

MEMORANDUM

TO: FINA Members National Federations

FROM: FINA Office – Lausanne

DATE: 05 April 2016

**RE: SWIMWEAR FOR MARATHON SWIMMING EVENTS
DURING THE OLYMPIC GAMES IN RIO 2016**

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Dear Sirs,


We are sending this correspondence with the purpose to remind you on the existing rules on swimsuits to be used by the athletes at the Open Water Swimming competitions including Marathon Swimming events during the Olympic Games in Rio 2016.

Following the position expressed by open water swimmers and respective coaches, the FINA Bureau, at the meeting in Budapest on the 30th of January 2016, decided to maintain the Open Water swimwear equipment rules unchanged until the conclusion of the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. Consequently all swimwear to be used during the competitions should comply with the FINA rule BL8, and be included in the list of the FINA Approved Swimwear 2016, available from the official FINA website. (www.fina.org/content/fina-approved-swimwear)

We would like in particular to draw your attention that the use of wetsuits during the Marathon Swimming events in Rio 2016 will not be allowed. During the competitions, FINA, together with the Rio 2016 Organising Committee, will take all necessary measures to ensure the maximum possible levels of security and safety for all athletes in the men's and women's 10km races.

We wish you and your athletes all the best and successful attendance at the Olympic Games in Rio 2016.

Sincerely yours,



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