

10th FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) 15 - 19 December 2010

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We have two separate pages, one with news of the Championships and the other detailing the adventures of Ehmsa the turtle, Dubai 2010's Official Mascot.

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'Scream For Your Team'

Welcome to the fifth edition of the Dubai 2010 E-news.

This E-news is published on a monthly basis to keep you updated in the lead-up to the 10th FINA World Swimming Championships (25m).

In this issue you will find the latest information about the Championships. Enjoy reading our news and we look forward to welcoming you all to Dubai in December.

First Event Held At Championships Venue

The HH UAE President Swimming Championships were held on 5-6 November 2010, as the first event to be staged in the new Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Sports Complex, which ran as a test event for the Championships in December.

Both Dubai 2010 organisers and FINA officials were pleased with the preparations ahead of the Championships. FINA Executive Director, Cornel Marculescu said the new venue was "one of the best swimming facilities in the world" labelling it as the "pearl of the desert".

15 year-old Assem Emad Abdul Ghafar made history by winning the first race in the competition pool.



From left: Ehmsa the mascot with Assem Emad Abdul Ghafar after winning the first race; volunteers in action during the test event; the venue from the outside.

Medical Registration and Medication Importation

Both the Medical and Medication Declaration Forms will be forwarded to National Federations within the next week and are required to be returned by **29 November 2010**. The requirement for temporary registration of Team medical practitioners has been waived for the duration of the Championships. Teams will be asked to complete a Medical Declaration form that provides details on the rights and responsibilities afforded team doctors during the event. Only those doctors approved by the National Federation and noted in the Declaration will be recognised to practice.

In addition Teams will be requested to provide a full and detailed list of all medications and dietary supplements they plan to import for the Championships. This list will be reviewed by the Dubai Health Authority and Teams will be advised of any items that cannot be imported into the UAE.

Deadlines and Reminders!

Reminders for your **immediate action** please:

- **Visas**

The deadline for visa applications was 10 November 2010. Please note visa applications take time for approval and **need to be attended to immediately**.

For information visit <http://www.dubaiswimming2010.ae/visa.php>

- **Final Entry Form**

National Swimming Federations should submit entries online through the same GMS Online system used to apply for accreditation via <https://www.gmsportal.net/dubai2010>

Final Entry Forms are due on **29 November 2010**, or **2 December 2010** for LEN Federations.

- **Arrival and Departure Form**

It is important that the Organising Committee has the correct travel information for each team.

Please download the official Arrival & Departure Form at

http://www.dubaiswimming2010.ae/team_entries.php - complete and send the form to teams@dubaiswimming2010.ae

- **Accreditation**

Accreditation applications are open and National Federations should apply online as soon as possible at

http://www.dubaiswimming2010.ae/team_accreditation.php

If you experience any problems, please send an email to accreditation@dubai2010.org

- **Preliminary Entry Forms**

The deadline for this form was 30 September 2010! The Dubai2010 Organising Committee will still be accepting the form up until the **20 November 2010**, but that is the final date.

This form can be found at http://www.dubaiswimming2010.ae/team_entries.php

Send to teams@dubaiswimming2010.ae

- **Security Declaration Form**

This form has been sent via email to the National Federations. If you have not received this please send an email to teams@dubaiswimming2010.ae

Royal Wings Spectator Packages

Dubai has a large number of hotels which include some of the most luxurious in the world. Spectator packages are available online through www.royalwingsdubai.com/fina. Royal Wings are now taking bookings for these packages which are available until 2 December 2010.

Team Accommodation

This is a reminder that the balance of payment for room reservations is now overdue. The deadline for this payment was 15 October 2010! If you have not completed this payment, please do so **immediately** in order to confirm your room reservations.

The rooming list is also to be completed and sent with full names to:

booking@accommodationdubai2010.com by **15 November 2010**.

Tickets On Sale

Tickets for the 10th FINA World Swimming Championships are now on sale. The first tickets have been printed and are being sold online and through selected Spinney's supermarkets throughout the UAE.

Ticket prices: General spectator tickets are AED 10 to 30.

Premium tickets are AED 150.

Gold packages are AED 450. This will entitle you to onsite exclusive parking, access to the Gold Lounge and Terrace with catering and you will receive a limited edition gift.

Tickets can be purchased via the Championships website www.dubaiswimming2010.ae and at www.boxofficeme.com.



Souk Lane - Market Street

Souk Lane is located at the spectator entrance to the Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Sports Complex. Souk Lane will welcome all visitors and guests to Dubai. Souk, literally "market" in Arabic, is the place where people trade, meet, exchange news and information and are often entertained. Souk Lane will follow this tradition for the Championships.

Souk Lane, like Dubai, will have two distinct personalities. One side of the area is dedicated to the modern and contemporary world and feature displays, exhibits, catering and retail with an international theme. The other side is the Arabian area where crafts, sports, culture, foods and music and other key Arabic heritage elements will be showcased. There will be an Arabian themed relaxing area with food and beverage available for spectators to enjoy throughout the day, before and after the competition.

To ensure the ultimate family outing, there will be a variety of entertainment programmes with a blend of traditional and contemporary performances and music, with all the family favourites including helping fans "show their nations colours" and Arabic favourites including falconry and henna tattoo artists combined with autograph sessions and photo opportunities with the much-loved Official Championships Mascot, Ehmisa!

FINA Visits Dubai

With one month to go before the Championships start, FINA officials visited to Dubai to ensure the preparations for the event were well and truly on track. All FINA officials were very pleased and expressed their enthusiasm for the new state-of-the-art Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Sports Complex.

On 3 November Dr Cees van den Hoogenband, the Chairman of the FINA Sports Medicine Committee, toured the venue and afterwards said: "I have never seen a venue as good as this for a world short course championships."

On 4 November, Cornel Marculescu, the FINA Executive Director, hailed the venue as "one of the best swimming facilities in the world." Mr Marculescu headed a delegation of FINA officials including the FINA Press Commission and the Technical Swimming Commission, who were given a tour of the venue by Championships Director Mr Obaid Al Shamsi.



From left: Dubai Municipality's Principal Architect Dr Abdel Hadi Siddig Pasha, Championship Director Obaid Al Shamsi, FINA Executive Director Cornel Marculescu and Mohammed Hassan Al Ali, the Head of the Projects Design Section for DM.



Swimmers in action during HH UAE President Swimming Championships held at the new venue.

Dubai Preparing for the Championships!



Decorating the streets of Dubai! Bridge and lamp post advertising for the Championships