

General Information
FINA/CNSG Marathon Swim World Series 2020
Doha, QATAR – February 15, 2020
KATARA Beach

Qatar Swimming Association (QSA) has the honour and pleasure to invite you to the **FINA/CNSG Marathon Swim World Series**, in Doha, Qatar (QAT).

The following information has been prepared in order to assist your National Federation in its decision to attend this event.

EVENT CONTACT

Should you have any questions or queries regarding the information provided in this document please feel free to contact Qatar Swimming Association (QSA).

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EVENT KEY DATES

February 02, 2020	Entries by Name, Accreditation, Visa, Accommodation, Travel Details
February 12-13, 2020	Official Training (competition venue & official training pool, times tbc)
February 14, 2020	Technical Meeting (competition venue at the Briefing area @ 10:00)
February 15, 2020	Competition (09:00 for Women and 13:00 for Men – times thought tbc)

SITES & DATES of the FINA / CNSG Marathon Swim World Series 2020

February 15, 2020	Doha (QAT)
March 3, 2020	Victoria (SEY)
June 6, 2020	Budapest (HUN)
June 13, 2020	Setubal (POR)
July 19, 2020	Lac St. Jean (CAN)
August 8, 2020	Lac Megantic (CAN)
August 30, 2020	Ohrid (MKD)
September 19, 2020	Taiwan (TPE)
October 15, 2020	Chun'An (CHN)
October 25, 2020	Hong Kong (HKG)

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PARTICIPANTS

Meets are open to entries from all national member federations of FINA and except for clubs within its own country, the HMF shall correspond with, and accept entries, only from national member federations of FINA, and not with clubs, coaches or individual swimmers. The HMF may choose to send a National Team and/or Club Representative.

HMF's are encouraged to continue inviting top athletes, most specifically top ranked ones of the last FINA/CNSG Marathon Swim World Series 2019 and FINA World Championships (Gwangju 2019).

Each HMF shall be obliged to enter National Stars' within the Host Country meet and shall use its best efforts to ensure the attendance of top swimmers in all other Meets.

ENTRY PROCESS & PROTOCOL

Registration: All National Federation registration and entries will take place online through the FINA General Management System (GMS) via <https://data.fina.org>. Each national federation will access the system to complete their registrations before the designated deadline for each event.

Support and assistance will be provided by the GMS Support Team via aquaticsdb@fina.org.

PROTOCOL

Costume Protocol - Swimwear worn shall be according to FINA by-laws BL 7 and BL 8.

TECHNICAL / TEAM LEADERS` MEETING

The Team Leaders Meeting will take place at the competition venue Briefing area in February 14, 2020 at 10:00. One representative from each National Federation/Club must attend this meeting.

COURSE INFORMATION

The competition of the 10km swim will be organized on a 2.000m lap course (left shoulder turns), at the KATARA Beach at the KATARA Cultural Village, which the swimmers must swim in five (5) laps. More details on the course design will be shared one month prior to the competition. Waters in KATARA Beach are relatively calm, with a course depth varying from 1.8 – 3.5m.

WEATHER INFORMATION

Weather data for the month of February, over the last 8 year's reveals an average air temperature ranging between 15 – 24 degrees Celsius at the date of the competition, with clear blue skies, precipitation is at 8mm and humidity ranging between 50 - 70%. Prevailing wind pattern is from NW to NNW, at average speeds between 8 – 17 km/h. Water temperature ranges between 18 – 21 degrees Celsius.

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COMPETITION PROGRAMME

FINA/CNSG Marathon Swim World Series 2020 competition program will include a 10km swim race for men and women. The starting time of the race will be announced one month prior to the start of the competition with its final time to be confirmed at the Team Leaders Meeting.

Awarding ceremonies will take place at the competition venue, immediately after the race.

All announcements, instructions, and commands during the event will be in English.

RULES

Please note that all the events in the Series will be conducted according to latest FINA Rules, in force at the time event.

POINT SYSTEM AND PRIZE MONEY

1. POINT SYSTEM

In each Event, points will be awarded to the swimmers depending upon their race finishing position. Swimmers may accumulate points at each Event in which they participate and finish, with their total points counting towards the overall final rankings for each year.

The points awarded for both the men's and women's races at each Event will be as follows:

Race Finish Position	Points*
1st	800
2nd	700
3rd	600
4th	550
5th	500
6th	450
7th	400
8th	350
9th	300
10th	250

All other race finishers: As it's in the Rules and Regulations 2020

Any swimmers who do not finish the race or who are disqualified will receive zero (0) points.

Any swimmers who the Technical Officials have reason to believe have colluded and/or agreed to finish with a tie, will be subject to disqualification.

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2. PRIZE MONEY AT THE EVENT

At each event, the OC will pay a total of US\$30'000 prize money, equally distributed between men and women and as follows:

1 st	US\$ 3'500
2 nd	US\$ 3'000
3 rd	US\$ 2'500
4 th	US\$ 1'700
5 th	US\$ 1'500
6 th	US\$ 1'200
7 th	US\$ 950
8 th	US\$ 650

- The method of the distribution of the prize money shall be announced to the swimmers at each Event during the Technical Meeting.
- The total amount of the prize money has to be paid to the swimmers without any deductions.
- In case there are less than 8 finishers within a gender for the race, then all the prize money will be redistributed amongst the finishers.
- **The National Federation of all swimmers winning prize money will inform the HMF as to whether the prize money will be paid to the National Federation or directly to the athlete.**

3. OVERALL PRIZE MONEY

The overall annual winners will be decided by the male and female swimmers respectively, who have accumulated the most points at Events in that year, provided that they have participated in a minimum of 50% of Events in that year, including the final Event of the season.

The annual prize money to be awarded for both the Men's and Women's Series overall winners is as follows:

1 st	US\$ 50'000
2 nd	US\$ 35'000
3 rd	US\$ 25'000
4 th	US\$ 20'000
5 th	US\$ 15'000
6 th	US\$ 12'000
7 th	US\$ 8'000
8 th	US\$ 5'000
9 th	US\$ 3'500
10 th	US\$ 1'500

VISA REQUIREMENTS

All visitors to Doha, Qatar should have a valid visa for their entry and stay in the country.

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Qatar Swimming Association (QSA) will facilitate an entry visa to Doha, Qatar for all participants of the World Cup and coordinate all the required procedures upon receipt of (a) electronic copies of a valid passport (at least for 6 months from the entry date), (b) date of arrival and (c) country of residence. All information should reach Qatar Swimming Association (QSA) no later than February 02, 2020.

Upon completion of the visa issuing procedures, entry visas can be downloaded directly from the Ministry of Interior (MOI) website following the below link and by using the passport number and nationality. Qatar Swimming Association (QSA), will inform the visa applicants should an issue arise with their application.

<http://www.moi.gov.qa/VsaWeb/Actions?action=getVisaInfoInput&language=English>

Additional information on whether a Visa is needed for entry into the Doha, Qatar can be found in www.moi.gov.qa. Please note that application for Visa may take from 3 to 5 working days depending on various criteria.

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

Qatar Swimming Association (QSA) will organise accommodation to all participating athletes and team officials of that event as per FINA/CNSG Marathon Swim World Series Rules & Regulations.

The Official Event hotel for the FINA/CNSG Marathon Swim World Series – Doha (QAT) will be the Mövenpick Hotel West Bay Doha (5-star / <https://www.movenpick.com/en/middle-east/qatar/doha/hotel-west-bay-doha/overview>) located 15 minutes drive from the competition venue.

Room rates are:

- Single: 175 USD (full board) per night /per room
- Double: 220 USD (full board) per night /per room

To avoid cancellation charges the Accommodation section must be notified of any amendments or cancellation at the latest by February 02, 2020.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Qatar Swimming Association (QSA) will welcome all members of the participating National Federations at the Hamad International Airport (<http://www.dohahamadairport.com>) at the Welcome desk, providing transportation services only between the Airport, the Official Team hotel and the Competition /Training Venue.

Transportation schedules will be provided upon arrival and as part of the detailed Information Pack.

Qatar Swimming Association (QSA) will facilitate Airport Welcome and Transportation services upon receipt of the Travel Information in the FINA GMS by the deadline of February 02, 2020.

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