

SUMMONS

GENERAL INFORMATION

The "Federation Internationale de Natation" (FINA) hereby notifies and invites all affiliated National Federations (NF's) to participate in FINA Swimming World Cup Series 2018 on the basis:

1. HOST, PLACE AND DATE OF COMPETITIONS

CLUSTER 1 (50m)		CLUSTER 2 (25m)		CLUSTER 3 (25m)	
Kazan (RUS)	7-9 Sept	Location TBC	28-30 Sept	Beijing (CHN)	2-4 Nov
Doha (QAT)	13-15 Sept	Budapest (HUN)	4-6 Oct	Tokyo (JPN)	9-11 Nov
				Singapore (SGP)	15-17 Nov

2. EVENTS

The FINA SWC meet will consist of the following individual events for both Men and Women:

- Freestyle 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m (W), 1500m (M)
- Backstroke 50m, 100m, 200m
- Breaststroke 50m, 100m, 200m
- Butterfly 50m, 100m, 200m
- Individual Medley 100m, 200m, 400m

A total of 32 individual events + 2 relays per meet (in 50m) &

A total of 34 individual events + 2 relays per meet (in 25m)

3. COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Each Meet shall be staged over 3 days with heats in the morning session and all finals in the late afternoon/evening session. There shall be a minimum of 5 hours between the end of the heats and the start of the finals.

Heats will be held using up to 10 lanes, Finals will be held using 8 lanes and the 3-day competition programme shall be as outlined below. All events will be swum with heats and finals, except the 800m freestyle women, 1500m freestyle men, and 400m individual medley men and women, to be staged as timed finals with the slowest(s) heats(s) during the morning session and the fastest heat during the Finals session.

Cluster 1 (50m) – 3 days event (Heats – morning; Finals – evening)

Cluster 2 & 3 (25m) – 3 days event (Heats – morning; Finals – evening)

The competition schedule will be made available shortly.

FINA will provide a standard running order template including the same events programme and the awards ceremony, so that all Meets can provide their individual running order in the same format. The running order for the finals should consider time for interviews with race winners/stars after each race.

For awarding the medals to the winners, two parades of Champions are foreseen (every day) after the first 7 events (awarding the first 6 medallists) and at the very end.

4. RULES

The SWC Events will be held under FINA Rules

5. SWIMWEAR AND ADVERTISING

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. The name and the flag of the country of the competitor or the country code shall not be regarded as advertisements. (GR 6.1).

Body advertisement is not allowed in any way whatsoever. (GR 6.2).

Advertising for tobacco or alcohol is not allowed. (GR 6.3)

Advertising identification appearing on swimwear, pool deck equipment is permitted as established in the By-Laws (BL 7).

Any advertising identifications which are not indicated in these 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 organizer. **(BL 7.1.7)**

FINA reserves the right to request Federations taking part in FINA Competitions to present any advertising identification in this rule for examination and approval of FINA prior to the event in question. **(BL 7.1.8)**

6. DOPING CONTROL

The actual conduct of doping control shall be the responsibility of a Doping Control Commission of one or more people appointed by FINA (DC 5.3.3.1).

Selection of competitors to be tested at the FINA competitions shall be decided by the Doping Control Commission together with the Bureau Delegate at the competition. All participating competitors shall be considered (DC 5.3.3.2).

Any swimmers establishing or breaking a World Record shall submit to doping control following the race. When a relay team breaks or equals a World Record all competitors swimming the relay shall be tested (DC 5.3.3.3).

7. CONTROL OF EVENTS

As per FINA Rules C 3.11 and GR 9.4

8. SCORING & PRIZE MONEY

8.1 BY MEET

8.1.1 By Event

a) Medal Points

At each Meet, the competition programme includes 17 individual events for women and men, participating in the first and third cluster, while 34 individual events for women and men, participating in the second cluster. For each individual event, the points are awarded to the medallist as follows:

- First place (Gold Medallist): 12 points
- Second place (Silver Medallist): 9 points
- Third place (Bronze Medallist): 6 points

In case of tie, both swimmers receive the same number of points (e.g. two winners 12 points each, 6 points for third).

b) Prize Money for Medallists

For each individual event, the prize money shall be distributed as follows:

- First place: US\$ 1,500.-
- Second place: US\$ 1,000.-

- Third place: US\$ 500.-
- Fourth place: US\$ 400.-
- Fifth place: US\$ 300.-
- Sixth place: US\$ 200.-

In case of tie, the prize money will be shared (e.g. if there are two winners: US\$ 1,500 + US\$ 1,000 = US\$ 2,500 to be equally shared i.e. US\$ 1,250 for each swimmer – the third placed swimmer receives US\$ 500.-).

The method of distribution of the prize money shall be announced to the swimmers at each Meet during a briefing or at the Managers/Representatives meeting.

c) Relays Prize Money

OC will provide the following Prize Money in each meet:

Each Mixed Relay (2 events per meet):

- First place: US\$ 3,000.-
- Second place: US\$ 2,000.-
- Third place: US\$ 1'000.-

Only teams representing National Federations (not clubs) will be entitled to Relay Prize Money (maximum one team/NF per race).

The National Federation of all swimmers winning prize money will inform the HMF/OC as to whether the prize money will be paid to the National Federation or directly to the athlete.

The total amount of the prize money (USD 144'600) has to be paid to the swimmers without any deductions. In the event that local taxes are due, the OC shall instead pay the full amount to FINA and FINA will pay out the prize money.

8.1.2 Meet Performance Points

According to the FINA points table of the relevant year, the following additional scoring shall be awarded to the top 3 best performances men and to the top 3 best performances women, swum at heats or finals:

- Best performance (highest FINA points table): 24 points
- Second best performance: 18 points
- Third best performance: 12 points

These performance points are not cumulative, only the best performance of each swimmer is taken into account.

In case of tie within any of the top 3 swimmers, the second best performance of the relevant swimmers is taken into account, thereafter the third best performance if the tie remains.

8.1.3 World Records

A swimmer breaking a world record shall receive the following bonuses:

- an extra 20 points
- a prize money of US\$ 10,000.-

A swimmer equalling a world record shall receive the following bonuses:

- an extra 10 points
- no prize money will be distributed

Handling for World Records:

- The payment of US\$ 10,000.- shall be symbolically made with a presentation cheque to be handed out at the awards ceremony
- FINA will provide artwork for a presentation cheque to be used at all Meets (OC to

- produce)
- If in one same event (heat or final) two or more swimmers better the World Record, only the winner of that event will receive the US\$ 10,000.- Prize Money World Records achieved at a split will not be considered neither for the 20 bonus points nor for the US\$ 10,000.- Prize Money. To be eligible, World Records must be achieved over the actual competition distance of the event.

8.1.4 Meet Scoring

The Meet Scoring is the total of the Medal points, the Performance points and the World Record points. One ranking shall be established for men, another for women

8.1.5 Additional Awards/Prizes

Each HMF/OC may offer additional awards and prizes as it sees fit. Any such awards and prizes should be clearly identified at the Managers/Representatives Meeting at the latest.

8.2 BY CLUSTER

8.2.1 Cluster Scoring

The ranking of each Cluster will be established by adding the Meet Scorings of the relevant Meets of that Cluster, once for women, once for men.

In case of tie, consideration will be given to achievements at any event during that Cluster as follows:

- If a swimmer breaks one World Record (or broke one more WR than the other swimmer), priority is given to the swimmer with this exclusive WR performance
- If both swimmers break one WR each (or break a same number of WR), priority is given to the swimmer having the best FINA Points Table WR
- If the tie remains, or if there is a tie between swimmers who didn't break any World Record, priority is given to the swimmer with the highest total of Medal points during that Cluster
- In case of tie with the Cluster Medal points, priority is given to the swimmer with the highest Meet Medal points achieved at any of the Meet of that Cluster
- If the tie subsists, priority is given to the athlete with the highest performance (in accordance with the FINA Points Table) in any of the respective races counting for the scoring.

NOTE: to be eligible for this Cluster Scoring, it is compulsory to participate at all Meets of that Cluster.

8.2.2 Cluster Prize Money

For each Cluster, the following Prize Money will be distributed, once for men, once for women:

1 st place:	US\$ 50,000.-	5 th place:	US\$ 10,000.-
2 nd place:	US\$ 35,000.-	6 th place:	US\$ 5,000.-
3 rd place:	US\$ 30,000.-	7 th place:	US\$ 4,000.-
4 th place:	US\$ 20,000.-	8 th place:	US\$ 3,000.-

The total Prize Money per Cluster is US\$ 314,000.- which makes an overall purse of US\$ 942,000.-

Handling for the Cluster Winners (first female, first male):

The payment of US\$ 50,000.- shall be symbolically made with a presentation cheque to be handed out at the awards ceremony.

8.3 OVERALL FINAL CLASSIFICATION

8.3.1 Overall Scoring

The Overall winners (first woman and first man) will be decided by adding all Meet Scorings of the participants.

The female swimmer and the male swimmer finishing first of the Overall Scoring shall be declared Winners of the SWC.

In case of tie, priority is given to the swimmer with the best position in any of the Clusters.

If the tie remains, the following tie-breakers shall be considered:

- If a swimmer break one World Record (or broke one more WR than the other swimmer), priority is given to the swimmer with this exclusive WR performance
- If both swimmers break one WR each (or break a same number of WR), priority is given to the swimmer having the best FINA Points Table WR
- If the tie remains, or if there is a tie between swimmers who didn't break any World Record, priority is given to the swimmer with the highest total of Medal points during the whole series
- In case of tie with the Series Medal points, priority is given to the swimmer with the highest Meet Medal points achieved at any of the Meet.
- If the tie subsists, priority is given to the athlete with the highest performance (in accordance with the FINA Points Table) in any of the respective races counting for the scoring.

8.3.2 Overall Prize Money

The total sum of US\$ 300,000.- shall be equally shared between the first 3 female winners and first 3 male winners as follows:

- 1st place: US\$ 150,000.-
- 2nd place: US\$ 100,000.-
- 3rd place: US\$ 50,000.-

Handling for the Overall Winners (first female, first male):

The payment of US\$ 150,000.- shall be symbolically made with a presentation cheque to be handed out at the awards ceremony.

TEAM INFORMATION

1. PARTICIPATION

Meets are open to entries from all national member federations of FINA and from domestic clubs affiliated with the HMF. Except for these 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. **The number of club swimmers participating in the Event may not exceed 200.**

The HMF will ensure to invite a minimum of 20 foreign athletes, preferably medallists from the most recent editions of the Olympic Games, FINA World Championships and FINA World Swimming Championships. These personal invitations to swimmers are allowed under the approval of FINA and the HMF/OC shall provide a fix amount per swimmer toward the international travel (i.e. Asian Cluster - USD 1'000; Europe - USD 500; and Middle East - USD 800), board and lodging.

All athletes are required to sign off the "athlete declaration form" in which he/she agrees to make themselves available for a minimum of one (1) hour per day during the event (before and each day of the competition) for promotional activities linked with the Event. The Organising Committee and/or the Host Member Federation must provide all Declaration Forms completed and signed by Athletes and Team Officials/ National Federation Representatives in accordance with FINA procedures, regulations and instructions.

Each HMF shall be obliged to ensure the participation of its best swimmers (OG, WCHs, WSCHs medallists) within the Host Country meet and shall ensure the attendance of these swimmers in all other Meets. Having swimmer medallists attending any leg of the Series will

enhance the promotion of the Event (i.e. clinics, master class, etc.) and development of Swimming.

Each HMF shall be obliged to enter a minimum of 2 swimmers (preferably medallists from the most recent editions of the Olympic Games, FINA World Championships and FINA World Swimming Championships – whenever applicable) to all the other Meets and shall use its best efforts to send its top swimmers. In case of a non-appearance, a fine of up to US\$15'000 may be imposed by the FINA Executive.

2. REGISTRATION

All National Federation registration and entries will take place through the FINA General Management System (GMS) via <https://data.fina.org>. Each national federation will access the system to complete their registrations of athletes and officials before the designated deadline for each meet. Clubs from HMF's must collect entries outside of the FINA GMS and provide the times directly to OMEGA in the specific format provided by FINA.

3. ENTRIES TIMES

The entry times will only be accepted if they have been completed within the maximum qualifying period of 15 months prior to the entry deadline. All times outside of this qualifying period will not be accepted. For 50m-pool meets, only times in 50m-pool will be accepted; for 25m-pool, times in 50m and 25m-pool will be accepted

4. FINAL ENTRIES

Final Entries are to be submitted to the HMF through FINA GMS no later than 10 days prior to the Meet.

The HMF/OC is not obliged to guarantee or provide any logistical assistance for those delegations that do not meet this deadline.

Each swimmer will be able to swim an unlimited number of individual events, however only the the best 3 results (per meet points) will count towards the ranking/scoring.

For relays, entries are accepted as follows: one team per relay per nation/NF, plus any club team from the domestic HMF.

5. INFORMATION BULLETIN

The HMF/OC shall publish an information bulletin (including entry forms, official hotel and transportation information, venue information, prize money distribution, etc.) which should be submitted to FINA prior its approval (at least 3 months prior the Meet).

6. TEAM LEADERS MEETING

The HMF/OC shall organise a Team Leaders Meeting on the day before the first day of competition of the Meet, preferably in the afternoon. The FINA Technical Delegate shall chair this meeting. This will be the only opportunity for last minute entry changes (any withdrawals, but additional entries only for duly entered members of national teams - no additions for club representatives) for duly entered national teams and clubs.

(a) Scratches for the first session of heats are due by the close of business of the Managers/ Representatives Meeting.

(b) Scratches for each session of heats are due 1 hour prior to the start of finals the evening before.

(c) DNS will be fined according to FINA Rules.

(d) A positive check-in for timed final races should be made in order to avoid open lanes in the finals.

(e) Any entered competitor may be substituted by another entered competitor at the Team Leaders Meeting. It is mandatory for one representative of each Federation to take part in the Team Leaders Meeting. Failing to do so will result in a fine of 100 Swiss Francs (GR 7.1)

7. VISA

The HMF/OC shall make best efforts with its government regarding entry visas for all Meet competitors and team officials from any National FINA Member Federation, as well as for FINA officials and media attending the Meet. Visa requirements for FINA officials shall be provided and is the responsibility of the respective HMF/OC.

8. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

The HMF/OC shall welcome all entered swimmers, team officials and FINA Delegates and Judges at the nearest airport/railway station upon arrival, and shall provide appropriate transportation to the official hotels. The HMF shall also provide the return travel arrangements and confirm in advance the departure times from official hotels to the airport/railway station. The HMF shall provide local transportation between official hotels and training/competition venues (shuttle system every 20 min) free of charge for the following persons for the duration of the Meet and 2 days prior thereto, plus the day after the conclusion of the Meet:

- Swimmers & Team Officials: shuttle buses with drivers and guides

9. ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

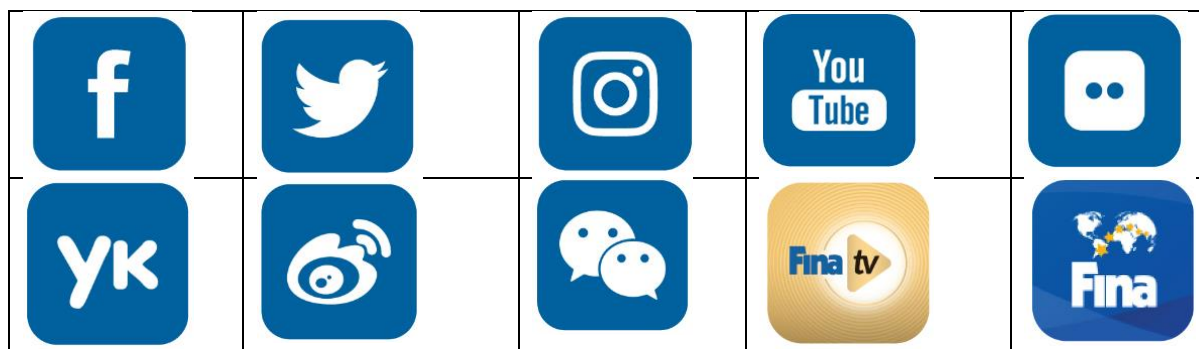
9.1 The HMF/OC shall provide accommodation in a minimum 4-star hotel with full-board (3 meals per day of adequate quantity and quality) for a minimum of 2 athletes and 1 team leader/coach for each of the other HMF’s of the SWC as follows:

- Neighbouring countries – for 3 days/nights
- Same continent – for 4 days/nights
- Another continent – for 5 days/nights

In addition, the HMF/OC shall provide a fix amount per swimmer toward the international travel (i.e. Asian Cluster – USD 1’000; Europe – USD 500; and Middle East – USD 800) and shall cover all costs associated to the board and lodging of a minimum 20 (foreign) swimmers (mandatory requirement).

9.2 All other participating National FINA Member Federations are responsible for their own swimming team’s accommodation and board expenses.

FINA SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS



List of FINA Hashtags

#swimming	#50FREE	#200FLY
#SWC18	#100FREE	#100IM
#50BREAST	#200FREE	#200IM
#100BREAST	#400FREE	#400IM
#200BREAST	#800FREE	#worldrecord / #WR
#50BACK	#1500FREE	#aquatics / #aquaticsport
#100BACK	#50FLY	#watersports
#200BACK	#100FLY	