swimming Association and Beijing Sports Administration.

2. Welcome to Beijing

Beijing is the capital of the People's Republic of China, covering an area of 16,800 square kilometres. It is the country’s political, cultural and international exchange centre. As the reform and opening up deepens, Beijing is undergoing rapid changes. Ancient culture and modern civilisation add radiance to each other here. Beijing is a city with booming economy and dynamics.

The successful hosting of the 2008 Olympic Games has left a rich material heritage and precious intangible wealth for Beijing, and has promoted the development of economy and society of Beijing in an all-round way.

By taking world-renowned sports brands as platforms, Beijing is doubling efforts to build an international city with Chinese characteristics and a global sport centre city, so as to make full use of first-rate Olympic facilities, enrich cultural and sports life of citizens, most importantly, to carry forward the Olympic spirit and promote the development of Olympics in Beijing and China as a whole.

3. Organising Committee

The China Swimming Association and Beijing Sports Administration, have established the Local Organizing Committee of the 2020 FINA Champions Swim Series – Beijing 2020, which shall be in charge of the preparation and organisation of the competitions under the control and supervision of FINA.
The participants and the guests of the FINA Champions Swim Series – Beijing 2020 required to communicate with LOC, should address their queries according to the details below:

**Beijing organizing committee of FINA Champion Swim Series in 2020**

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Email: jsglzx@sina.com

4. **Competition Venue**

_YingDong Swimming Natatorium_ was founded from 1986 and finished in 1990, and then formally put into use. In 20 years, YingDong Swimming Natatorium has successively held the 11th Asian games, the 7th National Games, the 20th Universiade, the 6th South Games for the Disabled, swimming finals of “Good Luck Beijing”, Modern Pentathlon World Cup, “Good Luck Beijing” Water Polo Tournament, the 29th Beijing Olympic Games and a series of important sporting events.

YingDong Swimming Natatorium is one of the important sports buildings in Olympic sports centre, with original construction area of 39105 square meters. The expansion began on April 1, 2006 and was completed in August 2007, with an expansion area of 5530 square meters, a total construction area of 44635 square meters and 6000 seats.

During the Olympic Games YingDong Swimming Natatorium took on two tasks as the venue for Olympic water polo competition and the modern pentathlon swimming competition.
Ying Dong Swimming Natatorium has a competition pool with dimensions of 25 meters by 50 meters and 3-meter-deep. It also includes diving pool of 25 meters by 50 meters with 5.5 meter deep. The warm up pool 11.5m x 50m x 1.8m and relaxation pool 11.5m x 50m x 1.2m.

5. General Programme

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

Thursday, 16 January 2020: Arrival

Friday, 17 January 2020: Technical Meeting (start at 17:00, GMT +8)

Saturday, 18 January 2020: Competition – Day 1 (start at 19:30, GMT +8)

Sunday, 19 January 2020: Competition – Day 2 (start at 19:30, GMT +8)

Monday, 20 January 2020: Departure

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

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

Further details on competition running order including the events, entertainment programme and the awards ceremonies, will be available at the Technical Meeting. The format of the competitions consider interviews with race winners/stars after each race.
II. TEAM INFORMATION

1. 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](https://data.fina.org). National Federations must use their usual login details to access the system. For registration help and assistance please contact: aquaticsdb@fina.org

*Please note that the registration for the FINA Champions Swim Series – Beijing 2020 – is open until 06 December 2019 (23:59 GMT). All participants must be registered at this date.*

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.

2. Training Facilities

Training will be provided from 16th January 2020 at the competition venue. Training will follow the “Open Training System”, therefore, each team may train at any time within the specified training time for an unlimited duration.

The YingDong Swimming Natatorium includes:
- Competition Pool - 50m x 10 lanes (3m deep)
- Training Pool – 50m x 5 lanes (1.8m deep)

*The facilities will be available from Thursday 16th January through Sunday 19th January from 10:00 to 20:00.*

3. Technical Meeting

The Technical Meeting will be held **Friday, 17th January, 2020, at 17:00**. Place for the meeting will be announce in due time.

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.

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 FINA Rules.

4. Doping Control

The conduct of the doping control will be the responsibility of the China Anti-Doping Association (CHINADA) 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 Commission at
the competition. All participating competitors shall be considered for doping control selection. Any
swimmer breaking a World Record / World Junior Record shall submit to doping control after the
race. When a relay team breaks or equals a World Record / World Junior Record, all competitors
swimming the relay shall be tested.

5. Traveling to China / Visas

All foreign participants of the FINA Champions Swim Series requiring an entry visa to China need
to apply for such visa before travelling.

In accordance with visa requirement of the People’s Republic of China, official invitation letters
will be provided by China Swimming Association to entire FINA Family (athletes, NF
representatives and team officials, FINA Bureau, Committee and Commission members, FINA
Staff and FINA Guests), media representatives and all other approved foreign visitors attending
the competition e.g. coaches, officials and judges.
Request for visa assistance will be accepted only if placed through the FINA General
Management System (FINA GMS) with fully submitted registrations.

Processing times for temporary resident visa applications processed by visa offices outside China
vary widely from a matter of days to several weeks. Further information about the Chinese visa
for foreign nationals, with answers to frequently asked questions, can be obtained following the
link: http://english.gov.cn/services/visitchina/

Last date to accept request for the Visa Assistance is 06 December 2019 at 23:59 (GMT)

Please note that traveler who is transiting into or through any third country might need the
relevant visa to enter that country, thus he/she should be solely responsible for obtaining such
visa and any other required documents.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

For your travel to China you should have a valid passport or other appropriate identification
document with an expiry date not less than six months after the expected departure.

All invited persons applying for a visa to attend the FINA Champions Swim Series are required to
pay appropriate official fees at the time of their application. The visa application fee will be
reimbursed only against original receipt, proof of payment. For avoidance of doubt no additional
expenses related to the visa application, such as tourist agency fee, will be covered.

The participants and the guests of the FINA Champions Swim Series – Beijing 2020 required to
further information regarding visa assistance are free to contact directly the Chinese Swimming
Association by using contact details below:

Attention: Mr. LIU Jiangping (Allen), Head of the External Affairs Department, China
Swimming Association
Address: No.2 Tiyuguan Rd., Dongcheng Dist. Beijing, 100763, P.R.China
Tel: +8610-67170592 Fax: +8610-67170595
Email: csa@aquatics.org.cn

6. Travel to Beijing

The LOC will be providing transportation for those arriving at Beijing Capital International
Airport (PEK) and Beijing Daxing International Airport (PKX).
Beijing Capital International Airport (IATA: PEK, ICAO: ZBAA) is the main international airport serving the city of Beijing in People’s Republic of China. It is located 32 km (20 mi) northeast of Beijing’s city centre, 35 min travel distance from the official hotel.

Beijing Daxing International Airport (PKX), also known as Beijing New Airport, is the biggest airport in the world. Daxing airport is located at the frontier between Beijing and Langfang, Hebei Province with 67km-distance from Beijing International Airport, however travel time from the airport to the official hotel can be more than 1.5 hours.

7. Accommodation

Accommodation for all invited swimmers and national federation officials will be arranged at the official hotel: Beijing Continental Grand Hotel, No. 8 Beichen east road, Chaoyang district, Beijing, China.

The hotel is 20 km from Beijing Capital International airport and within 1 km from the competition venues.
The costs of full-board accommodation (including breakfast, lunch, and dinner) will be provided at the hotel for a maximum of 4 nights, with check-in starting from Thursday 16th January, and check-out on Monday 20th January.

Accommodation will be booked based on travel details submitted through the GMS. Any specific or additional requests should be sent by mail to: swimming@fina.org

8. Local Transportation

The LOC will provide pickup and sendoff service for the participants and officials of the FINA Champions Swim Series who arrive to and leave from **Beijing Capital International Airport (PEK) and Beijing Daxing International Airport (PKX)**.

The service will be provided based on travel details submitted through the FINA GMS. National federations shall ensure the flight arrangements of its swimmers and any officials are registered in the FINA GMS: [https://data.fina.org](https://data.fina.org)

During the days of the competitions the special-purpose vehicle and shuttle bus services will be provided between official hotel and competition venue. Further details regarding local transportation service will be available upon arrival in Beijing.

9. FINA Insurance

FINA Travel and Accident insurance covers participants to the Champions Swim Series for the following situations:

- Emergency medical expenses reimbursement
- Search and rescue operations
- Medical transportation
- 24/7 worldwide medical advice and assistance
- Psychological assistance
- Travel incidents including flight cancellation by airline, flight delay, missed connecting flight due to medical reasons, loss, theft, damage or destruction of luggage, delayed luggage delivery, lost document assistance.

In the event of a claim, please contact immediately:

**INTER PARTNER ASSISTANCE**
TEL: +41 22 819 44 66 and/or
operations@tsm-assistance.com, claims@tsm-assistance.com

**FINA Office**
insurance@fina.org

10. Travel & Accommodation Assistance

Information on Travel & Accommodation Assistance to invited athletes has been communicated directly to each National Federation Member of FINA and can be consulted further by contacting the FINA Office:

Phone: +41 21 310 47 10  Fax: +41 21 312 66 10
Email: sportsdep@fina.org  swimming@fina.org