

## MEMORANDUM

**TO: ALL FINA MEMBER FEDERATIONS**

**FROM: FINA, Lausanne**

**DATE: 7<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

**RE: 14<sup>th</sup> FINA WORLD SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS (25M) 2018  
3 - 8 December 2018 // Hangzhou (CHN)**

### SWIMMING QUALIFYING EVENTS & TIMES

Dear Sirs,

We have the pleasure to forward to you this correspondence relating to the athletes' participation in Swimming competitions at the **14<sup>th</sup> FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) 2018** to be held in Hangzhou (CHN) from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

In accordance with the FINA Rule BL 9.3.6, the FINA TSC has established the Qualifying Standards for the 14<sup>th</sup> FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) 2018, as indicated below:

#### 1. STANDARD TIMES:

A Standard = 16<sup>th</sup> place from Windsor (CAN) 2016

B Standard = + 3.5%

#### Men's Standard

#### Women's Standard

A – 2 Entries	B – 1 Entry		A – 2 Entries	B – 1 Entry
0.21.71	0.22.47	50 m Freestyle	0.24.60	0.25.46
0.47.78	0.49.45	100 m Freestyle	0.53.78	0.55.66
1.45.02	1.48.70	200 m Freestyle	1.56.52	2.00.59
3.44.09	3.51.93	400 m Freestyle	4.07.29	4.15.95
///////	///////	800 m Freestyle	8.35.69	8.53.74
14.29.29	14.59.72	1500 m Freestyle	///////	///////
0.23.98	0.24.82	50 m Backstroke	0.27.01	0.27.96
0.51.61	0.53.42	100 m Backstroke	0.58.08	1.00.11
1.53.35	1.57.32	200 m Backstroke	2.07.19	2.11.64
0.26.77	0.27.71	50 m Breaststroke	0.30.70	0.31.77
0.58.18	1.00.21	100 m Breaststroke	1.06.18	1.08.50
2.06.83	2.11.27	200 m Breaststroke	2.24.60	2.29.66
0.23.22	0.24.03	50 m Butterfly	0.26.26	0.27.18
0.51.56	0.53.36	100 m Butterfly	0.58.28	1.00.31
1.54.84	1.58.86	200 m Butterfly	2.09.76	2.14.30
0.53.57	0.55.31	100 m Ind. Medley	1.01.21	1.03.35
1.56.69	2.00.71	200 m Ind. Medley	2.12.46	2.17.09
4.10.27	4.19.29	400 m Ind. Medley	4.43.43	4.53.35

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1 Team	4 x 50 m Freestyle	1 Team
1 Team	4 x 100 m Freestyle	1 Team
1 Team	4 x 200 m Freestyle	1 Team
1 Team	4 x 50 m Medley	1 Team
1 Team	4 x 100 m Medley	1 Team

4 x 50 m Freestyle Mix	1 Team
4 x 50 m Medley Mix	1 Team

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## 2. QUALIFICATION PERIOD: 1 AUGUST 2017 – 22 NOVEMBER 2018:

If a National Federations 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 gender are represented.

\* Note: Please refer to FINA Rule BL 9.3.6 and BL 9.3.6.2

**BL 9.3.6** 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 athletes 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 qualifying 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, p.a. 50 m Freestyle.

Gender Relays:

- 4x50 m Freestyle, 4x100m Freestyle, 4x200m Freestyle, 4x50 m Medley,
- 4x100m Medley – Men & Women – 1 Relay per Federation
- Mixed Relays: 4x50 m Freestyle, 4x50m Medley – 1 Relay per Federation.

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**3. QUALIFYING EVENTS – SEE BL 12:**

- # Continental Championships 2017 and 2018
- # International Competitions,
- # National Competitions

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

**4. APPLICATION FOR QUALIFYING EVENTS:**

If your Federation will organise an International Competition or a National Qualifying Meet where the swimmers could 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:

*Competitions held between 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 should be approved before they take place. Competitions held in 2018 should be approved by FINA not later than 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017.*

**NO APPLICATION FOR A NATIONAL AND/OR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION WILL BE CONSIDERED AFTER 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2017.**

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 the swimming competitions where Referees and Starters included on the FINA Swimming Officials Lists N° 18 and N° 19.

- In order for FINA to endorse the Swimming Qualifying Time Standards achieved at approved competitions, the National Federation / Organiser **must** send to the FINA Office in Lausanne (SUI) the official results in an electronic file (ONLY Lenex or Hy-Tek cl2/sdif will be excepted) IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE COMPETITION. No .pdf or .excel files will be accepted.

We thank you for your kind attention and remain at your disposal for any further information you may need.

Yours Sincerely,

  
Cornel Marculescu  
Executive Director