



FINA/CNSG Marathon Swim World Series 2019
Ohrid (MKD),
28 August 2019

INFORMATION BULLETIN





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General Information Ohrid, North Macedonia

The North Macedonian Swimming Association has the honor and pleasure to invite you to the leg of the 2019 FINA/CNSG Marathon Swim World Series, to be held in Ohrid (MKD).

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

Please note that all the events in the Series will be conducted according to FINA Rules.

EVENT CONTACT

Should you have any questions or queries regarding the information provided in this document please feel free to contact:

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EVENT KEY DATES

24 July 2019	Preliminary Entries
9 August 2019	Entries by Name, Accreditation, Accommodation, Travel Details
27 August 2019	Technical Meeting (Congress Hall - Hotel "Royal View", 11h30)
25-27 August 2019	Official Training (competition venue and pool)
28 August 2019	Competition

SITES & DATES of the FINA/CNSG Marathon Swim World Series 2019

01. February 16, 2019	Doha (QAT)
02. May 12, 2019	Seychelles (SEY)
03. June 8, 2019	Setubal (POR)
04. June 15, 2019	Balatonfured (HUN)
05. July 25, 2019	Lac St. Jean (CAN)
06. August 3, 2019	Lac Magentic (CAN)
07. August 28, 2019	Ohrid (MKD)
08. September 7, 2019	Nantou (TPE)
09. September 29, 2019	Chun'An (CHN)



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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 are encouraged to continue inviting top athletes, most specifically individual medallists of the last FINA World Championships (Budapest 2017).

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 on the official forms.

Preliminary Entry:

Should you wish to compete at the FINA/CNSG Marathon Swim World Series – Ohrid (MKD) please submit your Preliminary Entry no later than **24 July 2019**. Preliminary Entries must include the following:

- The number of male swimmers attending the meet.
- The number of female swimmers attending the meet.
- The number of officials being sent by that National Federation.

Upon receiving the Preliminary Entries, the Macedonian Swimming Association will send a detailed information pack to the National Federation to compete at the event.

FINAL Named Athlete Entry:

Named Entries must be completed and submitted no later than **9 August 2019**.

A recent photo of the swimmer has to be sent in digital format together with the entry form.

Protocol

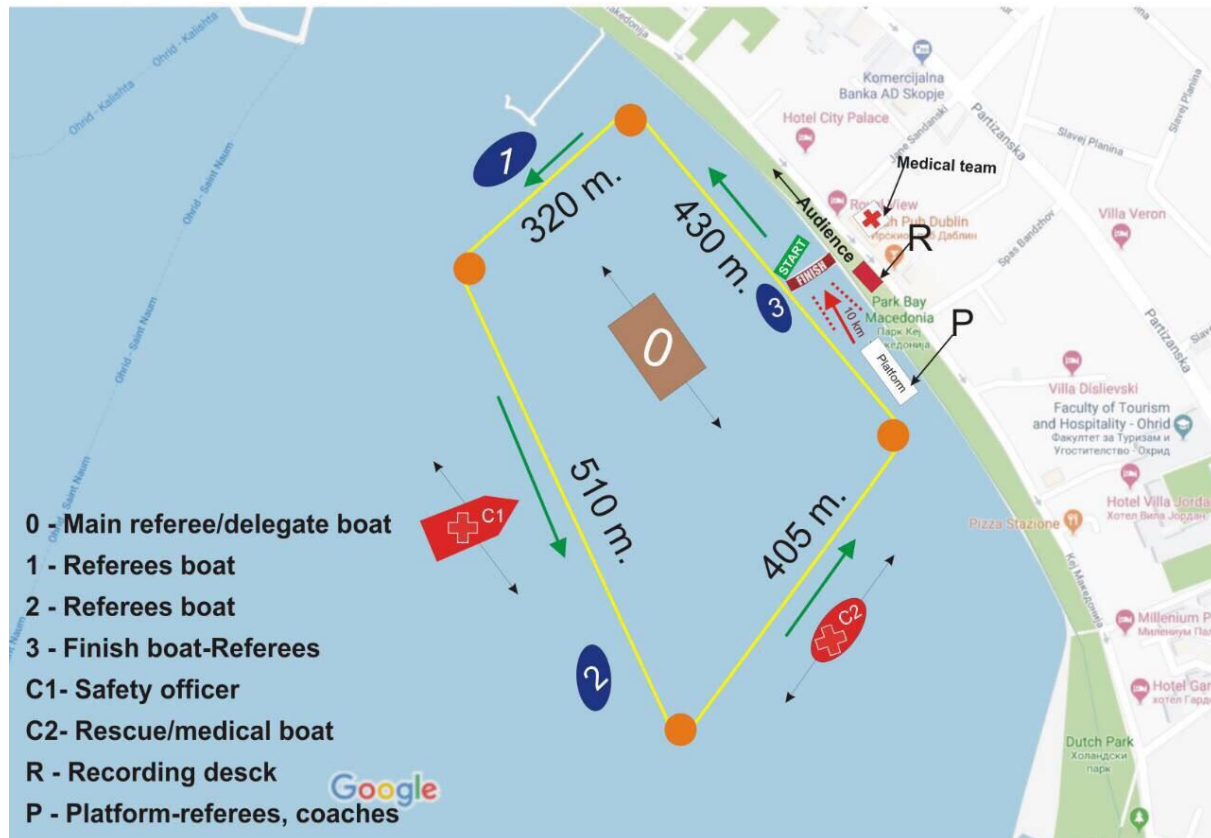
Costume Protocol - Swimwear worn shall be according to FINA by-laws BL 7 and BL 8.

TECHNICAL / TEAM LEADERS' MEETING

A Technical meeting will be held at the competition venue on **27 August 2019** – Congress Hall - Hotel "Royal View" at 11.30 am. One representative from each National Federation/Club must attend this meeting.

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COURSE INFORMATION



CURRENT AND WEATHER INFORMATION

No currents in the water – course is to be set alongside the lakeshore. There is a generally hot weather in mid-August, air temperature is usually in the 28-32 C, and water temperature is usually 22-24C.

COMPETITION PROGRAMME

11:40	Last call, briefing
11:50	Introduction of athletes – men
12:00	Men's race start
12:05	Introduction of athletes – women
12:10	Women's event start
15:00 (appr.)	Victory ceremony – men, women

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



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PRACTICE SCHEDULE (PROVISIONAL)

Official training days: 25-27 August

Please note that all times are subject to final confirmation by the OC.

RULES

All events included for competition shall be conducted under the rules of FINA.

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

All other race finishers:

As it's in the Rules and Regulations 2019

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 pays a total of US\$30'000 prize money, equally distributed between men and women, 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 70% 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



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VISA REQUIREMENTS

All visitors to Ohrid should have a valid visa for their entry and stay in the country. Please contact your embassy and the OC.

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

ACCOMODATION:

FINA delegates -	****Hotel "Royal View" – Ohrid
Athletes and Coaches -	****Hotel "Royal View" – Ohrid

Accommodation entry form and travel form will be available on our web site: www.sfnm.eu
From 15-th July 2019.

To avoid cancellation charges the Accommodation section of the Organising Committee must be notified of any amendments or cancellation by **15 August 2019 the latest**.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

The Organising Committee will welcome all members of the participating National Federations at St Apostol Pavle (5km from Ohrid) and Skopje Airport, providing transportation services between the Airport, the Official Team hotels and the Competition Venue.

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

The OC will facilitate Airport Welcome and Transportation services upon receipt of the Travel Information Form to be submitted no later than **9 August 2019**.

Important note: only teams or individuals booking their accommodation through the OC will be eligible for transportation services.