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**TO: ALL FINA MEMBER FEDERATIONS**

**FROM: FINA, Lausanne**

**DATE: 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

**RE: QUALIFYING PROCEDURE FOR THE  
19<sup>th</sup> FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022  
13 – 29 May 2022 // FUKUOKA (JPN)**

Dear Madams, Dear Sirs,

We have the pleasure to forward to you this correspondence related to the Swimming Competitions Qualification Procedure for the **19<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championships** to be held in **Fukuoka, Japan from 13<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>st</sup> May 2022**.

### 1. Standard times

WOMEN			MEN	
W - "B"	W - "A"		M - "A"	M - "B"
25.92	25.04	50 Freestyle	22.18	22.96
56.15	54.25	100 Freestyle	48.77	50.48
2:02.81	1:58.66	200 Freestyle	1:47.06	1:50.81
4:19.34	4:10.57	400 Freestyle	3:48.15	3:56.14
8:56.03	8:37.90	800 Freestyle	7:53.11	8:09.67
17:24.20	16:29.57	1500 Freestyle	15:04.64	15:36.30
29.21	28.22	50 Backstroke	25.17	26.05
1:02.71	1:00.59	100 Backstroke	54.03	55.92
2:15.67	2:11.08	200 Backstroke	1:58.07	2:02.20
32.31	31.22	50 Breaststroke	27.33	28.29
1:09.79	1:07.43	100 Breaststroke	59.75	1:01.84
2:31.02	2:25.91	200 Breaststroke	2:10.32	2:14.88
27.24	26.32	50 Butterfly	23.63	24.46
1:00.37	58.33	100 Butterfly	51.96	53.78
2:13.73	2:09.21	200 Butterfly	1:56.71	2:00.79
2:17.63	2:12.98	200 Individual Medley	1:59.76	2:03.95
4:52.97	4:43.06	400 Individual Medley	4:17.48	4:26.49

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WOMEN		MEN
1 Team	4 x 100 m Freestyle	1 Team
1 Team	4 x 200 m Freestyle	1 Team
1 Team	4 x 100 m Medley	1 Team

4 x 100 m Freestyle Mixed	1 Team
4 x 100 m Medley Mixed	1 Team

**Explanation:**

1. The "A" standards for the 2021 Worlds were created by using the faster of two times from:

- The 2019 "A" qualifying time standard; and
- The 16th place time from the 2019 World Championships

For this meet, the standards broke down as follows:

**Women:** 10 of the 2021 "A" time standards were the 2019 "A" time standard, and 7 of the 2020 "A" time standards were the 16th place time from the 2019 Worlds.

**Men:** 5 of the 2020 "A" time standards were the 2019 "A" time standard, and 12 of the 2020 "A" time standards were the 16th place time from the 2019 Worlds.

2. All "B" time standards were derived by multiplying the "A" time standard by 3.5%.

**2. Qualifying period: 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022**

If a National Federation enters only one (1) swimmer per event all swimmers entered must meet the qualifying B standard time. If two (2) swimmers are entered in the same event, both of them must meet the qualifying A standard time.

Federations may enter swimmers regardless of standard time as follows:

- having no swimmer qualified: two (2) men and two (2) women; \*
- having one (1) or two (2) swimmers qualified, additional swimmers up to a maximum of four (4) swimmers (two (2) men and two (2) women);
- having three (3) swimmers qualified one (1) additional swimmer provided that both genders are represented.

\* Note: Please refer to FINA Rules **BL 9.3.6** and **BL 9.3.6.2** [LINK - FINA Rules](#)

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## BL 9.3.6 Swimming

The minimum age for swimmers competing in the Olympic Games, FINA World Championships and FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) shall be the same as the minimum age for the FINA World Junior Swimming Championships: Women, 14 years of age, and Men, 15 years of age, on 31st December in the year of competition, except younger Competitors may participate in these competitions if they have achieved at least the "B" Standard Entry Time in the respective event.

**BL 9.3.6.2** At the World Championships, National Federations may enter swimmers who have not achieved either Standard Entry Time as follows:

- a)** With no swimmers who have achieved the "A" or "B" Standard Entry Time: National Federations may enter up to four (4) swimmers, two (2) men and two (2) women.
- b)** With one (1) or two (2) swimmers who has achieved the "A" or "B" Standard Entry Time: National Federations may enter up to a maximum of four (4) swimmers (two (2) men and two (2) women), and with three (3) swimmers who have achieved the "A" or "B" Standard Entry Time, one (1) additional swimmer provided that both genders are represented.
- c)** The swimmers who have not achieved either Standard Entry Time will only be permitted to enter up to two (2) individual events each.
- d)** An individual entry for a swimmer without an "A" or "B" Standard Entry Time must be in an event where no other swimmer from the National Federation has been entered.

Swimmers entered without an entry time must have participated in the National Championships of the Federation. These swimmers will be allowed to enter in two (2) different events each, but they cannot swim in the same event, e.g. 50 m Freestyle.

### Gender Relays:

- Men & Women: 4x100m Freestyle, 4x200m Freestyle, 4x100m Medley – One (1) Relay per Federation;
- Mixed Relays: 4x100m Freestyle, 4x100m Medley – One (1) Relay per Federation.

## 3. Qualifying events – see BL 12

Continental Championships, International Competitions and National Competitions held between **1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 and 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022**.

FINA will only accept entry times which have been achieved at competitions officially approved by FINA.

#### 4. Application for qualifying events

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In order to register an International Competition or a National Competition as a Qualifying Meet for swimmers to achieve the FINA "A" and "B" Qualifying Standard Times, please fill out the attached "Application Form" and return it to the **FINA Office in Lausanne (SUI) as soon as possible** taking into account the following:

- *All competitions must be approved before they take place;*
- *National Federations should submit their application forms for*
  - *rescheduled competitions in 2020 45 days before the event*
  - *competitions in 2021 no later than 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020*
  - *competitions in 2022 no later than 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021*

**NO APPLICATION FOR A NATIONAL AND/OR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION WILL BE CONSIDERED AFTER 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2021.**

*Please kindly note that all events approved for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games between 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 and 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (End of Qualification Period for Tokyo 2020) are automatically approved as qualifying events for the FINA World Championships Fukuoka 2022. The NF does not need to resubmit the application.*

We would like to draw your attention to the following:

- It is very important to indicate on the "Application Form" the INFORMATION ON THE TIMING SYSTEM to be used at the competitions to be organised by the National Federations where the swimmers could achieve the FINA "A" and "B" Qualifying Standard Times.

- FINA will only recognise swimming competitions where Referees and Starters included on the FINA Swimming Officials Lists **No. 19 and No. 20** are officiating for competitions held in 2020 and FINA Swimming Officials Lists **No. 20 and No. 21** for competitions held in 2021 and 2022.

- In order for FINA to endorse the Swimming Qualifying Time Standards achieved at approved competitions, the National Federation / Organiser must send the official results to the FINA Office at [rankings@fina.org](mailto:rankings@fina.org) IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE COMPETITION.

**We remind you that ONLY Lenex or Hy-Tek cl2/sdif will be accepted.** The electronical file must be sent together with the corresponding pdf file.

**FINA will not accept any results sent in .word, .excel or solely .pdf format.** Results sent in this format will not be considered for the FINA rankings nor be valid as qualifying entry times.

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Please do not hesitate to contact the FINA Office for any additional information or assistance you may need concerning the qualification procedure for the 19<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championships – Fukuoka 2022.

Yours Sincerely,



Cornel Marculescu  
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