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INTRODUCTION

S 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 first leg of the FINA Champions Swim Series 2020 will be held in Shenzhen, Guangdong Province, China:

**Tuesday, 14 January 2020:** Competition – Day 1
**Wednesday, 15 January 2020:** Competition – Day 2

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

2. Guangdong Province & Shenzhen

Guangdong Province is located in the south of mainland China, facing the South China Sea and neighbouring Hong Kong SAR and Macau SAR. It's one of the earliest-opened commercial port in ancient China and it was the starting point of the famous "Maritime Silk Road". It's also a forerunner province under the reform and opening policy of China. With an area of 179.7 thousand square kilometers in land space, Guangdong Province is divided to 21 cities and 119 administrative districts. By the end of 2016, the population of Guangdong Province is 110 million, while the GDP is 7.95 trillion, ranking the first all over China.

Located in southern Guangdong Province and on the eastern Pearl River estuary, Shenzhen is just cross the river from Hong Kong. Shenzhen is a demonstration pilot zone of China’s reform and opening-up and modernization construction which is the most influential and well-developed. Shenzhen serves as China’s Economic Central City, Science and Technology Innovation Center, Regional Financial Center, Logistics Center, the Land of Innovative and Creative, which is one of the four core cities of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. In addition, Shenzhen is fully committed to constructing a pioneering demonstration area of socialism with Chinese characteristics. The city covers an area of 1,997.47 square kilometers with the jurisdiction consisting of 9 administrative districts and 1 new district. On December 16, 2018, the Shenshan Special Cooperation Zone was officially established. Up to the end of 2018, the permanent resident population was 130.26 million. The city's GDP exceeded 2.4 trillion yuan with its economic aggregate ranking in the top five in Asian cities.

In recent years, Shenzhen has held various important international sports events such as the Universiade Shenzhen 2011, NBA China Games, ICC International Champions Cup, Trophée des Champions, WTA, ATP, Basketball World Cup and other world-class sports events.

3. Organising Committee

The China Swimming Association and Guangdong Provincial Sports Administration, have established the Local Organizing Committee of the 2020 FINA Champions Swim Series – Shenzhen (LOC Shenzhen - 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 – Shenzhen 2020 required to communicate with LOC, should address their queries according to the details below:

All correspondence should be directed to the LOC at the following address:

C/O: **FINA Champions Swim Series Shenzhen 2020 Organizing Committee**

Attention: Mr. Chen Hongshan, OC Liaison Officer

Address: 5th Floor, Sports Building, Sungang West Road, Futian District, 518029, Guangdong Province, China

Tel: +86 0755 83792681 Fax: +86 0755 83792681

Email: fcss2020@126.com

Mr. Chen Yingyin:

Tel: +8620 83860299 Fax: +8620 83845325

4. **Competition Venue**

Shenzhen Universiade Center Swimming Natatorium was the main venue for the swimming competition of the 26th Summer Universiade of Shenzhen in 2011. With a total floor space of 43,000 square meters, the swimming natatorium consists of 2 underground floors and 1 floor above ground.

With steel-structure roof, the natatorium is equipped with international advanced technology and materials for its main construction, and sports equipment according to the latest standards, its advancement can be comparable to the National Aquatics Center “Water Cube”.
The natatorium, with an area of 130.2 meters by 231 meters and a height of 23.5 meters, has 3018 audience seats. The competition pool is the standard pool with dimensions of 25 meters by 50 meters and 2-meter-deep. Moreover, a state-of-the-art water purification system is also installed in the natatorium.

5. General Programme

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

Sunday, 12 January 2020: Arrival

Monday, 13 January 2020: Technical Meeting (start at 17:00, GMT +8)
Tuesday, 14 January 2020: Competition – Day 1 (start at 19:30, GMT +8)
Wednesday, 15 January 2020: Competition – Day 2 (start at 19:30, GMT +8)
Thursday, 16 January 2020: Departure

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Day 1 - Tuesday, 14 January (start at 19:30, GMT +8)

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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. 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 – Shenzhen 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 12th 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 Shenzhen Universiade Center Swimming Natatorium includes:

- Competition Pool - 50m x 10 lane (2m deep)
- Training Pool – 50m x 10 lane (1.2m - 2m deep)

The facilities will be available from Sunday 12th January through Wednesday 15th January from 10:00 to 20:00.

Fitness gym area equipped with cardio-training, weight training and cross training machines should be also available at the Official Hotel.

3. Technical Meeting

The Technical Meeting will be held Monday, 13th 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

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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 the People’s Republic of China’s visa requirements, official invitation letters will be provided by the China Swimming Association to the 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/](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 – Shenzhen 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 Shenzhen**

The LOC will be providing transportation for those arriving at **Shenzhen Bao’an International Airport (SZX)**.

Shenzhen Airport, also known as Shenzhen Bao’an International Airport (IATA: SZX, ICAO: ZGSZ), is located at 32 km northwest of Shenzhen city centre, nearby Huangtian and Fuyong villages, in Bao’an district.

Shenzhen Bao’an International Airport is the fifth busiest airport in China.

7. **Accommodation**

Accommodation for all invited swimmers and national federation officials will be arranged at the official headquarters hotel: **The Coli Hotel Shenzhen, No.168, Dayun Road, Dayun New City, Longgang District, Shenzhen, Guangdong, China**.

The hotel is located 45 min from the Shenzhen Bao’an International Airport, and 1km from the competition venue.
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 Sunday 12th January, and check-out on Thursday 16th 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 Shenzhen Bao’an International Airport (SZX).

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

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 Shenzhen.

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
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