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BL 1 PROCEDURE AND REGULATIONS COVERING AFFILIATION FEES

BL 1.1 The Honorary Treasurer shall send to all the affiliated Members of FINA, during the first week of October each year, a notice accompanied by an invoice requesting payment of the affiliation fee for the subsequent year.

BL 1.2 Any Member whose affiliation fee is not paid by the end of January each year shall be notified by the Honorary Treasurer to settle the fee not later than August 31st.

BL 1.3 Where the affiliation fee remains unpaid by a Member Federation after August 31st of each year, the Executive Director of FINA will deduct any outstanding affiliation fees from the payments or subsidies provided by FINA to the Member Federation.

BL 1.4 For avoidance of doubt, FINA Member Federations may not be suspended nor unaffiliated by the FINA Bureau for non- payment of affiliation fees provided that FINA can deduct the outstanding affiliation fees from payments or subsidies due to the Member Federation.

BL 1.5 The FINA Bureau may preclude a FINA Member Federation from organizing or taking part in any FINA sanctioned event or activity if after August 31st the affiliation fee remains unpaid.

BL 2 MAIL VOTE

BL 2.1 Where a vote by mail is required or decided to be taken, the Executive Director shall mail by electronic mail to each member of the Bureau a clear statement to the question to be voted upon with a request that each member shall send his vote thereon to the Executive Director and the request shall state on what date the voting shall be closed. This date shall not be less than one calendar month after the question has been mailed.

BL 2.2 The Executive Director may at any time, when sufficient votes have been received to either carry or reject the question, announce the result of the same and the result so announced shall be decisive. The ballots cast by each member shall be kept in the files.

BL 2.3 Within five days of closing the mail vote the Executive Director shall mail to each Bureau member a copy of the question and a result of the vote.

NOTE: *These procedures for the taking of a mail vote shall apply not only to the FINA Bureau but also to all of the FINA Technical Committees, except that the procedure will be carried out by the Secretary of the respective Technical Committee rather than by the Executive Director.*

BL 3 RULES OF ORDER FOR CONGRESSES

BL 3.1 The President or other person appointed pursuant to C 15.7 or C 16.4, as Chairman, regulates the course of business of the meeting and is assisted by the presidium as follows:

- a) The Executive Committee members of the FINA Bureau.
- b) The Honorary Life President.

BL 3.2 At the Congress meeting, only matters appearing on the agenda may be discussed as provided by C 15.8 or C 16.2. All discussions, proposals, recommendations, and resolutions shall be on the basis of the established rules of FINA. If such one of those proposed recommendations or resolutions is not in accordance with the established rules, it shall be automatically rejected.

BL 3.3 Motions for changes or extensions of the agenda may be proposed by accredited members of the Congress at any time up to the end of the Congress, provided they are urgent and are approved by two thirds majority vote in favour, as provided in C 15.13 or C 16.7.

BL 3.4 Procedures

BL 3.4.1 Motions shall be dealt with according to the order of precedence as printed in the respective supplement or bulletin, providing that the proposals of the Bureau shall take precedence.

BL 3.4.2 Motions are listed by number in order of precedence number 1 having a higher priority than any greater number.

BL 3.4.3 The action proposed by the FINA Bureau shall be first announced at each motion. (Motion recommended or not recommended.)

BL 3.4.4 The main motion may be amended and the amended motion also amended (i.e. further amendment). An amendment to a motion must be voted on before the main motion as amended is brought to a vote.

BL 3.4.5 The proposals, in order of precedence, shall be discussed and voted upon, provided that such proposals are not similar in meaning and intent to those already rejected.

BL 3.4.6 Motions, except those of the Bureau, require a second before discussion can commence. The President must explicitly ask for a second to the motion. Questions on the motion, points of order, or withdrawn motions do not require a second.

BL 3.4.7 The delegate proposing the motion shall be given the privilege of speaking briefly to the motion if he wishes. He has the right of reply before a vote is taken.

BL 3.4.8 Except as provided in BL 3.4.7, delegates may speak only once to the motion. The period of speeches may be limited. If this is the case, the duration will be announced previously.

BL 3.4.9 All accredited members of the Congress, according to C 15.2 or C 16.3 have the right to ask questions during the debate on any agenda item and make comments on the method of voting. In addition, the Bureau has the right to present to the delegates, in written form, its recommendation in relation to a motion submitted pursuant to C 15.8 or C 16.2, provided always that such a submission is made not later than one hour before the beginning of the Congress.

BL 3.4.10 The President or Chairman has the flexibility and power to make any necessary decisions in order to expedite the business of the Congress in an efficient and practical manner.

BL 3.5 Voting

BL 3.5.1 Before submitting a motion to a vote, the President shall present the question concerned in concise, clear, and unequivocal terms.

BL 3.5.2 The decisions shall be made on the basis of simple majority vote of the delegates present and voting.

BL 3.5.3 The Chairman will propose for the approval of the Congress at least three scrutineers, for all votings. Their report shall be given to the Chairman or the Secretary.

BL 3.5.4 The methods of voting which may be adopted by the meeting (for and against) are

- a) by show of hands,
- b) by a standing vote (Division)
- c) by calling the roll (Division),
- d) by a secret ballot, proposed and seconded, or
- e) by electronic equipment.

BL 3.5.5 If the correctness of a vote is questioned, the President or Chairman of the meeting shall decide the validity of the complaint, taking care that this correctness will not be a reopening of a motion already voted. If somebody asks to reopen the question, it shall be necessary to have two-thirds majority in favour. If not, this motion shall be rejected.

BL 3.6 Elections

If required, the election of the Bureau and officers shall be by secret ballot and in conformity with the provisions of C 17.3, C 17.5 and C 17.6. In the case of a draw for place in the ballot for the election of the Bureau, a new ballot will be taken based on the candidates involved.

BL 3.7 Revision Committee

BL 3.7.1 At all Congresses a Revision Committee shall be appointed in order to correct, improve, update, change, or amend amendments to motions suggested during the discussion of a motion or any other recommendation to the Congress made by the Bureau or proposed by the delegates for the conformity of the decisions of the Congress.

BL 3.7.2 When an amendment or a recommendation has been referred to the Revision Committee, decisions concerning the motion in question shall be adjourned, but the Congress shall continue with the agenda until the Revision Committee has reported back to the Congress.

BL 3.8 Minutes of the Meeting

BL 3.8.1 At each Congress, a full record of the minutes of the proceedings of the Congress shall be kept. The minutes must be available to all Members within a period of four (4) months following the Congress.

BL 3.8.2 If no objections arise within a period of an additional two (2) months, the minutes stand approved as circulated.

BL 3.8.3 The original draft minutes must be retained until they are finally confirmed.

BL 3.8.4 The minutes shall be published in the FINA Circular. For special reasons, the FINA Members may be informed in written form of the decisions reached before they are published in the Bulletin.

BL 3.9 Election Regulations

The Bureau may issue in complement to the already existing rules the specific Election Regulations in order to ensure a fair and transparent electoral process.

BL 3.10 Regulations for Elections

Article 1 – General Rules of conduct

- 1.1** Candidates may promote their candidature, subject to observing all FINA regulations including the provisions of these Regulations.
- 1.2** The promotion of a candidature shall be conducted with dignity and moderation.
- 1.3** The candidates shall further comply with all the provisions of the FINA Code of Ethics.

Article 2 – Candidature Documentation

- 2.1** Each candidate may outline and describe in a written document addressed to FINA Members his or her plans and view as future FINA Bureau Member and, if applicable, as future holder of the specific function(s) for which he or she has submitted a candidature. Copies of any document used to support a candidature shall be provided by the Candidate to the FINA Electoral Commission for review.
- 2.2** Recommendations of the FINA Electoral Commission in respect of the content of the document shall be immediately observed and implemented by the Candidates.

Article 3 – No advertising

The promotion of a candidature shall exclude any form of advertising (irrespective of whether the advertising is paid by the candidate or by any third party, or free of charge), in any form including in new media or social networks.

Article 4 – Public Meetings – Debates and speeches – Technical meetings

- 4.1** No public meeting or gathering of any kind may be organized in order to promote a candidature.
- 4.2** Candidates may not take part in any public debate or engage in any public speeches promoting their candidature.
- 4.3** Candidates may only take part to technical meetings to which they regularly take part in view of positions they already hold. They shall refrain from any promotion of their candidature in this context.

Article 5 – No assistance

The candidates shall not benefit from any assistance of third parties, whether financial or of another nature.

Article 6 – No gifts nor benefits

Candidates must refrain from giving, proposing or promising any gift, present, donations or advantages of whatever nature, or value (even nominal value), to any person or organization.

Article 7 – Promises and undertakings

- 7.1** Promises made during the campaign of actions that would benefit one or more of the FINA Members or Continental organization(s) must be made publicly and disclosed prior to the election.
- 7.2** Candidates shall strictly refrain from giving any undertakings to third parties.

Article 8 – Media and Publications

Candidates may grant interviews to the media. The content of the interviews shall be consistent with these Regulations.

Article 9 – Respect due to Candidates

Candidates shall respect the other candidates and shall refrain from any communication aimed at harming their image.

Article 10 – Review of potential violations by the FINA Electoral Commission

- 10.1** Circumstances, which potentially constitute violations of these Regulations shall be investigated by the Electoral Commission.
- 10.2** The investigation shall be conducted in an expedited manner. The concerned Candidate shall fully cooperate to the investigation. His or her right to be heard shall be observed in any event.

10.3 In the event the FINA Electoral Commission finds that a violation has been committed, it shall decide the appropriate measures to protect the electoral process, including:

- ordering the Candidate to cease the behavior in violation of the Regulations;
- ordering any adequate corrective action (if any), including publication of its decision
- in severe cases in which the results of the elections may be or have been significantly affected, or in the event a Candidate fails to comply with an order of the Electoral Commission issued in application of art. 14.2.1 or 14.2.2.above, withdrawal of the Candidate from the electoral process and/or annulment of his or her results.

10.4 To the extent appropriate, the FINA Electoral Commission shall forward the matter to the FINA Executive for it to consider further potential consequences in application of art C 12 of the FINA Constitution.

Decisions of the FINA Electoral Commission in accordance with 14.2.1 and 14.2.2 are not subject to appeal. Decisions in accordance with art. 14.2.3 are subject to appeals to the CAS by the concerned Candidates. For the avoidance of doubt, decisions by the FINA Electoral Commission are not subject to appeal by any other party than the concerned Candidate.

BL 4 RULES OF ORDER FOR THE BUREAU AND COMMITTEES

BL 4.1 The Executive Director shall ensure that the first notice of any duly called meeting will be mailed at least four (4) months ahead of the date of the meeting. If a quorum is not assured thirty (30) days before the date of the meeting, the meeting is to be cancelled.

BL 4.2 The President of FINA or in his absence the First Vice President shall take the Chair at all meetings of the Bureau.

BL 4.3 Should neither the President nor the First Vice President and in his absence Second Vice President be present at the meeting, those present and entitled to vote shall elect one of their members as Acting Chairman.

BL 4.4 The Chairman shall have a second or casting vote in the event of a tie in the voting.

BL 4.5 The President or Chairman has the authority and power to make any necessary decisions in order to expedite the business of the meeting in an efficient and practical manner.

BL 4.6 In the interval between meetings, any action that might lawfully be taken may also be taken by a mail vote.

BL 4.7 The Executive Director shall keep records of each meeting.

BL 5 SELECTION OF MEMBERS OF TECHNICAL AND SPECIALISED COMMITTEES

BL 5.1 The composition of the Technical Committees as listed in C 19.1.1 shall consist of at least one member from each geographical region: Africa. Americas, Asia, Europe and Oceania.

BL 5.2 Each Member shall have the right to make proposals for candidates for membership on the Technical and Specialised Committees as described in C 19.5 to the FINA Office.

BL 6 TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

The maximum age of Technical Officials (Judges, Starters and Referees) when officiating at FINA Championships or FINA Competitions, except Masters and Water Polo, shall be sixty five (65) years when application is made for the respective FINA List. For Water Polo, the age limit shall be sixty (60) years during the year of competition.

BL 7 ADVERTISING AT FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND FINA COMPETITIONS

PREAMBLE: Identification in FINA Rule GR 6.1 means the normal display of the name, designation, trademark, logo or any other distinctive sign of the manufacturer of the item or of any other advertiser permitted in accordance with this rule.

BL 7.1 Advertising

Advertising identification appearing on swimwear, pool deck equipment and official's uniforms at FINA Championships and Competitions, with exception for FINA World Masters Championships, is permitted as follows:

BL 7.1.1 Swimsuits:

- One (1) manufacturer's logo of a maximum size of 30cm² when worn. Where one-piece body suits are used, two (2) logos of the manufacturer shall be permitted, one above the waist and one below the waist of a maximum size of 30cm² each when worn. These two (2) logos of the manufacturer shall not be placed immediately adjacent to each other. Where two-piece body suits are used, the two (2) logos of the manufacturer shall be placed on one piece each.

The manufacturer's logo has to be calculated taking into consideration the entire surface of the logo, as shown below:



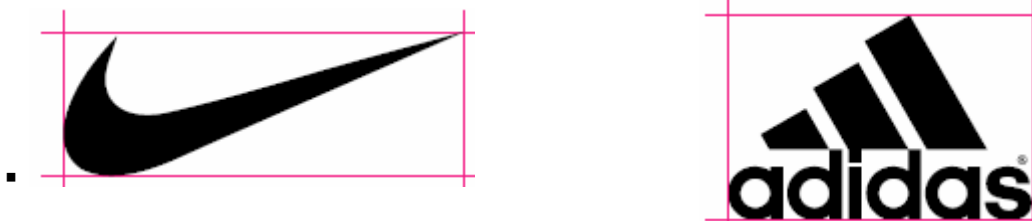
- One (1) sponsor's logo of a maximum of 30cm² when worn.
- One (1) flag and one (1) country name or code of a maximum size of 50cm² when worn. Repetitions of the national flag, elements thereof or, the colours of the national flag, included as a design element of the swimsuit, shall not be considered under this rule.

Examples:



BL 7.1.2 Wetsuits

- The manufacturer's logo may appear on the front, and/or back, and/or sides of the wetsuit, of a maximum combined size of 80cm² when being worn. This manufacturer's logo space is allowed both on the inside and outside of the wetsuit. If the manufacturer wishes to have two or more logos on the front, back or sides, the combined total area must not exceed 80cm². The size of the logo(s) shall be calculated taking into consideration the entire surface of the logo(s), as shown in the examples below:



- One (1) sponsor's logo (may appear on the front of the wetsuit) of a maximum of 30cm² when being worn.
- There must be a minimum clearance space of 1.5cm around all marks on the wetsuits, including any manufacturer's logo(s) and/or sponsor logo.
- There shall be no marks or design elements on the upper arm or shoulder articulation area of the wetsuits, to allow for the clear application of the competitor race number.

NEW BL 7.1.3 Product Technology Identification

- Where one-piece body suits (swimsuits or wetsuits) are used in competition, two (2) Product Technology Identifications shall be permitted, one above the waist and one below the waist, of a maximum size of 10 cm² each when worn, however these identifications shall not be placed immediately adjacent to each other, nor immediately adjacent to any manufacturer's logo. Where two-piece body suits are used, one Product Technology Identification may be placed on each piece.

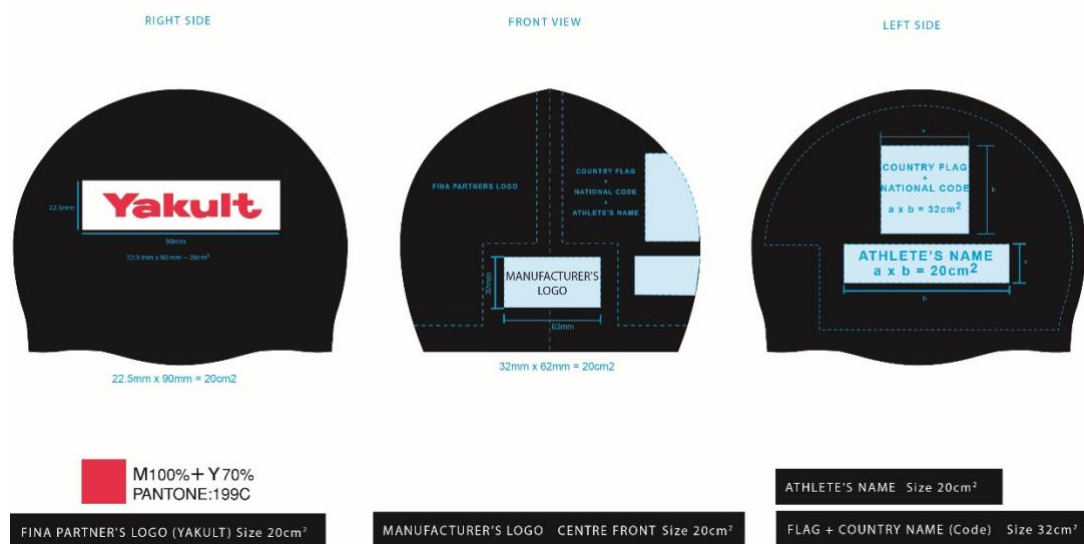
- Other clothing: One additional identification allowed on clothing, limited to Product Technology Identifications, with a maximum size of 10 cm².
- Product Technology Identifications means the technical identification (which shall not include any identification of the manufacturer, or any part thereof) used on clothing to identify any fabric technology.

BL 7.1.4 Swimming Caps:

- One (1) manufacturer's logo of a maximum size of 20cm² on the front.
- One (1) flag and/or country name (code) of a maximum size of 32cm². The side on which the flag and country name (code) shall be printed will be advised by FINA.
- For FINA Championships one (1) FINA Partner's logo of the size decided by FINA on a case by case basis. The side on which the Partner's logo shall be printed will be advised by FINA.
- Caps for Open Water Swimming are defined under BL 9.3.7.3.

CURRENT FINA SWIM CAP RULES

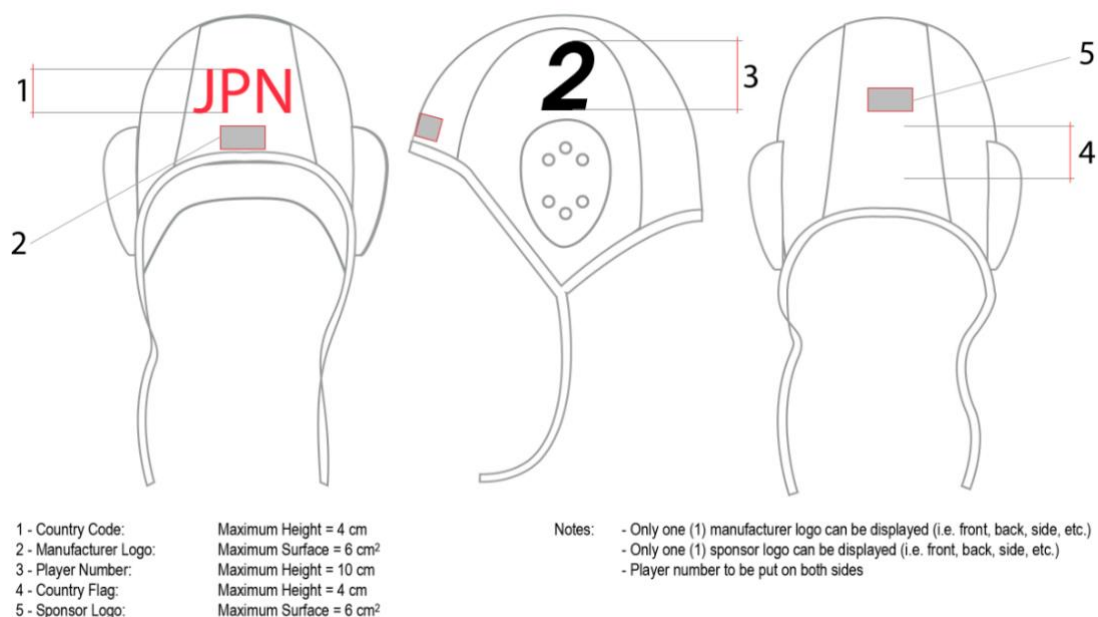
VISUAL PURPOSES ONLY - NOT TO SCALE



- For FINA competition, one (1) flag and/or country name (code) of a maximum size of 32cm² can be printed twice (meaning that the flag and country name can appear on both sides of the cap). This to be advised by FINA whenever applicable.
- Competitor's name of a maximum size of 20cm². The competitor's name shall be printed on the same side as the flag and country name (code). Printing the competitors' name isn't compulsory.
- It is permissible to wear two (2) caps. Both caps must comply with the advertising rules.

BL 7.1.5 Water Polo Caps:

- One (1) country code of a maximum height of 4cm on the front side of the cap.
- One (1) manufacturer's logo of a maximum size of 6cm² on the front, back or side
- One (1) player number of a maximum height of 10cm on both sides of the cap
- One (1) country flag of a maximum height of 4cm on the back side of the cap
- One (1) sponsor logo (at the discretion of the NF) of a maximum size of 6cm² on the back side



In addition to the above, please refer to rule WP 4.

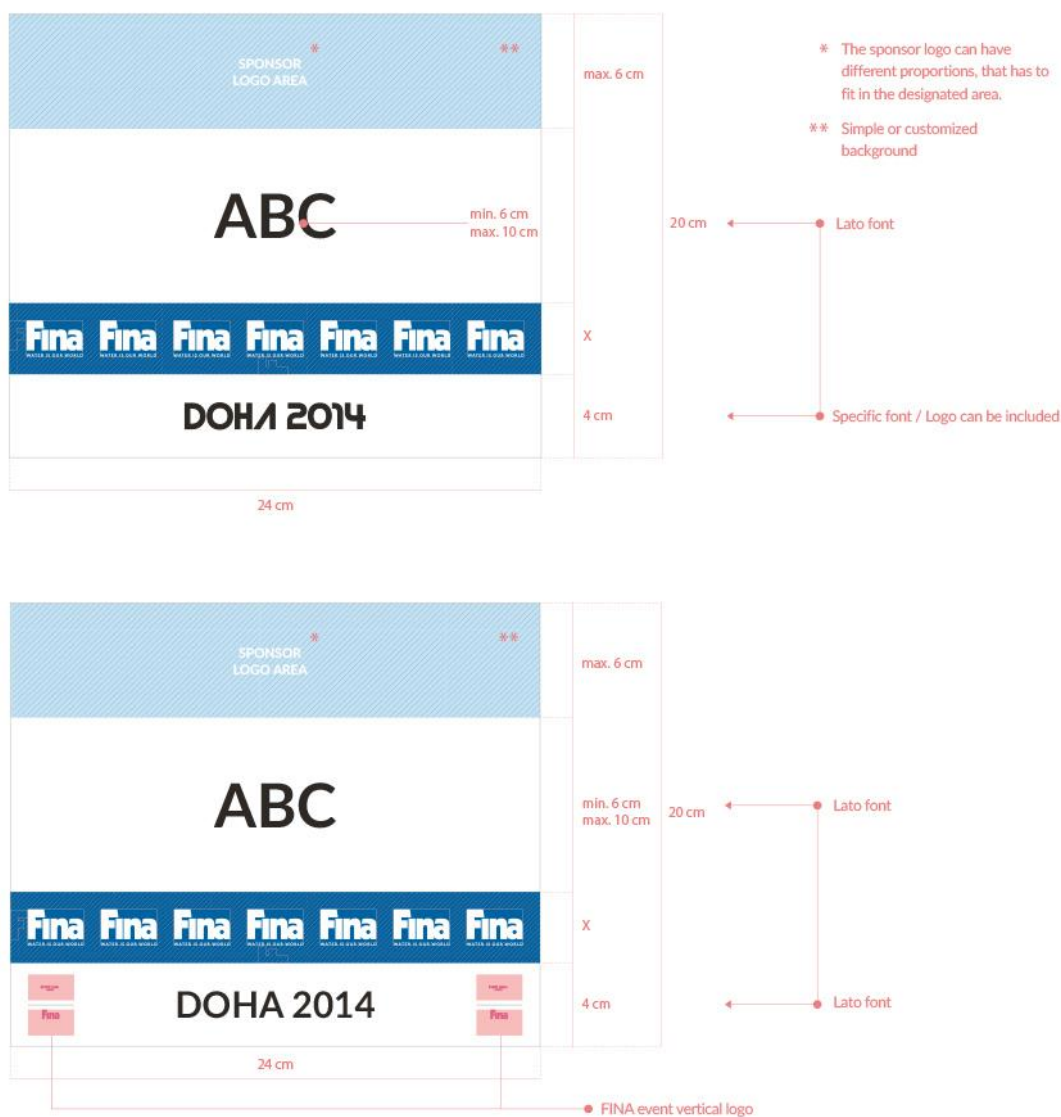
BL 7.1.6 Goggles:

- Two (2) manufacturer logos of a maximum size of 6cm² each are allowed on goggles but only on the spectacle frame or band.

BL 7.1.7 Competitors Bibs:

- The maximum size of the Bibs shall be 24cm (width) x 20cm (height).
- The height of the digits on the Bibs shall be no less than 6cm and no more than 10cm.
- The maximum height of the identification above the digits shall be 6cm. The identification may display the name/ FINA Partner's logo.
- The maximum height of the identification below the digits shall be 4cm. The identification may display the name/logo of the Host City and the year.
- The Bibs shall be printed in suitable colours in order to ensure maximum visibility of the digits.
- The Bibs must be worn fully visible during Competitors' introduction and award ceremonies.

A Competitor removing the Bib before being presented at the start of an event or before completion of the victory ceremony may be disqualified.
Only one FINA Sponsor may be displayed on Bibs. However, there may be one sponsor for men and another for women at the same Championships.



Bib	Presentation Semi-Final	Presentation Final	Award
SW	Yes	Yes (+ Relay)	Yes
DV	Yes	Yes	Yes
HD	Yes	Yes	Yes
AS	Yes	Yes	Yes
WP	N/A	N/A	Yes
OWS	N/A	N/A	Yes

BL 7.1.8 Pool deck equipment

- A maximum of two (2) advertising identifications of which one shall be of the manufacturer and the other one of a sponsor are permitted, with a maximum size of 40cm² each when worn for any of the clothing items listed below, and a maximum size of 6cm² each for any of the accessories and equipment items listed below.



Identification on clothing must be placed on the top breast side so that Bibs requested by FINA may be worn well visible below.

For upper-body clothing items only, the manufacturer's logo (being a design mark of maximum of 8cm in width) may additionally be displayed in the form of a strip in one of the following positions:

- around the bottom of both sleeves; or
- centered down the outer seam of both sleeves (from the collar across the top of the shoulders down to the bottom of the sleeve).

SAMPLE



For lower-body clothing items only, the manufacturer's logo (being a design mark of maximum of 8cm in width) may additionally be displayed in the form of a strip centered down the outer seam of both legs (from the waistband down to the bottom of the leg).

- T-shirt (40cm²)
- Polo shirt (40cm²)
- Casual shirt (40cm²)
- Sweat shirt (40cm²)
- Bath robe (40cm²)
- Tracksuit top (40cm²)
- Pants (40cm²)
- Shorts (40cm²)
- Skirts (40cm²)
- Windbreaker (40cm²)
- Towels (6cm²)
- Baseball caps (6cm²)
- Hats (6cm²)
- Socks (6cm²)
- Footwear (6cm²)
- Bags (not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm²)



BL 7.1.9 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 7.1.10 FINA reserves the right to request Federations taking part in FINA Championships and Competitions to present any advertising identification in this rule for examination and approval of FINA prior to the event in question.

BL 8 SWIMWEAR

BL 8.1 All swimwear used at Olympic Games and FINA Events (pool and open water swimming competitions) shall be swimwear approved by FINA in accordance with the rules and procedures set forth in the FINA Requirements for Swimwear Approval (FRSA) issued by the FINA Bureau and valid on the date of approval. Following an approval process conducted by the Swimwear Approval Commission, a list of approved swimwear is published by FINA (the Approved List) each year. The Approved List is published each year before December 31 and is valid starting from January 1 of the subsequent year.

BL 8.2 In pool and open water swimming competitions the competitor must wear only one swimsuit in one or two pieces. No additional items, like arm bands or leg bands shall be regarded as parts of a swimsuit. All swimsuits (including wetsuits for open water competitions) shall comply with the requirements set forth in these By-Laws and the FRSA.

BL 8.3 For pool swimming competitions swimsuits for men shall not extend above the navel nor below the knee, and for women, shall not cover the neck, nor extend past the shoulder, nor below knee. The swimsuits shall be made from textile materials.

BL 8.4 For open water swimming competitions with water temperature from 20 C swimsuits for both men and women shall not cover the neck, nor extend past the shoulder, nor extend below the ankle. Subject to these specific shape specifications, swimsuits for open water swimming competitions shall further comply with all other requirements applicable to swimsuits for pool swimming competition.

BL 8.5 From January 1, 2017, for open water swimming competitions in water with temperature below 20 C, men and women may use either swimsuits (BL 8.4) or wetsuits. When the water temperature is below 18 C, the use of wetsuits is compulsory.

For the purpose of these rules, wetsuits are swimsuits made of material providing thermal insulation. Wetsuits for both men and women shall completely cover torso, back, shoulders and knees. They shall not extend beyond the neck, wrists and ankles.

BL 8.6 BL 8.1 to BL 8.5 apply also for the masters Open Water competitions.

[NOTE TO BL8.6: It is clarified that swimsuits, respectively wetsuits which fulfil the shape requirement set forth in BL 8.3, respectively BL 8.4 and 8.5 (for open water swimming competitions) can be accepted even if they do not bear a valid FINA approval label provided they effectively and evidently fulfil the material requirements set forth in the current FINA Requirements for Swimwear Approval. This is notably the case for swimsuits made of traditional permeable textile (i.e. open mesh material) material (such as cotton, Nylon, Lycra and the like) with no application of surface treatment closing the open mesh structure and wetsuits which expressly fulfil the thickness requirement (for example wetsuit thickness provided by manufacturer). In case of doubt in this respect and when notably such doubt concerns a swimsuit or a wetsuit used at the occasion of a World record, an actual check of the swimsuit or a wetsuit can be required from the competitor or Certifying Official and the swimsuit or a wetsuit is to be forwarded to the FINA Office for submission to an actual control of all or parts of the requirements.]

BL 8.7 For team events in open water swimming, all swimmers from the same team must wear the same colour caps which shall also comply with the FINA rule BL 9.3.7.3.

BL 8.8 Swimwear for men in Artistic Swimming shall not extend above the navel nor below the upper thigh. Men shall not wear makeup. Hair gel is permitted. Moustaches and beards are allowed.

BL 9 OLYMPIC GAMES, WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND WORLD SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS (25m)

PREAMBLE: The programme of events at the Olympic Games established by the IOC on proposal of the FINA Bureau shall be announced as soon as it has been approved. The programme of events at the World Championships shall be as in GR 9.6

BL 9.1 Officials

The Judges nominated must be of the same nationality as the FINA Member Federation signing the form and fully certified by the respective Technical Committee.

The FINA Technical Committees will propose Technical Officials (Judges and Referees) to act at the Olympic Games or World Championships from the current FINA Officials Lists in the respective discipline, for approval by the FINA Bureau or FINA Executive.

For no show of nominated Officials the respective Federation will be fined 2'000 Swiss Francs.

BL 9.2 Facilities

BL 9.2.1 At Olympic Games and World Championships Rules FR 3, FR 6, FR 8 and FR 11 shall apply.

BL 9.2.2 At Olympic Games and World Championships approved Automatic Officiating Equipment shall be provided and used.

BL 9.2.3 For the FINA World Championships all venues shall be available for use at least 5 days before the opening ceremony.
For all other FINA events all pools shall be available for use by entered competitors before the competition begins.
Swimming, Open Water Swimming, Water Polo, Artistic Swimming - five (5) days prior, Diving, High Diving - eight (8) days prior.

BL 9.2.4 During the competition days the pools shall be available for training when competitions are not in progress.

BL 9.2.5 Seating positions along the side of the pool shall be provided for all competitors, team officials and unassigned technical officials, from which they may properly observe training and competitions.

BL 9.3 Entries

BL 9.3.1

- a) Each Federation concerned must confirm its desire to take part in the World Championships by completing the preliminary entries in the FINA General Management System (GMS) by the defined “preliminary entries” deadline.
- b) Each federation must confirm the final number of male and female competitors that will attend the Championships by completing their nomination in the FINA General Management System (GMS) by the defined “nomination deadline”.

BL 9.3.2 For Olympic Games, entries shall be made on official forms signed by the Secretary of the respective National Olympic Committee and delivered to the Organising Committee of the Country holding the Games, on or before the date determined by the International Olympic Committee. The FINA Office shall claim these entries at least seven (7) days before the start of the first competition.

BL 9.3.3

- a) For World Championships, World Swimming Championships (25m) and FINA World Junior Swimming Championships registration and entries shall be made online via the FINA General Management System (GMS) using the official login details provided to each Member Federation. All entries must be fully submitted in the GMS before the date determined by FINA as published in the respective summons for the Championships. FINA shall verify all registrations according to appropriate eligibility rules for participation and competitor entry for each competition.
- b) For other FINA competitions, registration and entries shall be made online via the FINA General Management System (GMS), when available.

BL 9.3.4

BL 9.3.4.1 Competitors entered for Diving, Water Polo, and Artistic Swimming cannot swim relay events, and those entered for Swimming, Diving, and Artistic Swimming cannot be used as Water Polo reserves, with the proviso that one and the same swimmer could compete in Water Polo as well as other Swimming competitions, if officially entered for such competitions.

BL 9.3.4.2 Each competitor at World Championships and FINA competitions must wear on the chest over their tracksuit such advertising as supplied by FINA when being introduced prior to the start of each event and during the victory ceremony.

BL 9.3.5 By the sport entry deadline before the commencement of the Olympic Games or the World Championships, the Secretaries of the Member Federations sending competitors shall forward to the Organising Committee of the Country hosting the competition a list of any competitors entered who are not starting, so that the non participating athletes may be eliminated from the entries.

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 9.3.6.1 For each individual event at the World Championships, the FINA Bureau will establish Standard Entry Times in two levels: “A” and “B”, of which “B” shall be easier to achieve.

- a) Standard Entry Times can only be achieved in competitions approved for that purpose by FINA.
- b) For each individual event at the World Championships, each National Federation may enter a maximum of two (2) competitors. To enter two (2) swimmers in the same event, both of them must have achieved the “A” Standard Entry Time.
- c) To enter one (1) swimmer in an event, the competitor must have achieved at least the “B” Standard Entry Time.
- d) Swimmers having achieved only one (1) “A” or one “B” entry time are entitled to enter one (1) additional event. The additional individual event must be in an event where no other swimmer from the National Federation has been entered.

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.

BL 9.3.6.3 At the World Championships, each National Federation may enter only one (1) team in each relay. All swimmers entered in individual events can be used in relays, even if they have not achieved an “A” or “B” Standard Entry Time for the corresponding stroke and distance of the relay in which they are entered. Each National Federation may enter additional swimmers for relays only, provided that they have achieved the “B” Standard Entry Time for the corresponding stroke and distance of the relay in which they are entered. Any additional swimmers must be within the maximum quota of swimmers for the event.

The following formula shall apply:

- One (1) Relay - two (2) additional swimmers
- Two (2) Relays - four (4) additional swimmers
- Three (3) Relays - six (6) additional swimmers
- Four (4) Relays - eight (8) additional swimmers
- Five (5) Relays - ten (10) additional swimmers
- Six (6) or more Relays - twelve (12) additional swimmers

BL 9.3.6.4 For each individual event at the Olympic Games, the FINA Bureau will establish Standard Entry Times of two types: an “Olympic Qualifying Time” (OQT) and a “FINA/Olympic Selection Time,” of which the “FINA/Olympic Selection Time” shall be easier to achieve. Standard entry times can only be achieved in competitions approved for that purpose by FINA.

BL 9.3.6.4.1 Olympic Qualifying Time (OQT)

For each individual event at the Olympic Games, each National Federation/NOC may enter a maximum of two (2) competitors. To enter two swimmers in the same event, both swimmers must have achieved the “Olympic Qualifying Time.” To enter one swimmer in an event, the competitor must have achieved at least the OQT or must have achieved the “FINA/Olympic Selection Time,” and be invited by FINA to compete.

Swimmers who achieve the “Olympic Qualifying Time” in one or more individual events are automatically qualified to participate in the Olympic Games.

BL 9.3.6.4.2 FINA/Olympic Selection Time

After determining the number of swimmers who have achieved the Olympic Qualifying Time, the number of swimmers entered in relays and the number of swimmers of National Federations/NOCs who have not achieved either Standard Entry Time based on BL 9.6.3.5, swimmers with the FINA/Olympic Selection Times may be invited. The number of invitations will be determined by the athlete quota/target established by the International Olympic Committee.

Swimmers who achieve the “FINA/Olympic Selection Time” are eligible to be invited to participate in the Olympic Games and will be invited to compete in the Olympic Games until the IOC quota/target is reached. FINA will invite swimmers with FINA/Olympic Selection Times to participate based upon the following:

- In individual events, swimmers will be compared to an Olympic Games Qualification Rankings compiled from 1 March 2019 through 1 July 2020, using only FINA-approved competitions, with only two Competitors per country permitted into the rankings (if a country has more than two, those additional Competitors will not be included).
- Those Competitors with the highest Olympic Games Qualification ranking will be invited first until the IOC quota/target is reached.
- Should there be a tie in selection of the IOC quota/target, all Competitors who are tied will have their times compared to the FINA Points Table from 1 January 2020, and those Competitors with the highest point scores will be invited first until the IOC quota/target is reached. For example, if there are three spots remaining, and five Competitors tie in the Olympic Games Qualification ranking placing, those Competitors’ times will be given a point score and the Competitors with the top three FINA Point Table scores will be invited to participate at the Olympic Games.

The priority order for qualification into the Olympic Games will be:

- All Competitors with Olympic Qualifying Times
- Competitors on relays
- Universality Competitors
- Invited Competitors who have achieved a FINA/Olympic Selection Time

BL 9.3.6.4.3 NFs/NOCs without qualified Competitors– Universality

National Federations/NOCs with no swimmers who have achieved either Standard Entry Time may enter one (1) man and one (1) woman (Universality), provided that those swimmers participated in the preceding FINA World Championships (50m) and are invited by FINA to compete.

BL 9.3.6.5 In the Olympic Games, not more than sixteen (16) teams can be entered in each relay competition. The top twelve (12) finishers at the preceding FINA World Championships (50m) shall be qualified based upon the results achieved in the heats. The four (4) other teams shall be selected by FINA on the basis of the fastest times achieved in the fifteen-month period before the Olympic Games (1 March 2019 through 1 June 2020) in competitions approved for that purpose by FINA. If any qualified teams are not able to participate for any reason, available slots will be filled on the basis of next fastest times achieved in the fifteen-month period before the Olympic Games in competitions approved for that purpose by FINA. Individual times may not be aggregated for relay qualification purposes.

Each National Federation/NOC may enter only one (1) team in each relay event. All swimmers entered in individual events can be used in relays, even if they have not achieved the FINA/Olympic Invitational Time for the corresponding stroke and distance of the relay in which they are entered.

Each National Federation/NOC may enter additional swimmers for relays only, provided that they have achieved the "FINA/Olympic Invitational Time" for the corresponding stroke and distance of the relay in which they are entered.

The following formula shall apply:

- One (1) Relay - two (2) additional swimmers
- Two (2) Relays - four (4) additional swimmers
- Three (3) Relays - six (6) additional swimmers
- Four (4) Relays - eight (8) additional swimmers
- Five (5) Relays - ten (10) additional swimmers
- Six (6) Relays - twelve (12) additional swimmers

If an NOC enters relay-only swimmers for a specific event, these swimmers must swim either in the heat or final of that relay event. Should a relay-only swimmer not compete, this will lead to the disqualification of the respective team.

If a Competitor could swim in multiple relays, but does not compete in any for which he/she is eligible, the final relay for which he/she was eligible will be the relay that is disqualified.

A member of the FINA Sports Medicine Committee (SMC) will be present at Heats and Semi-Finals/Finals and will be the designated independent physician empowered to make decisions about Competitor participation.

BL 9.3.6.6 Electronic Entries

- Entries for the FINA World Championships, the FINA World Swimming Championships (25m), the FINA World Junior Swimming Championships and other FINA Swimming events shall be made electronically via the FINA General Management System (GMS), when available.
- FINA will maintain a listing of Swimming times achieved during the qualification period, called the FINA Rankings.

- National Federations will enter swimmers and relay teams using the FINA Rankings as the entry time for seeding purposes. Where no valid time information is recorded in the FINA Rankings, the swimmer or relay team will be entered with no time.
- Only valid times included in the FINA Rankings at the date of the deadline for entries and achieved within the qualification period can be accepted as entry times.
- The National Federation must fully submit all entries via the FINA GMS in accordance with the established entry deadlines in order to be accepted for the competition.
- The heats, semi-finals and finals shall be arranged in accordance with Rule SW 3, under the supervision of the Technical Swimming Committee.

BL 9.3.6.7 The composition of a relay team may be changed between heats and finals of an event. When preliminaries are swum, medals shall be awarded to those swimmers who swam in the heats and the final race.

BL 9.3.6.8 The names of swimmers actually swimming on a relay must be submitted at least one hour before the start of the session in which the event is to take place, in the order in which they are to swim. The names of swimmers in medley relay events must be listed for their respective strokes.

BL 9.3.6.9 Each Member may enter a maximum number of twenty-six (26) men and twenty-six (26) women swimmers.

BL 9.3.6.10 The heats, semi-finals and finals shall be arranged in accordance with Rule SW 3, under the supervision of the Technical Swimming Committee.

BL 9.3.6.11 The entry list shall be published at least four (4) days before the first day of competition.

BL 9.3.6.12 In every event, in the Olympic Games and World Championships, including 800m and 1500m Freestyle for women and 800m and 1500m Freestyle for men, competitors shall be seeded for the heats in accordance with the times submitted on the official entry form.

Swimmers shall be advanced to semi-finals and finals on the basis of their times in the heats and semi-finals.

In the World Swimming Championships (25m) and World Junior Swimming Championships, the 800m Freestyle for women and the 1500m Freestyle for men may at the discretion of the Bureau be conducted on a timed final basis with the fastest heat only conducted during the finals session.

In distances of 50m, 100m and 200m, heats, semi-finals and finals will be held. At the World Swimming Championships (25m) and World Junior Swimming Championships events of 200 m and above only heats and finals will take place.

BL 9.3.7 Open Water Swimming

BL 9.3.7.1 Entries

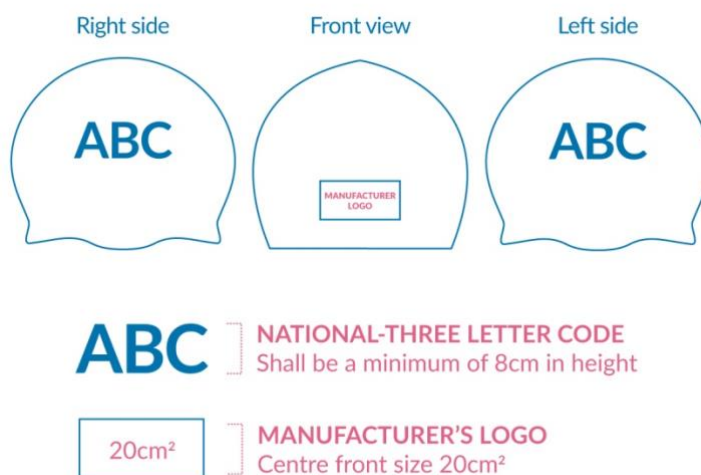
For the Olympic Games and the World Championships each Member Federation may enter a maximum of two (2) males and two (2) females per individual event. For team events in the World Championships, the Member Federation can enter only one (1) team per event comprised of two male and two female Competitors. Athletes may only swim in one team event. Withdrawals can be made up to and including the Teams Technical Meeting but no substitution is permitted.

BL 9.3.7.2 Numbering of swimmers

The numbering of Competitors is to appear on the arms, upper backs and hands of competitors. On the arms the numbers shall be arranged vertically. On the upper backs and hands the numbering is horizontally. Where the numbering of the arms and backs is made with an ink template: 100 mm high x 60 mm wide. The numbering of the hands of competitors is allowed by marking pens. For Competitors with darker skin and full body wet suits a white marker pen will be required.

BL 9.3.7.3 Identification

In all Open Water events it is mandatory for the head or cap to display on each side the "national-three letter code" and may display the swimmer's national flag. The country code shall be a minimum of 8cm in height. Caps meeting the specifications of BL 7.1.3 are not acceptable except for one (1) manufacturer's logo of a maximum size of 20cm² on the front.



BL 9.3.7.4 Finish Approach

For Olympic Games, World Championships and all FINA events, the Finish Approach (OWS 7.1) is part of the course, and swimmers shall remain within the rows of buoys throughout their approach to the Finish.

BL 9.3.7.5 Team Relay Events

- Each swimmer shall complete a lap of 1.25 km.
- Swimmers may swim in any sequence, but may only swim once.
- All teams will start together.

- Starting order on the platform will be by random draw.
- There shall be a change-over zone of a minimum of 5 m in width.
- Changeovers shall be made with the following swimmer in the water in their starting position holding the platform.
- Contact on the relay changeover must be visible. The touch, between the swimmers making the changeover, should be made above the water anywhere between the elbow and the hand.
- Swimmers may enter the change-over zone when the previous swimmer is approaching the zone and leave the water immediately at the conclusion of their lap.
- Swimmers shall all wear team caps of the same colour and style.

BL 9.3.7.6 OLYMPIC GAMES

BL 9.3.7.6.1 Events

Only 10 km events will be held for both Men and Women.

BL 9.3.7.6.2 The Start

For Olympic Games the start shall be from a fixed platform.

BL 9.3.7.6.3 Qualification for Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games

1. 18th FINA World Championships – Gwangju 2019

The first ten (10) finalists from the 10 km event – men and women – will qualify. 20 Marathon Swimmers (10 Men & 10 Women)

2. FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier 2020

Only NF/NOC not having qualified swimmers through point 1 above may elect to send two (2) Competitors per event. Each NF/NOC will qualify only one (1) Competitor per event. 18 Marathon Swimmers (9 Men & 9 Women)

Continental Representation

The first eligible finisher in the 10 km event – Men and Women – from each of five (5) Continents will qualify. 10 Marathon Swimmers (5 Men & 5 Women)

In the event that a NF/NOC has previously qualified one (1) or two (2) swimmers, the selection process will move to the next eligible finisher in the FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier event to ensure that each of these competitions yields a competitor.

Host Nation

One (1) male and one (1) female marathon swimmer from the host nation if not previously qualified, will qualify. 2 Marathon Swimmers (1 Man & 1 Woman)

If the Host Nation qualifies two (2) Competitors through the Point 1 above or one (1) Competitor through the Points above, then this slot will be added to Point 2 and allow it to yield an additional 10th qualification.

BL 9.3.7.7 WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

BL 9.3.7.7.1 Age Groups as at 31st December of the year of the competition

- 14-15 years Boys and Girls
- 16-17 years Boys and Girls
- 18-19 years Boys and Girls

BL 9.3.7.7.2 Individual Events

- 14-15 years 5 km Boys and Girls
- 16-17 years 7.5 km Boys and Girls
- 18-19 years 10 km Boys and Girls

BL 9.3.7.7.3 Competition Programme

- Day 1 AM 14-15 years 5 km
PM 16-17 years 7.5 km
- Day 2 AM 18-19 years 10 km
- Day 3 AM 14-16 years Relay Event
PM Open Relay Event

BL 9.3.7.7.4 Team Relay Events

- Each swimmer shall complete a lap of 1.25 km.
- Swimmers may swim in any sequence, but may only swim once.
- All teams will start together.
- Starting order on the platform will be by random draw.
- There shall be a change-over zone of a minimum of 5 metres in width.
- Changeovers shall be made with the following swimmer in the water in their starting position holding the platform.
- Contact on the relay changeover must be visible. The touch, between the swimmers making the changeover, should be made above the water anywhere between the elbow and the hand.
- Swimmers may enter the change-over zone when the previous swimmer is approaching the zone and leave the water immediately at the conclusion of their lap.
- Swimmers shall all wear team caps of the same colour and style.

BL 9.3.7.7.5 Entries

- Team event consists of 4 swimmers, 2 males & 2 females.
- One Team per Member Federation per event.
- Teams events in 14-15-16; & U/19. Swimmers may only swim one team event.

BL 9.3.7.7.6 Awards

Medals: Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals shall be awarded to the first three places in each individual and team events.

Trophy: A special FINA Team Trophy shall be given based upon the following points added from the three individual events (5, 7.5 and 10km) and mixed team events.

18 (1st place), 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 points

BL 9.3.8 Diving

BL 9.3.8.1 At the Olympic Games and the World Championships, in springboard and platform Diving contests only dives prescribed by the FINA Rules for Diving shall be executed.

BL 9.3.8.2 World Championships

Each Member may enter a maximum of two (2) competitors, regardless of standards, for each individual event and one (1) team of two (2) competitors for each synchronised diving event.

BL 9.3.8.3 Olympic Games

BL 9.3.8.3.1 General

An NF/NOC may enter up to two (2) divers for each individual event (springboard or platform) and up to one (1) team in each synchronised diving event (springboard or platform) on the same height, for which the divers and/or federation team is qualified.

2020 Olympic Qualification System:

Phase I

FINA World Championships 2019

Individual Diving Events: 3 Metre and 10 Metre Men and Women

12 Finalists (earned qualification positions for their NF/NOC)

Synchronised Diving Events: 3 Metre and 10 Metre Men and Women

Top Three (3) Finalists plus the Host Nation (JPN)

Phase II

Continental Championships

Continental Championships may only be conducted after the World Championships 2019 and prior to the World Cup 2020 and must be approved by FINA. A neutral TDC delegate will be assigned to the Continental Championships. The champion in each of the four (4) individual events shall earn an Olympic Qualification position for his/her National Federation/NOC.

Should Continental Championships not take place, a continent may qualify a diver for an individual event at the 2020 Diving World Cup. At least two National Federations of that continent must participate in the respective individual event at the 2020 Diving World Cup. The highest placed continental diver will obtain a quota place for his/her National Federation/NOC.

An individual diver may obtain only one (1) quota place per individual event for his/her Federation.

FINA World Cup 2020, Tokyo (JPN)

Individual Diving Events: 3 Metre and 10 Metre Men and Women

18 Semi-Finalists (earned qualification positions for their NF/NOC to a maximum of two (2) per NF/NOC)

The remaining places for the individual events will be determined by the ranking in the preliminaries (19th place and higher).

Synchronised Diving Events: 3 Metre and 10 Metre Men and Women

Top Four (4) placed teams, excluding those teams previously qualified in Phase I.

BL 9.3.8.3.1.1 Following the conclusion of the 22nd FINA Diving World Cup 2020 and not later than fourteen (14) days thereafter each National Federation/NOC will be notified the number of divers that National Federation/NOC may enter in the Olympic Games. The total number of divers to be entered shall not to exceed one hundred thirty six (136), sixty eight (68) female and sixty eight (68) male divers.

BL 9.3.8.3.1.2 No later than thirty (30) days prior to the closing deadline for the receipt of entries by the Olympic Games Organising Committee, the National Federation/NOC shall advise FINA the number of the allowed divers that the National Federation / NOC will enter in each event. If a diver will be entered both as a team member in synchronised diving and as an individual competitor on the same height, that diver should only be counted as one person. (Example: If both synchronised divers in springboard also compete individually in springboard, the total number of springboard divers shall be reported as two (2)).

BL 9.3.8.3.2 Synchronised Diving (Springboard and Platform)

There shall be eight (8) synchronised diving teams in each event.

Synchronised diving teams shall be qualified by National Federation / NOC.

If any of the eight (8) qualified teams withdraws it shall be replaced by the next ranked team at the FINA Diving World Cup 2020. If so, in accordance with FINA Office, the substitution shall be announced by FINA latest 30 days prior the event starts.

BL 9.3.8.3.3 Individual Diving (Springboard and Platform)

BL 9.3.8.3.3.1 All divers participating in individual events must meet the FINA Diving Qualifying Requirements as specified in BL 9.3.8.3.

BL 9.3.8.3.3.2 Individual divers shall be qualified by National Federation / NOC.

BL 9.3.8.3.3.3 If a diver qualified in accordance with BL 9.3.8.3.1 has not been entered to the Olympic Games a substitute shall be selected according to the same rule to the extent that the aggregate of all entries (Synchronised Diving and Individual Diving) does not exceed one hundred and thirty six (136), sixty eight (68) female and sixty eight (68) male divers.

BL 9.3.8.3.4 For Diving, if a NOC enters divers for a specific event (in individual or synchro), these divers must dive at the Preliminary phase for the individual events and if entered for Synchro events, must dive in the final. All divers entered by a NOC must dive in the competition. Should a diver not compete, this will lead to the disqualification of the team of the respective event. Only in the case the diver is injured, and is certified by the FINA Sports Medicine Committee, the above rule will not be applicable.

BL 9.3.9 Artistic Swimming

BL 9.3.9.1 For Olympic Games, team routines shall consist of eight (8) competitors. The total number of competitors entered by each Federation (unless otherwise specified) may not exceed eight (8) competitors.

For World Championships and FINA competitions, team routines shall consist of eight (8) competitors and ten (10) for Free Combination. For Artistic Swimming FINA competitions the total number of competitors entered by each Federation (unless otherwise specified) may not exceed fourteen (14) competitors including maximum two male competitors only if the Federation enters Mixed Duets.

BL 9.3.9.2 World Championships events

- Solo, Technical Routine
- Solo, Free Routine
- Duet, Technical Routine
- Duet, Free Routine
- Mixed Duet, Technical Routine
- Mixed Duet, Free Routine
- Team, Technical Routine
- Team, Free Routine
- Free Combination
- Highlight Routine

BL 9.3.9.3 FINA World Junior Artistic Swimming Championships

BL 9.3.9.3.1 Each country shall be entitled to enter one Technical Solo, one Free Solo, one Technical Duet, one Free Duet, one Technical Mixed Duet, one Free Mixed Duet, one Technical Team, one Free Team, and one Free Combination.

BL 9.3.9.3.2 The Sessions for FINA World Junior Artistic Swimming Championships will consist of:

Solo Technical, Solo Free, Duet Technical, Duet Free, Mixed Duet Technical, Mixed Duet Free, Team Technical, Team Free and Free Combination.

BL 9.3.9.3.3 Routines will have preliminary sessions in Technical and Free Routines. All sessions will hold preliminaries in each event and the twelve best routines in each event will move to finals.

Free Combination Routine may or may not hold a final session depending on the number of entries.

BL 9.3.9.3.4 Scores from:

- Solo Technical Final = medal
- Solo Free Final = medal
- Duet Technical Final = medal
- Duet Free Final = medal
- Mixed Duet Technical = medal
- Mixed Duet Free Final = medal
- Team Technical Final = medal
- Team Free Final = medal
- Free Combination Final = medal.

The Junior Worlds over all Championship Title will be awarded to the Member Federation with the over- all highest raw score determined by combining results for all events.

BL 9.3.9.3.5 All other rules and penalties that apply to FINA World Artistic Swimming Championships apply to FINA World Junior Artistic Swimming Championships unless otherwise stated.

BL 9.3.9.4 Olympic Qualifying Tournament

In the year of the Olympic Games, or as close as possible to the Olympic Games, a Qualifying Tournament shall be held.

BL 9.3.9.5 Olympic Games

BL 9.3.9.5.1 Teams

The Olympic competition shall be for a maximum of ten (10) teams of eight (8) competitors per team selected in the following manner:

- a) Automatically one (1) team from the Continental Championships of the five (5) continents. The Host Country will be representative of that continent.
- b) The first two teams that qualified from the World Championships based on the combined results of the free and technical routines.
- c) The remaining three (3) teams shall qualify from the Olympic Games Qualifying Tournament in Artistic Swimming in the year of the Olympic Games.
- d) If for any reason qualified teams do not wish to participate in the Olympic Games, then the next ranked team(s) from the Olympic Games Qualifying Tournament shall be invited to attend.

Should one or both of the first two teams from the preceding World Championships already be qualified through point (a) the next ranked team(s) from the preceding World Championships will be allocated a place.

BL 9.3.9.5.2 Duets

The competition shall be for a maximum of twenty two (22) duets selected in the following manner:

- a) Ten (10) duets from the teams qualified as above.

- b) The best ranked NOC in each of the five (5) Continental Championships will each obtain a quota place except for the Host Country NOC which will be the representative of the Asian Continent
- c) The remaining open positions will be allocated according to the rankings of the Olympic Games Qualifying Tournament.
- d) If for any reason a qualified duet does not wish to participate in the Olympic Games then the next ranked duet(s) from the Olympic Games Qualifying Tournament shall be invited to attend.

BL 9.3.10 Water Polo

For Water Polo, an entry of a maximum of thirteen (13) players may be accepted. For the Olympic Games, an entry of a maximum of eleven (11) players may be accepted.

BL 9.3.10.1 Qualification for Olympic Games Men

BL 9.3.10.1.1 The competition shall be between a maximum of twelve (12) teams selected in the following manner:

BL 9.3.10.1.2 The first team from the preceding year's World League.

BL 9.3.10.1.3 The first two (2) teams from the preceding World Championships. If any one of these two (2) teams has already qualified from the preceding year's World League (BL 9.3.10.1.2), the next ranked team from the World Championships qualifies.

BL 9.3.10.1.4 The Host Country will automatically qualify.

BL 9.3.10.1.5 Automatically one (1) team from the Continental Championships of the five (5) continents. If it is qualified at the preceding year's World League (BL 9.3.10.1.2), or at the preceding FINA World Championships (BL 9.3.10.1.3), then the next ranked team from the continental championships will qualify.

BL 9.3.10.1.6 The other three (3) teams are to come from the highest placed teams at the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Men.

BL 9.3.10.1.7 If, for any reason, no team enters from a continent, or if there is an unfilled vacancy from among the teams qualified from the preceding year's World League or preceding World Championship, the next ranking team(s) will then be taken in order from their placing at the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Men.

BL 9.3.10.1.8 FINA has authority to amend BL 9.3.10.1 and list in chronological order to reflect the qualification of teams in accordance with the timing of FINA Events.

BL 9.3.10.2 Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Men

BL 9.3.10.2.1 The competition shall be between a maximum of twelve (12) teams selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental championships in the following manner:

BL 9.3.10.2.2 The twelve (12) teams from the continents shall be selected according to the following formula: Europe - 5; Americas - 3; Asia - 2; Africa - 1; and Oceania - 1. The Host Country will be considered to be a representative from that Continent.

BL 9.3.10.2.3 The highest qualifying team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championship shall be entitled to represent that continent; if any teams do not accept, then the next highest ranking team willing to accept and participate in the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament shall qualify.

BL 9.3.10.2.4 If there is an unfilled vacancy from a continent, then that vacancy shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championship with the following rotation: host continent of the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament, Americas, Asia, Europe, Oceania and Africa.

BL 9.3.10.3 Qualification for Olympic Games - Women

BL 9.3.10.3.1 The competition shall be for a maximum of ten (10) teams selected in the following manner:

BL 9.3.10.3.2 The first team from the preceding year's World League.

BL 9.3.10.3.3 The first team from the preceding World Championships. If this team has already qualified from the preceding year's World League (BL 9.3.10.3.2), the next ranked team from the World Championships qualifies.

BL 9.3.10.3.4 The Host Country will automatically qualify.

BL 9.3.10.3.5 Automatically, one (1) team from the Continental Championships of the five (5) continents. If it is qualified at the preceding year's World League (BL 9.3.10.3.2), or at the preceding FINA World Championships (BL 9.3.10.3.3), then the next ranked team from the continental championships will qualify.

BL 9.3.10.3.6 The other two (2) teams qualify from the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Women.

BL 9.3.10.3.7 If for any reason, qualified teams do not wish to participate in the Olympic Games, the next ranking team(s) will then be taken in order from their placing at the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament – Women.

BL 9.3.10.3.8 FINA has authority to amend BL 9.3.10.3 and list in chronological order to reflect the qualification of teams in accordance with the timing of FINA Events.

BL 9.3.10.4 Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Women

BL 9.3.10.4.1 The competition shall be between a maximum of twelve (12) teams selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental championships.

BL 9.3.10.4.2 The twelve (12) teams from the continents shall be selected according to the following formula: Europe - 5; Americas - 3; Asia - 2; Africa - 1; and Oceania - 1. The Host Country will be considered to be a representative from that Continent.

BL 9.3.10.4.3 The highest qualifying team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championship shall be entitled to represent that continent; if any teams do not accept, then the next highest ranking team willing to accept and participate in the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament shall qualify.

BL 9.3.10.4.4 If there is an unfilled vacancy from a continent, then that vacancy shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championship with the following rotation: host continent of the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament, Americas, Asia, Europe, Oceania and Africa.

BL 9.3.10.5 Qualification for World Championships - Men

BL 9.3.10.5.1 The competition shall be between a maximum of sixteen (16) teams selected in the following manner:

BL 9.3.10.5.2 The four (4) highest ranking teams from the preceding World Cup or Olympic Games, two (2) highest ranking teams from the preceding year's World League, one (1) team from the host country and nine (9) teams from the five (5) continents to be selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental championships. The nine (9) teams from the continents shall be selected according to the following formula: Europe - 3; Americas - 2; Asia - 2; Africa - 1; and Oceania - 1.

BL 9.3.10.5.3 If any one of the teams qualified from the preceding year's World League are in the first four (4) from the preceding World Cup or Olympic Games, the next ranked team from that World Cup or Olympic Games qualifies.

BL 9.3.10.5.4 The highest qualifying team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships shall be entitled to represent that continent; if any team does not accept, then the next highest ranking team willing to accept and participate in the World Championships shall qualify.

BL 9.3.10.5.5 If the host country is already included in the four (4) highest ranking teams from the preceding World Cup or Olympic Games, then that entry position shall be filled by the next highest placed team from that World Cup or Olympic Games.

BL 9.3.10.5.6 If another of the four (4) highest ranking teams from the preceding World Cup or Olympic Games or one (1) of the two (2) highest ranking teams from the preceding year's World League does not enter, then that position shall be filled from the next highest placed team from that World Cup or Olympic Games.

BL 9.3.10.5.7 If no team enters from a continent or if there is an unfilled vacancy from among the teams qualifying from the preceding World Cup, Olympic Games or preceding year's World League, then each vacancy for that World Championship shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships with the following rotation: Asia, Americas, Europe, Oceania and Africa.

BL 9.3.10.6 Qualification for World Championships - Women

BL 9.3.10.6.1 The competition shall be between a maximum of sixteen (16) teams selected in the following manner:

BL 9.3.10.6.2 The four (4) highest ranking teams from the preceding World Cup or Olympic Games, two (2) highest ranking teams from the preceding year's World League, one (1) team from the host country and nine (9) teams from the five (5) continents to be selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental championships. The nine (9) teams from the continents shall be selected according to the following formula: Europe - 3; Americas - 2; Asia - 2; Africa - 1; and Oceania - 1.

BL 9.3.10.6.3 If any one of the teams qualified from the preceding year's World League are in the first four (4) from the preceding World Cup or Olympic Games, the next ranked team from that World Cup or Olympic Games qualifies.

BL 9.3.10.6.4 The highest qualifying team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships shall be entitled to represent that continent; if any team does not accept, then the next highest ranking team willing to accept and participate in the World Championships shall qualify.

BL 9.3.10.6.5 If the host country is already included in the four (4) highest ranking teams from the preceding World Cup or Olympic Games, then that entry position shall be filled by the next highest placed team from that World Cup or Olympic Games.

BL 9.3.10.6.6 If another of the four (4) highest ranking teams from the preceding World Cup or Olympic Games or one (1) of the two (2) highest ranking teams from the preceding year's World League does not enter, then that position shall be filled from the next highest placed team from that World Cup or Olympic Games.

BL 9.3.10.6.7 If no team enters from a continent or if there is an unfilled vacancy from among the teams qualifying from the preceding World Cup or Olympic Games or preceding year's World League, then each vacancy for that World Championship shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championship with the following rotation: Asia, Americas, Europe, Oceania and Africa.

BL 9.3.10.7 Qualification for World Junior Championships - Men 20 years and under (Age as in WPAG 2)

BL 9.3.10.7.1 The competition may be between either a maximum of sixteen (16) teams or a maximum of twenty (20) teams.

BL 9.3.10.7.2 For a sixteen team (16) competition, the competition must occur at one site; for a twenty (20) team competition, the competition may occur at two (2) sites in one country. A host may bid for either a sixteen (16) team or a twenty (20) team competition. The host country will be responsible for the transportation of the teams from one site to another as required. This transportation will be at the expense of the host country.

BL 9.3.10.7.3 In the case of a maximum sixteen (16) team competition, the teams shall include the highest ranking team from the preceding World Junior Championships with the remaining teams selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental championships according to the following formula: Europe - 6; Americas - 4; Asia - 3 ; Oceania - 2 and Africa -1. The host to be included in the Continental quota. The highest ranking team from the preceding World Junior Championships will be considered to be a representative of that continent for the purpose of the formula.

BL 9.3.10.7.4 In the case of a maximum twenty (20) team competition, the teams shall include the highest ranking team from the preceding World Junior Championships with the remaining teams selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental championships according to the following formula: Europe - 7; Americas - 5; Asia - 4; Africa - 2; and Oceania - 2. The host to be included in the Continental quota. The highest ranking team from the preceding World Junior Championships will be considered to be a representative of that continent for the purpose of the formula.

BL 9.3.10.7.5 The highest qualifying team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships shall be entitled to represent that continent; if any team does not accept, then the next highest ranking team willing to accept and participate in the World Junior Championships shall qualify.

BL 9.3.10.7.6 For a maximum sixteen (16) team competition, if there is an unfilled vacancy from a continent, then that vacancy shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championship with the following rotation: Asia, Americas, Europe, Oceania and Africa.

BL 9.3.10.7.7 For a maximum of twenty (20) team competition, if there is an unfilled vacancy from a continent, then that vacancy shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championship with the following rotation: Asia, Americas, Europe, Oceania and Africa.

BL 9.3.10.8 Qualification for World Junior Championships - Women 20 years and under (Age as in WPAG 2)

BL 9.3.10.8.1 The competition may be between either a maximum of sixteen (16) teams or a maximum of twenty (20) teams.

BL 9.3.10.8.2 For a sixteen (16) team competition, the competition must occur at one site; for a twenty (20) team competition, the competition may occur at two (2) sites in one country. A host may bid for either a sixteen (16) team or a twenty (20) team competition. The host country will be responsible for the transportation of the teams from one site to another as required. This transportation will be at the expense of the host country.

BL 9.3.10.8.3 In the case of a maximum sixteen (16) team competition, the teams shall include the highest ranking team from the preceding World Junior Championships with the remaining teams selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental championships according to the following formula: Europe - 6; Americas - 4; Asia - 3; Oceania - 2 and Africa - 1. The host to be included in the Continental quota. The highest ranking team from the preceding World Junior Championships will be considered to be a representative of that continent for the purpose of the formula.

BL 9.3.10.8.4 In the case of a maximum twenty (20) team competition, the teams shall include the highest ranking team from the preceding World Junior Championships with the remaining teams selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental championships according to the following formula: Europe - 7; Americas - 5; Asia - 4; Africa - 2; and Oceania - 2. The host to be included in the Continental quota. The highest ranking team from the preceding World Junior Championships will be considered to be a representative of that continent for the purpose of the formula.

BL 9.3.10.9 Qualification for World Youth Championships - Men 18 years and under (Age as in WPAG 2)

BL 9.3.10.9.1 The competition may be between either a maximum of sixteen (16) teams or a maximum of twenty (20) teams.

BL 9.3.10.9.2 For a sixteen (16) team competition, the competition must occur at one site; for a twenty (20) team competition, the competition may occur at two (2) sites in one country. A host may bid for either a sixteen (16) team or a twenty (20) team competition. The host country will be responsible for the transportation of the teams from one site to another as required. This transportation will be at the expense of the host country.

BL 9.3.10.9.3 In the case of a maximum sixteen (16) team competition, the teams shall include the highest ranking team from the preceding World Youth Championships with the remaining teams selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental championships according to the following formula: Host – 1; Europe – 6; Americas – 4; Asia – 2; Oceania – 2 and Africa 1. The highest ranking team from the preceding World Youth Championships will be considered to be a representative of that continent for the purpose of the formula.

BL 9.3.10.9.4 In the case of a maximum twenty (20) team competition, the teams shall include the highest ranking team from the preceding World Youth Championships with the remaining teams selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental championships according to the following formula: Host – 1; Europe – 7; Americas – 5; Asia – 3; Africa 2; and Oceania – 2. The highest ranking team from the preceding World Youth 3 Championships will be considered to be a representative of that continent for the purpose of the formula.

BL 9.3.10.9.5 The highest qualifying team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships shall be entitled to represent that continent; if any team does not accept, then the next highest ranking team willing to accept and participate in the World Youth Championships shall qualify.

BL 9.3.10.9.6 For a maximum sixteen (16) team competition, if there is an unfilled vacancy from a continent, then that vacancy shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championship with the following rotation: Asia, Americas, Europe, Oceania and Africa.

BL 9.3.10.9.7 For a maximum twenty (20) team competition, if there is an unfilled vacancy from a continent, then that vacancy shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championship with the following rotation: Asia, Americas, Europe, Oceania and Africa.

BL 9.3.10.10 Qualification for World Youth Championships - Women 18 years and under (Age as in WPAG 2)

BL 9.3.10.10.1 The competition shall be between a maximum of sixteen (16) teams selected in the following manner:

BL 9.3.10.10.2 The teams shall include the highest ranking team from the preceding World Youth Championships with remaining teams selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental championships according to the following formula: Host – 1; Europe – 6; Americas – 4; Asia – 2; Oceania – 2 and Africa 1. The highest ranking team from the preceding World Youth Championships will be considered to be a representative of that continent for the purpose of the formula.

BL 9.3.10.10.3 The highest qualifying team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships shall be entitled to represent that continent; if any team does not accept, then the next highest ranking team from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships shall be entitled to represent that continent.

BL 9.3.10.10.4 If there is an unfilled vacancy from a continent, then that vacancy shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships with the following rotation: Asia, Americas, Europe, Oceania and Africa.

BL 9.3.10.11 Organisation of Continental Qualification Tournaments

Each continental body shall hold its Qualification Tournament or Championships to determine its continental representatives no later than three months before the beginning of the World Championships or Olympic Games Qualification Tournament as applicable.

BL 9.4 Water Polo Tournaments at Olympic Games and World Championships

BL 9.4.1 Olympic Games - Tournament - Men

BL 9.4.1.1 Draw

The draw for the Olympic Games Tournament will be either on the last day of the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Men or as otherwise determined and the following principle shall apply: if a team is already qualified by its ranking from a preceding qualification competition, the team will be placed on the highest line of the draw according to that ranking and the team taking its place will be placed on the lower line.

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn by pairs into two groups, either A or B.

First Line, the first and second placed teams from the previous World Championship will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Second Line, the team qualified from the preceding year's World League and the team representing the Continent of Europe will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Third Line, the teams representing the Continents of America and Oceania will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Fourth Line, the teams representing the Continents of Africa and Asia will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Fifth Line, the first and second placed teams from the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Men will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Sixth Line, the third placed team in the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament

- Men and the team representing the Host Country will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Should there be no teams from the previous Championships to seed onto a Line then the highest ranked teams for Europe, Americas, Asia, Africa or Oceania if any, shall be drawn alternating between Group A and Group B.

After being divided into group A and group B, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to six (6).

BL 9.4.1.2 Schedule of Games

Preliminary Round:

There will be two (2) groups of six (6) teams, which form groups A and B. Each group will play a round robin. The four (4) highest ranked teams in each group will qualify for the Quarter Final Round. The fifth and sixth ranked teams in each group will be eliminated and will not play anymore.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
1. A1-A6	7. B6 - B4	13. A4 - A5	19. B6 - B5	25. A3 - A6
2. A3-A4	8. B5 - B3	14. A2 - A6	20. B1 - B4	26. A4 - A2
3. A2-A5	9. B1 - B2	15. A3 - A1	21. B2 - B3	27. A1 - A5
4. B1-B6	10. A6 - A4	16. B4 - B5	22. A6 - A5	28. B3 - B6
5. B3-B4	11. A5 - A3	17. B2 - B6	23. A1 - A4	29. B4 - B2
6. B2-B5	12. A1 - A2	18. B3 - B1	24. A2 - A3	30. B1 - B5

Quarter Final Round:

The first, second, third and fourth placed teams in Group A and Group B form a Group D of eight (8) teams. Group D plays a modified single elimination format. Games played in the Preliminary Round may be repeated in the Quarter Final, Semi Final or Final Round. All games played in Group D must be played so that a definite winner is declared. Accordingly, it may be necessary to apply the Water Polo Rules relating to penalty shoot-out.

Places 11 - 12

The teams ranked sixth in each group of the Preliminary Round shall be classified for places 11 - 12 according to the following criteria:

1. Win-loss record in their Preliminary Round group.
2. If both teams have the same win-loss record, the classification will be determined by goal average (goals scored divided by games played) taking into account the results of all games played in the respective group.

Places 9 - 10

The teams ranked fifth in each group shall be classified for places 9 - 10 according to the same principles as for places 11 - 12.

Day 6

- 31. 1A - 4B
- 32. 2A - 3B
- 33. 3A - 2B
- 34. 4A - 1B

Semi Final Round:

Day 7

- 35. L31 - L33
- 36. L32 - L34
- 37. W31 - W33
- 38. W32 - W34

Final Round:

Day 8

- 39. L35 - L36 (Winner 7th, Loser 8th)
- 40. W35 - W36 (Winner 5th, Loser 6th)
- 41. L37 - L38 (Winner 3rd, Loser 4th)
- 42. W37 - W 38 (Winner 1st, Loser 2nd)

Games 31 through 42 must be played to a conclusion, accordingly it may be necessary to apply Water Polo Rules relating to penalty shoot-out.

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

BL 9.4.2 Olympic Games - Tournament - Women

BL 9.4.2.1 Draw

The Draw for the Olympic Games Tournament will be either on the last day of the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament – Women or as otherwise determined and the following principle shall apply: if a team is already qualified by its ranking from a preceding qualification competition, the team will be placed on the highest line of the Draw according to that ranking and the team taking its place will be placed on the lower line.

(a) Group Draw

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn by pairs into two groups, either A or B.

First Line, the first placed team from the previous World Championship and the first team from the preceding year's World League will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Second line, the teams representing the Continents of Europe and Oceania will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Third line, the first and second placed teams from the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Women will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Fourth line, the team representing the Continent of America and the team representing the Continent of Asia will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Fifth line, the team representing the Continent of Africa and the team representing the Host Country will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

(b) Team Draw

After being divided into Group A and Group B, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to five (5).

BL 9.4.2.2 Schedule of Games

Preliminary Round

Two (2) groups of **five (5)** teams form Group A and Group B and play a single round robin in each group.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
1. A1-A5	5. B4-B5	9. A3-A4	13. A2-A3	17. B1-B2
2. A2-A4	6. B1-B3	10. A2-A5	14. A1-A4	18. B3-B5
3. B1-B5	7. A4-A5	11. B3-B4	15. B2-B3	19. A3-A5
4. B2-B4	8. A1-A3	12. B2-B5	16. B1-B4	20. A1-A2

Quarter Final Round

The first, second, third and fourth placed teams in Group A and Group B form a Group D of eight (8) teams. Group D plays a modified single elimination format. Games played in the Preliminary Round may be repeated in the Quarter Final, Semi Final or Final Round. All games played in Group D must be played so that a definite winner is declared. Accordingly, it may be necessary to apply the Water Polo Rules relating to penalty shoot-out.

Places 9 - 10

The teams ranked fifth in each group of the Preliminary Round shall be classified for places 9 - 10 according to the following criteria:

1. Win-loss record in their Preliminary Round group.
2. If both teams have the same win-loss record, the classification will be determined by goal average (goals scored divided by games played) taking into account the results of all games played in the respective group.

Day 6

- 21. 1A - 4B
- 22. 2A - 3B
- 23. 3A - 2B
- 24. 4A - 1B

Semi Final Round

Day 7

- 25. L21 - L23
- 26. L22 - L24
- 27. W21 - W23
- 28. W22 - W24

Final Round

Day 8

- 29. L25 - L26 (Winner 7th, Loser 8th)
- 30. W25 - W26 (Winner 5th, Loser 6th)
- 31. L27 - L28 (Winner 3rd, Loser 4th)
- 32. W27 - W28 (Winner 1st, Loser 2nd)

Games 21 through 32 must be played to a conclusion, accordingly it may be necessary to apply Water Polo Rules relating to penalty shoot-out.

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

BL 9.4.3 World Championship – Men

BL 9.4.3.1 Draw

The draw for the World Championships Tournament will be made two (2) months prior to the commencement of the World Championships Tournament and the following principle shall apply: if a team is already qualified by its ranking from a preceding qualification competition, the team will be placed on the highest line of the draw according to that ranking and the team taking its place will be placed on the lower line.

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn into four (4) groups: A, B, C or D.

First Line, the first, second, third and fourth qualified teams from the preceding World Cup or Olympic Games will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Second Line, the qualified teams from the World League (or from the World Cup or Olympic Games if applicable), the first qualified team from the Americas and the first qualified team from Europe will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Third, the second qualified team from the Americas, the second and third qualified teams from Europe and the qualified team from Oceania will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Fourth, the qualified team from Africa, the first and second teams from Asia and the Host Country (if the Host Country has already been drawn, then the next ranked team from the World Cup or Olympic Games) will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

After being divided into Groups A, B, C, or D, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to four (4).

BL 9.4.3.2 Schedule of Games

Preliminary Round (First):

Four (4) groups of four (4) teams each from Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D play a single robin round in each group.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
1. A1 - A3	9. B4 - B3	17. C1 - C4
2. A2 - A4	10. B1 - B2	18. C2 - C3
3. B1 - B3	11. C4 - C3	19. D1 - D4
4. B2 - B4	12. C1 - C2	20. D2 - D3
5. C1 - C3	13. D4 - D3	21. A1 - A4
6. C2 - C4	14. D1 - D2	22. A2 - A3
7. D1 - D3	15. A4 - A3	23. B1 - B4
8. D2 - D4	16. A1 - A2	24. B2 - B3

Preliminary Round (Second):

The first placed teams in Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D have a bye.

The second and third placed teams in Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D play against each other in a cross group format. The fourth placed teams in each of Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D form a new Group which consists of four (4) teams. They play for places 13 – 16 in a cross group format.

Day 4

- 25. 4A - 4B
- 26. 4C - 4D
- 27. 2A – 3B
- 28. 3A – 2B
- 29. 2C – 3D
- 30. 3C – 2D

Quarter Final Round:

Day 5

- 31. Loser Game 25 - Loser Game 26
(Winner 15th, Loser 16th)
- 32. Winner Game 25 - Winner Game 26
(Winner 13th, Loser 14th)
- 33. Loser Game 27 - Loser Game 29
- 34. Loser Game 28 - Loser Game 30
- 35. 1A - Winner Game 29
- 36. 1B - Winner Game 30
- 37. 1C - Winner Game 27
- 38. 1D - Winner Game 28

Semi-Final Round:

Day 6

- 39. Loser Game 33 - Loser Game 34
(Winner 11th, Loser 12th)
- 40. Winner Game 33 - Winner Game 34
(Winner 9th, Loser 10th)
- 41. Loser Game 35 - Loser Game 36
- 42. Loser Game 37 - Loser Game 38
- 43. Winner Game 35 - Winner Game 36
- 44. Winner Game 37 - Winner Game 38

Final Round:

Day 7

- 45. Loser Game 41 - Loser Game 42
(Winner 7th, Loser 8th)
- 46. Winner Game 41 - Winner Game 42
(Winner 5th, Loser 6th)
- 47. Loser Game 43 - Loser Game 44
(Winner 3rd, Loser 4th)
- 48. Winner Game 43 - Winner Game 44
(Winner 1st, Loser 2nd)

Games 25 through 48 must be played to a conclusion, accordingly it may be necessary to apply the Water Polo Rules relating to penalty shoot-out.

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

BL 9.4.4 World Championships - Women

BL 9.4.4.1 Draw

The draw for the World Championships Tournament will be made two (2) months prior to the commencement of the World Championships Tournament and the following principle shall apply: if a team is already qualified by its ranking from a preceding qualification competition, the team will be placed on the highest line of the draw according to its ranking and the team taking its place will be placed on the lower line.

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn into four (4) groups: A, B, C or D.

First Line, the first, second, third and fourth qualified teams from the preceding World Cup or Olympic Games will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Second Line, the qualified teams from the World League (or from the World Cup or Olympic Games if applicable), the first qualified team from the Americas and the first qualified team from Europe will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Third Line, the second qualified team from the Americas, the second and third qualified teams from Europe and the qualified team from Oceania will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C and one into D.

Fourth Line, the qualified team from Africa, the first and second teams from Asia and the Host Country (if the Host Country has already been drawn, then the next ranked team from the World Cup or Olympic Games) will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

After being divided into Groups A, B, C, or D, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to four (4).

BL 9.4.4.2 Schedule of Games

Schedule of Games as in BL 9.4.3.2

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

BL 9.4.5 Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Men

BL 9.4.5.1 Draw

The draw for the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament will be made two (2) months or as otherwise determined prior to the commencement of the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament.

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn by pairs into two groups, either A or B.

First Line, the two highest placed teams from the previous World Championships.

Second Line, the next two highest placed teams from the previous World Championships.

Third Line, the next two highest placed teams from the previous World Championships.

Fourth Line, the next two highest placed teams from the previous World Championships.

Fifth Line, the remaining teams, if any, from the World Championships or the highest ranked teams from Europe and the next highest ranked teams from the Americas.

Sixth Line, the remaining teams, if any, being the next highest ranked team from the Americas, Asia or Europe and the next highest ranked team from the Americas, Asia or Europe.

Should there be no teams from the previous Championships to seed onto a Line then the highest ranked teams for Europe, Americas, Asia, Africa or Oceania if any, shall be drawn alternating between Group A and Group B.

After being divided into Group A and B, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving of separate number of 1 to 6.

BL 9.4.5.2 Schedule of Games

Schedule of Games as in BL 9.4.1.2.

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

BL 9.4.6 Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Women

BL 9.4.6.1 Draw

The draw for the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament will be made two (2) months or as otherwise determined prior to the commencement of the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament.

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn by pairs into two groups, either A or B.

First Line, the two highest placed teams from the previous World Championships.

Second Line, the next two highest placed teams from the previous World Championships.

Third Line, the next two highest placed teams from the previous World Championships.

Fourth Line, the next two highest placed teams from the previous World Championships.

Fifth Line, the remaining teams, if any, from the World Championships and the highest ranked teams from Europe, Americas, Asia, Africa or Oceania.

Sixth Line, the remaining teams, if any, shall be drawn alternating between Groups A and B.

Should there be no teams from the previous Championships to seed onto a Line then the highest ranked teams for Europe, Americas, Asia, Africa or Oceania if any, shall be drawn alternating between Group A and Group B.

After being divided into Group A and Group B, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving of separate number of 1 to 6.

BL 9.4.6.2 Schedule of Games

Schedule of Games as in BL 9.4.1.2.

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

BL 9.4.7 World Junior Championships - Men

BL 9.4.7.1 Draw

The draw for the World Junior Championships will be made two (2) months prior to the commencement of the World Junior Championships Tournament and the following principle shall apply: if a team is already qualified by its ranking from a preceding qualification competition, the team will be placed on the highest line of the draw according to its ranking and the team taking its place will be placed on the lower line.

BL 9.4.7.1.1 Draw for sixteen (16) Teams

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn into four (4) groups; A, B, C or D.

First Line, the highest ranking team from the preceding World Junior Championships, the first, second and third qualified teams from Europe will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Second Line, the fourth and fifth qualified teams from Europe, the first qualified team from the Americas and the first qualified team from Oceania will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Third Line, the first qualified team from Africa, the second and third qualified teams from Americas, and the first qualified team from Asia will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Fourth Line, the Host Country and the remaining qualified teams will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

After being divided into Groups A, B, C, or D, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to four (4).

BL 9.4.7.1.2 Draw for twenty (20) Teams

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn into four (4) groups; A, B, C or D.

First Line, the highest ranking team from the preceding World Junior Championships, the first, second and third qualified teams from Europe will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Second Line, the fourth, fifth and sixth qualified teams from Europe and the first qualified team from the Oceania will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Third Line, the first second and third qualified teams from the Americas and the first qualified team from Asia will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Fourth Line, the Host Country, the fourth qualified team from the Americas, the first qualified team from Africa and the second qualified team from Oceania will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Fifth Line, the fifth qualified team from the Americas, the second and third qualified teams from Asia and the second qualified team from Africa will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

After being divided into Groups A, B, C, or D, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to five (5).

BL 9.4.7.2 Schedule of Games

BL 9.4.7.2.1 Schedule for sixteen (16) Teams

Schedule of Games as in BL 9.4.3.2

Games 25 through 48 must be played to a conclusion, accordingly it may be necessary to apply the Water Polo Rules relating to penalty shoot-out.

BL 9.4.7.2.2 Schedule for twenty (20) Teams

Preliminary Round

Four (4) groups of five (5) teams each from Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D play a single robin round in each group.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
1. A3 - A4	9. B5 - B3	17. C4 - C5	25. D1 - D4	33. A4 - A2
2. A2 - A5	10. B1 - B2	18. C3 - C1	26. D2 - D3	34. A1 - A5
3. B3 - B4	11. C5 - C3	19. D4 - D5	27. A1 - A4	35. B4 - B2
4. B2 - B5	12. C1 - C2	20. D3 - D1	28. A2 - A3	36. B1 - B5
5. C3 - C4	13. D5 - D3	21. A4 - A5	29. B1 - B4	37. C4 - C2
6. C2 - C5	14. D1 - D2	22. A3 - A1	30. B2 - B3	38. C1 - C5
7. D3 - D4	15. A5 - A3	23. B4 - B5	31. C1 - C4	39. D4 - D2
8. D2 - D5	16. A1 - A2	24. B3 - B1	32. C2 - C3	40. D1 - D5

Eighth Final Round

The Eighth Final Round is to be played on the basis of two (2) groups, one (1) with twelve (12) teams and one (1) group with eight (8) teams on a cross-over format. Games will have Group A teams play Group D teams, and Group B teams play Group C teams.

The first placed teams in Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D have a bye.

Day 6

For places 13 - 20

41. 4A - 5D

42. 4B - 5C

43. 5A - 4D

44. 5B - 4C

For places 1 - 12

45. 2A - 3D

46. 2B - 3C

47. 3A - 2D

48. 3B - 2C

Quarter Final Round and Semi-Final Round

Day 7

For places 13 - 20 (Semi Final Round)

- 49. Loser Game 41 - Loser Game 42
 - 50. Winner Game 41 - Winner Game 42
 - 51. Loser Game 43 - Loser Game 44
 - 52. Winner Game 43 - Winner Game 44
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For places 9 - 12 (Semi Final Round)

- 53. Loser Game 45 - Loser Game 46
 - 54. Loser Game 47 - Loser Game 48
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For places 1 - 8 (Quarter Final Round)

- 55. 1A - Winner Game 46
- 56. 1B - Winner Game 45
- 57. 1C - Winner Game 47
- 58. 1D - Winner Game 48

Semi Final-Round and Final Round

Day 8

For places 13 - 20 (Final Round)

- 59. Loser Game 49 - Loser Game 51 (Winner 19th, Loser 20th)
 - 60. Winner Game 49 - Winner Game 51 (Winner 17th, Loser 18th)
 - 61. Loser Game 50 - Loser Game 52 (Winner 15th, Loser 16th)
 - 62. Winner Game 50 - Winner Game 52 (Winner 13th, Loser 14th)
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For places 9 - 12 (Final Round)

- 63. Loser Game 53 - Loser Game 54 (Winner 11th, Loser 12th)
 - 64. Winner Game 53 - Winner Game 54 (Winner 9th, Loser 10th)
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For places 5 - 8 (Semi Final Round)

- 65. Loser Game 55 - Loser Game 57
 - 66. Loser Game 56 - Loser Game 58
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For places 1 - 4 (Semi Final Round)

- 67. Winner Game 55 - Winner Game 57
- 68. Winner Game 56 - Winner Game 58

Final Round

Day 9

For places 5 - 8

69. Loser Game 65 - Loser Game 66 (Winner 7th, Loser 8th)

70. Winner Game 65 - Winner Game 66 (Winner 5th, Loser 6th)

For places 1 - 4

71. Loser Game 67 - Loser Game 68 (Winner 3rd, Loser 4th)

72. Winner Game 67 - Winner Game 68 (Winner 1st, Loser 2nd)

Games 41 through 72 must be played to a conclusion; accordingly it may be necessary to apply the Water Polo Rules relating to penalty shoot-out.

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

BL 9.4.8 World Junior Championships - Women

BL 9.4.8.1 Draw

The draw for the World Junior Championships will be made two (2) months prior to the commencement of the World Junior Championships Tournament and the following principle shall apply: if a team is already qualified by its ranking from a preceding qualification competition, the team will be placed on the highest line of the draw according to its ranking and the team taking its place will be placed on the lower line.

First Line, the highest ranking team from the preceding World Junior Championships, the first qualified team from the Americas, the first qualified team from Europe and the first team qualified from Oceania will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Second Line, the second, third, fourth and fifth qualified teams from Europe will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Third Line, the second and third qualified teams from the Americas, the first qualified from Asia and the first qualified team from Africa will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Fourth Line, the Host Country and the remaining qualified teams will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

After being divided into Groups A, B, C, or D, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to four (4).

BL 9.4.8.2 Schedule of Games

Schedule of Games as in BL 9.4.3.2

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

BL 9.4.9 World Youth Championships - Men

BL 9.4.9.1 Draw

The draw will be held as and when determined by the FINA Bureau but not later than two (2) months before the beginning of the World Championships and the following principle shall apply: if a team is already qualified by its ranking from a preceding qualification competition, the team will be placed on the highest line of the draw according to its ranking and the team taking its place will be placed on the lower line.

BL 9.4.9.1.1 Draw for sixteen (16) Teams:

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn into four (4) groups: A, B, C or D.

First Line, the highest ranking team from the preceding World Youth Championships, the first, second and third qualified teams from Europe will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Second Line, the fourth and fifth qualified teams from Europe, the first qualified team from the Americas and the first qualified team from Oceania will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Third Line, the first qualified team from Africa, the second and third qualified teams from Americas, and the first qualified team from Asia will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Fourth Line, the Host Country and the remaining qualified teams will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

After being divided into Groups A, B, C, or D, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to four (4).

BL 9.4.9.1.2 Draw for twenty (20) teams:

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn into four (4) groups; A, B, C or D.

First Line, the highest ranking team from the preceding World Youth Championships, the first, second and third qualified teams from Europe will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Second Line, the fourth, fifth and sixth qualified teams from Europe and the first qualified team from Oceania will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Third Line, the first, second and third qualified teams from the Americas, the first qualified team from Asia will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Fourth Line, the Host Country, the fourth qualified team from the Americas, the first qualified team from Africa and the second qualified team from Oceania will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Fifth Line, the fifth qualified team from the Americas, the second and third qualified teams from Asia and the second qualified team from Africa will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

After being divided into Groups A, B, C, or D, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to five (5).

BL 9.4.9.2 Schedule of Games

Schedule of Games for sixteen (16) teams as in BL 9.4.3.2

Schedule of Games for twenty (20) teams as in BL 9.4.7.2.2

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

BL 9.4.10 World Youth Championships - Women

BL 9.4.10.1 Draw

The draw will be held as and when determined by the FINA Bureau but not later than two months before the beginning of the World Championships and the following principle shall apply: if a team is already qualified by its ranking from a preceding qualification competition, the team will be placed on the highest line of the draw according to its ranking and the team taking its place will be placed on the lower line.

First Line, the highest ranking team from the preceding World Youth Championships, the first qualified team from the Americas, the first qualified team from Europe and the first qualified team from Oceania will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Second Line, the second, third, fourth and fifth qualified teams from Europe will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Third Line, the second and third qualified teams from Americas, the first qualified team from Asia and the first qualified team Africa will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Fourth Line, the Host Country and the remaining qualified teams will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

After being divided into Groups A, B, C or D, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to four (4).

BL 9.4.10.2 Schedule of Games

Schedule of Games as in BL 9.4.3.2

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

BL 9.5 World Cups

BL 9.5.1 Water Polo

BL 9.5.1.1 Qualification

BL 9.5.1.1.1 The competition shall be between a maximum of eight (8) selected in the following manner: automatically the first three (3) teams from the preceding World Championships and one (1) team from each of the five (5) continents selected through the continental qualification tournaments, continental championships or ranking at the preceding World Championships. The Host Country will be the representative of that continent. If a vacancy occurs it shall be filled by the next highest ranked teams from the continental qualification tournaments, continental championships or at the preceding World Championships with the following rotation: Asia, Americas, Africa, Oceania, and Europe.

BL 9.5.1.1.2 Qualified Federations must declare their intention to send a team to the World Cup at least six months prior to the event. The draw shall be held approximately four months prior to the competition.

BL 9.5.2.1 Draw

The draw for the World Cups will be made four (4) months prior to the commencement of the World Cup as follows:

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn by pairs into groups two groups, either A or B.

First Line, the two highest placed teams from the previous World Championships will be drawn by pairs into two groups, either A or B.

Second Line, the third highest placed team from the previous World Championships and the team representing the Continent of Europe will be drawn by pairs into two groups, either A or B.

Third Line, the teams representing the Continents of Americas and Oceania will be drawn by pairs into two groups, either A or B.

Fourth Line, the teams representing the Continents of Africa and Asia will be drawn by pairs into two groups, either A or B.

After being divided into group A and group B, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to four (4).

BL 9.5.2.2 Schedule of Games

Preliminary Round:

Two (2) groups of four (4) teams form Group A and Group B and play a single round robin in each group.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
1. B2 - B3	5. A1 - A3	9. B2 - B1
2. A2 - A3	6. B2 - B4	10. A2 - A1
3. B1 - B4	7. A2 - A4	11. B3 - B4
4. A1 - A4	8. B1 - B3	12. A3 - A4

Quarter Final Round:

Day 4
13. 2A - 3B
14. 3A - 2B
15. 1A - 4B
16. 4A - 1B

Semi Final Round:

Day 5
17. L13 - L16
18. L14 - L15
19. W13 - W16
20. W14 - W15

Final Round:

Day 6

- 21. L17 - L18 (Winner 7th, loser 8th)
- 22. W17 - W18 (Winner 5th, loser 6th)
- 23. L19 - L20 (Winner 3rd, loser 4th)
- 24. W19 - W20 (Winner 1st, loser 2nd)

Games 13 through 24 must be played to a conclusion, accordingly it may be necessary to apply Water Polo Rules relating to penalty shoot-out.

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

BL 9.6 World Leagues

BL 9.6.1 Water Polo

The World Leagues are conducted annually and their conduct are governed by Rules and Regulations published on the FINA Website.

BL 9.7 Challengers Cup

BL 9.7.1 Water Polo

BL 9.7.1.1 Qualification for Challengers Cup Men

BL 9.7.1.1.1 The competition shall be between a maximum of twelve (12) teams selected through continental qualification tournaments, continental championships or sub-continental competitions in the following manner:

BL 9.7.1.1.2 The twelve (12) teams from the nominated continents shall be selected according to the following formula: Americas – 3, Asia – 3, Africa – 3 and Europe – 3. The Host Country will be considered a representative from that continent.

BL 9.7.1.1.3 The nominated teams from the continental qualification tournament, continental championships or sub-continental competitions shall be entitled to represent that continent; if any teams do not accept, then the next nominated team from that continent willing to accept shall qualify.

BL 9.7.1.1.4 If there is an unfilled vacancy from a continent, then that vacancy shall be filled by the next nominated team(s) from the continental qualification tournament, Continental Championships or Sub-Continental Competitions with the following rotation: Host Continent of the Challengers Cup Tournament, Americas, Asia, Africa and Europe.

BL 9.7.1.2 Draw

The draw for the Challengers Cup will be held two (2) months prior to the commencement of the event or as determined.

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn by pairs into two groups, either A or B.

First Line, the first and second ranked teams from Africa will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Second Line, the first and second ranked teams from the Americas will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Third Line, the first and second ranked teams from Asia will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Fourth Line, the first and second ranked teams from Europe will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Fifth Line, the third ranked teams from Africa and Asia will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Sixth Line, third ranked teams from the Americas and Europe will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

After being divided into group A and group B, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to six (6).

BL 9.7.1.3 Schedule of Games

There will be six (6) days of competition.

Preliminary Round:

The competition system will be an abbreviated Olympic Games Programme as identified in FINA BL 9.4.1.2 with two (2) groups of six (6) teams playing a single round robin in each group.

Day 1	
1. A1 – A6	4. B1 – B6
2. A3 – A4	5. B3 – B4
3. A2 – A5	6. B2 – B5
Day 2	
7. B6 – B4	10. A6 – A4
8. B5 – B3	11. A5 – A3
9. B1 – B2	12. A1 – A2

Day 3

13. A4 – A5
14. A2 – A6
15. A3 – A1

16. B4 – B5
17. B2 – B6
18. B3 – B1

Day 4

19. B6 – B5
20. B1 – B4
21. B2 – B3

22. A6 – A5
23. A1 – A4
24. A2 – A3

Day 5

25. A3 – A6
26. A4 – A2
27. A1 – A5

28. B3 – B6
29. B4 – B2
30. B1 – B5

Final Round:

The final round will be using an abbreviated formula with the first ranked team in each group playing each other for first and second placing, the second ranked team in each group playing each other for third and fourth placing...and so on.

Day 6

31. 6th Group A – 6th Group B (Winner 11th, Loser 12th)
32. 5th Group A – 5th Group B (Winner 9th, Loser 10th)
33. 4th Group A – 4th Group B (Winner 7th, Loser 8th)
34. 3rd Group A – 3rd Group B (Winner 5th, Loser 6th)
35. 2nd Group A – 2nd Group B (Winner 3rd, Loser 4th)
36. 1st Group A – 1st Group B (Winner 1st, Loser 2nd)

Games 31 through 36 must be played to a conclusion; accordingly it may be necessary to apply the Water Polo Rules for Penalty Shootout.

Please note that the Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television.

BL 9.8 Classification

BL 9.8.1 Classification of Teams

The classification of teams in the Preliminary Round will be made on points namely two (2) points for each match won, one (1) point for each match drawn and zero points for each match lost.

BL 9.8.2 Forfeited Games

If a team declares a forfeit or is disqualified for one (1) or more matches, the match or matches shall be awarded to the opponent with a goal score 5 - 0.

BL 9.8.3 Tie Breaking

BL 9.8.3.1 If two (2) teams shall have equal points, further classification shall be established as follows:

BL 9.8.3.1.1 The team winning the game between them shall be placed higher.

BL 9.8.3.1.2 If the game between them was tied, then the results against the highest placed team(s) in the group shall be considered.

BL 9.8.3.1.3 The first comparison shall be based on goal difference, and if still tied, then based on goals scored.

BL 9.8.3.1.4 The comparison shall be made first compared to the highest placed team (or teams, if tied) in the group.

BL 9.8.3.1.5 If still tied, the results against the next highest placed team (or teams, if tied) shall be used in succession until all results have been considered.

BL 9.8.3.1.6 If still tied, the teams shall shoot penalty shots to determine which team shall be placed higher. Each team shall nominate five (5) players and a goalkeeper who will participate in the penalty shoot-out. The team shall shoot five (5) penalty shots at the goal of the other team, alternating shots. If a tie exists after each team has taken five (5) shots, then teams shall take sets of alternate shots until one team scores and the other does not. The procedure shall be conducted following the final game of the round or at the first practical opportunity.

BL 9.8.3.1.7 If there is more than one tie in a group, the highest placed tie shall be determined first.

BL 9.8.3.1.8 If it is the situation where there is more than one tie in a group and it is not possible to determine the highest placed team then all results within the group shall be used to determine the highest placed team.

BL 9.8.3.2 If three (3) or more teams shall have equal points, further classification shall be established as follows:

BL 9.8.3.2.1 The results among the tied teams shall determine which team is placed highest.

BL 9.8.3.2.2 If, at any time during the application of the procedure set out in this BL 9.6.3.2, the number of tied teams is reduced to two (2), then BL 9.6.3.1 shall be used to determine which of the two (2) remaining teams is placed higher.

BL 9.8.3.2.3 The comparison shall be made first, upon the points of the games among the tied teams, second, the goal difference, and third, based upon goals scored.

BL 9.8.3.2.4 If still tied, the games played against the highest placed team (or teams, if tied) shall be considered.

BL 9.8.3.2.5 The first comparison shall be based on goal difference, and if still tied, then based on goals scored.

BL 9.8.3.2.6 If still tied, the results against the next highest placed team (or teams, if tied) shall be used in succession until all results have been considered.

BL 9.8.3.2.7 If still tied, the teams shall shoot penalty shots to determine which team shall be placed highest. Each team shall nominate five (5) players and a goalkeeper who will participate in the penalty shoot-out. Each team shall shoot five (5) penalty shots at its opponent's goal in alternate succession. The first team shall take its first penalty shot and then each other team shall take its first penalty shot, etc. If a tie shall exist after that procedure, the teams shall then take sets of alternate shots until one team misses and the other(s) score. The procedure shall be conducted following the final game of the round or at the first practical opportunity.

BL 9.8.3.2.8 If there is more than one tie in a group, the highest placed tie shall be determined first.

BL 9.8.3.3 For the purpose of calculating either goal difference or goals scored, the goals in any penalty shoot out will not be taken into consideration.

BL 9.9 Draw for Competitions

The Management Committee for FINA Competitions has the authority if there are only thirteen (13) or fourteen (14) participating teams to draw teams into two (2) groups rather than being required to draw teams in the prescribed manner for a competition based upon sixteen (16) teams, namely for (4) groups of four (4) teams each.

BL 9.10 Order of Games

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

BL 9.11 Officials

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may in addition to other officials appoint the following to assist in the conduct of any competition, namely: a FINA TWPC Delegate, a FINA TWPC Evaluator(s) and Timeout Officials.

BL 9.12 High Diving

BL 9.12.1 At the World Championships only dives prescribed by the FINA Rules for High Diving shall be executed.

BL 9.12.2 The number of participants is decided by the Bureau and based upon proposals from the Technical High Diving Committee. From a Member, not more than three (3) male divers and four (4) female divers can be selected. Discretionary invitations may be made at the discretion of the FINA Bureau.

BL 9.12.3 The selection process is decided by the Bureau and based upon proposals from the Technical High Diving Committee.

BL 9.13 Scores and awards at the FINA World Championships & FINA World Swimming Championships

In all FINA World Championships points and awards are distributed as follows:

BL 9.13.1 Swimming

Medals: Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals shall be awarded to the first three places in individual and relay final competitions. In swimming relays when preliminaries are swum, medals shall be awarded to those swimmers who have participated in the heats and/or the final.

In Swimming, in case of equal times, medals shall be awarded as follows:

1st place: 2 Gold – no Silver, 1 Bronze
2nd place: 1 Gold, 2 Silver – no Bronze
3rd place: 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 2 Bronze

In case of 3 equal times medals shall be awarded as follows:

1st place: 3 Gold – no Silver, no Bronze
2nd place: 1 Gold, 3 Silver – no Bronze
3rd place: 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 3 Bronze

Diplomas: Using 8 lanes in Swimming diplomas shall be awarded to all eight finalists in individual events and to the first eight finalists in relay competitions. In swimming relays when preliminaries are swum, diplomas shall be awarded to those swimmers who have participated in the heats and/or the final.

Trophies:

- *FINA Team Trophy* for the top scoring team based on the following points:

Individual using 8 lanes:

Places 1 – 16: 18, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 points

Relays using 8 lanes:

Places 1 – 8: 36, 32, 30, 28, 26, 24, 22, 20 points.

- *FINA Individual Trophies* for the top scoring male and female based upon the following points:

First Place	5 points
Second Place	3 points
Third Place	2 points
Fourth Place	1 point
Individual World Record	2 points for each record broken

If there is a tie, the FINA Points Table shall be used and a decision made by the Swimming Commission.

BL 9.13.2 Open Water Swimming

Medals: Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals shall be awarded to the first three places in each individual and team events.

Diplomas: Diplomas shall be awarded to all eight finalists in each individual events and to the first eight finalists in team events.

Trophy: A special FINA Team Trophy shall be given based upon the following points added from the three individual events (5, 10 and 25 km) and mixed team events.

18 (1st place), 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 points

BL 9.13.3 Diving

Medals: Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals shall be awarded to the first three places in individual, synchronised and team events.

Diplomas: Diplomas shall be awarded to all eight finalists in each individual events and to the first six finalists in each synchronised and team events.

Trophies:

- *FINA Team Trophy* shall be given to the top scoring team based on the following points:

Individual diving events:

18-16-14-12-10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1 points

Synchronised diving events (12 finalists):

27-24-21-18-15-12-9-7,5-6-4,5-3-1,5 points.

Team Event

27-24-21-18-15-12-9-7,5-6-4,5-3-1,5 points

BL 9.13.4 High Diving

Medals: Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals shall be awarded to the first three ranked Competitors in each event.

Diplomas: Diplomas shall be awarded to first eight finalists in each event.

BL 9.13.5 Water Polo

Medals: Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals shall be awarded to all the players of the first three teams.

Diplomas: Diplomas shall be awarded to all the players of the first six teams.

Trophies: Trophy shall be given to the best scorer (men and women) and goalkeeper (men and women) of the championships.

BL 9.13.6 Artistic Swimming

Medals: Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals shall be awarded to first three Competitors or teams in each individual, solo, duet, mixed duet and team events.

Diplomas: Diplomas shall be awarded to the first eight finalists in solo and duet events and to the first six finalists in team and free combination events.

Trophy: Trophy shall be given to the best team of the championships based on the following points:

Solo, Technical Routine:

12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 points

Solo, Free Routine:

12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 points

Duet, Technical Routine:

18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7 points

Duet, Free Routine:

18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7 points

Mixed Duet Technical Routine

18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7 points

Mixed Duet Free Routine

18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7 points

Team Technical Routine:

24, 22, 20, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2 points

Team Free Routine:

24, 22, 20, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2 points

Free Combination:

24, 22, 20, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2 points

Highlight Routine:

24, 22, 20, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2 points

BL 9.13.7 In case of a tie, the highest points shall be awarded to each competitor or relay team.

BL 9.13.8 Commemorative Medals:

Commemorative medals may be given to all those connected officially with the Championships.

BL 10 WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

BL 10.1 General

BL 10.1.1 For FINA World Masters Championships, the Management Committee shall consist of the Bureau Liaison, the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Honorary Secretary of the Masters Committee and other members of the Bureau and Masters Committee present.

BL 10.1.2 Entry fees shall be decided upon by the country that is hosting the FINA World Masters Championships, but they shall be subject to approval by FINA.

BL 10.1.3 For FINA World Masters Championships medals shall be awarded to competitors and teams placed first, second and third in each event and Age Group. In **Artistic** Swimming the reserves will receive medals only if they actually swim in the technical and/or Free Routine.

With the recommendation by the FINA Masters Committee, the Organising Committee may present awards of lesser value for places from four on. Diplomas can be awarded to competitors and team members placed first to ten in each event and Age Group.

BL 10.1.4 A participant can represent only one club in each discipline.

BL 10.1.5 Electronic Entries shall be used for registration and payment of fees to the FINA World Masters Championships via the FINA General Management System (GMS), when available.

BL 10.2 Swimming

BL 10.2.1 Qualifying standards for FINA World Masters Championships will be considered by FINA and the Organising Committee if deemed necessary.

BL 10.2.2 At the FINA World Masters Championships it is not necessary to conduct all events mentioned in MSW 2.2. However, each age division should include shorter Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly events plus Individual Medley and Relays.

BL 10.2.3 A swimmer can compete only once per relay event.

BL 10.2.4 Events shall be pre-seeded with oldest age groups first, slowest heats swum first within each age group. Events 400 metres and over may be seeded from slowest to fastest regardless of age.

BL 10.2.5 A swimmer may be entered for not more than five (5) individual events.

BL 10.2.6 A swimmer entered for one club has to represent this club in all Swimming events at the Championships.

BL 10.2.7 The composition of a relay team can be changed up to the dead line announced by the Organising Committee on the day prior to the relay event. The age of the substitute swimmer(s) cannot change the age group of the entered relay team. Substitute swimmer(s) must be registered for the Championships.

BL 10.3 Open Water Swimming

BL 10.3.1 A Masters Open Water Swimming event may be included in FINA World Masters Championships.

BL 10.3.2 The Organising Committee shall follow the FINA Masters Open Water Safety Regulations.

BL 10.3.3 Swimmers shall be seeded according to age groups from the youngest to the oldest. Swimmers may be selected irrespective of gender. The slowest entered swimmers of each age group may comprise and be seeded in special heat(s). By recommendation of the FINA Masters Commission and/or nominated Safety Officer this order may be changed.

BL 10.3.4 If the number of entries is more than 1000 the competition may be swum in two or more days.

BL 10.3.5 Race organisers, in consultation with the referee and subject to advice from the FINA Masters Committee, are to designate in advance the cut off time. For the FINA World Masters Championships a cut off time of 30 minutes per kilometre shall apply.

BL 10.4 Diving

BL 10.4.1 The programme at the FINA World Masters Championships shall be carried out according to the following schedule:

Springboard	Event No.	Sex	Age Group
1	3 metre	Men	25-34
2	1 metre	Women	25-34
3	3 metre	Men	35-49
4	1 metre	Women	35-49
5	3 metre	Men	50-64
6	1 metre	Women	50-64
7	3 metre	Men	65-80+
8	1 metre	Women	65-80+
9	3 metre	Women	65-80+
10	1 metre	Men	65-80+
11	3 metre	Women	50-64
12	1 metre	Men	50-64
13	3 metre	Women	35-49
14	1 metre	Men	35-49
15	3 metre	Women	25-34
16	1 metre	Men	25-34

Platform		5, 7.5, 10 metre	
17		Women	65-80+
18		Men	65-80+
19		Women	50-64
20		Men	50-64
21		Women	35-49
22		Men	35-49
23		Women	25-35
24		Men	25-35
Synchronised Diving			
25	3 metre	Women	50-99 and 100+
26	3 metre	Men	50-99 and 100+
27	3 metre	Mixed Team	50-99 and 100+
28	Platform	Women	50-99 and 100+
29	Platform	Men	50-99 and 100+
30	Platform	Mixed Team	50-99 and 100+

BL 10.4.2 The meet director may choose to run the events concurrently depending on the number of entries.

BL 10.4.3 Diving sheets shall be delivered to the diving secretary 24 hours prior to the event. Late sheets and changed to an existing sheet will be fined USD 10,- per sheet between 24 hours and 3 hours prior to the event. 3 hours is the deadline. No changes or dive sheets can be accepted after the deadline of 3 hours.

BL 10.4.4 At the FINA World Masters Championships at least 5 judges and in Synchronised Diving at least 7 judges shall officiate.

BL 10.4.5 All divers shall perform a full series of dives in that age group and there shall be no preliminary of final contests.

BL 10.4.6 A diver can compete in only one team per Synchronised Diving event.

BL 10.5 Water Polo

BL 10.5.1 Composition of Teams

BL 10.5.1.1 A player may not represent more than one team at the FINA World Masters Championships.

BL 10.5.1.2 The final composition of the team with numbering of the caps shall be announced latest at the Technical Meeting prior to the Championships. All players must be registered as a player according to the entry specifications. No additional members can be added.

BL 10.5.1.3 A Water Polo team can consist of up to fifteen (15) players registered with the same club.

BL 10.5.2 Composition of groups for the preliminary round

BL 10.5.2.1 Before the draw for the FINA World Masters Championships the following exceptions of composing the groups for the preliminary rounds shall be approved.

BL 10.5.2.2 With less than three teams entered in one Age Group this Age Group shall be combined with the next younger Age Group or alternatively combined to the next older Age Group. The concerned teams shall be consulted for approval and given the possibility to cancel their participation with return of paid fees.

BL 10.5.2.3 An Age Group with three teams entered can be combined with the next younger or older Age Group if these groups do not have more than four teams entered and with the approval of all concerned teams. The playing schedule and the plan for rankings shall be decided by the FINA Masters Commission.

BL 10.5.2.4 For the Women tournament the composition of groups is depending on the number of entries in each Age Group. The FINA Masters Commission can combine the groups including teams of more than two Age Groups. The approval by the entered teams shall be asked. A playing schedule and the plan for rankings for each Age Group shall be decided by the FINA Masters Commission.

BL 10.5.3 Schedule for Age Groups

BL 10.5.3.1 Schedule for three (3) teams

The three teams shall play a double round-robin. If there is a tie in points between first and second placed teams they shall play a decisive game on Day 7.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
1. A1 - A3	2. A2 - A3	3. A1 - A2	4. A2 - A3	5. A1 - A3	6. A1 - A2	7. (Final)

BL 10.5.3.2 Schedule for four (4) teams

The four teams shall play a single round-robin as a preliminary round from Day 1 to Day 3. Semi-finals are played on Day 4, between the 1st and 4th and the 2nd and 3rd placed teams from the preliminary round. Day 5 will be a rest day. Finals shall be played on Day 6.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Rankings
1. A1 - A3	3. A1 - A4	5. A3 - A4	7. 1A - 4A	(rest day)	9. L7 - L8	3 rd /4 th
2. A2 - A4	4. A2 - A3	6. A1 - A2	8. 2A - 3A		10. W7 - W8	1 st /2 nd

BL 10.5.3.3 Schedule for five (5) teams

The five teams shall play a single round-robin as a preliminary round on Day 1 to Day 5. The 5th placed team from the preliminary round will be ranked fifth. Semi-finals are played on Day 6 between the 1st and 4th and the 2nd and 3rd placed teams from the preliminary round. Finals shall be played on Day 7.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Rankings
1. A1 - A5	3. A4 - A5	5. A3 - A4	7. A2 - A3	9. A3 - A5	11. 1A - 4A	13. L11 - L12	3 rd /4 th
2. A2 - A4	4. A1 - A3	6. A2 - A5	8. A1 - A4	10. A1 - A2	12. 2A - 3A	14. W11 - W12	1 st /2 nd

BL 10.5.3.4 Schedule for six (6) teams

The six teams shall play a single round-robin as a preliminary round on Day 1 to Day 5. Semi- finals are played on Day 6 between the 1st and 4th and 2nd and 3rd placed teams. Teams placed 5th and 6th will play for rankings 5 and 6. Finals shall be played on Day 7.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Rankings
1. A1-A6	4. A3-A6	7. A4-A5	10. A5-A6	13. A4-A6	16. 5A-6A		5 th /6 th
2. A3-A4	5. A2-A4	8. A2-A6	11. A1-A4	14. A3-A5	17. 1A-4A	19. L17-L18	3 rd /4 th
3. A2-A5	6. A1-A5	9. A1-A3	12. A2-A3	15. A1-A2	18. 2A-3A	20. W17 - W18	1 st /2 nd

BL 10.5.3.5 Schedule for seven (7) teams

The seven teams shall play a single round-robin from Day 1 to Day 7. Final rankings shall be based on points earned during the round-robin.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
1. A1-A5	4. A2-A3	7. A6-A7	10. A1-A3	13. A2-A7	16. A3-A5	19. A5-A6
2. A2-A4	5. A4-A7	8. A1-A4	11. A4-A6	14. A4-A5	17. A1-A7	20. A3-A4
3. A3-A7	6. A1-A6	9. A2-A5	12. A5-A7	15. A3-A6	18. A2-A6	21. A1-A2

BL 10.5.3.6 Schedule for (8) teams

The eight teams shall play on Day 1 to Day 3 a preliminary round-robin in two Groups, A and B, with four teams in each group. The Quarter finals shall be played on Day 4 as cross-over games. The semi- finals shall be played on Day 5 between the winners of each Quarter final and for lower rankings between the losers. On Day 6 the rankings for rankings 5 to 8 will be played. The finals shall be played on Day 7.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Rankings
1. A2 - A3	5. B1 - B3	9. A3 - A4	13. 2A - 3B	17. L13 - L16	21. L17 - L18		7 th /8 th
2. A1 - A4	6. B2 - B4	10. A2 - A1	14. 2B - 3A	18. L14 - L15	22. W17 - W18		5 th /6 th
3. B2 - B3	7. A2 - A4	11. B3 - B4	15. 1A - 4B	19. W13 - W16		23. L19 - L20	3 rd /4 th
4. B1 - B4	8. A1 - A3	12. B2 - B1	16. 1B - 4A	20. W14 - W15		24. W19 - W20	1 st /2 nd

BL 10.5.3.7 Schedule for nine (9) teams

The nine teams shall play on Day 1 to Day 5 a preliminary round-robin in two Groups, A and B, with four teams in Group A and with five team in Group B. The semi- finals shall be played on Day 6 between the two best placed teams from each preliminary group and the teams placed 3rd and 4th. The fifth team in Group B will be ranked for the 9th place. The final rankings from 1st to 8th shall be played on Day 7.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Rankings
1. A1 - A4	5. B4 - B5	7. A1 - A3	11. B2 - B3	13. A3 - A4	17. 3A - 4B	21. L17 - L18	7 th /8 th
2. A2 - A3	6. B1 - B3	8. A2 - A4	12. B1 - B4	14. A1 - A2	18. 3B - 4A	22. W17 - W18	5 th /6 th
3. B1 - B5		9. B2 - B5		15. B3 - B5	19. 1B - 2A	23. L19 - L20	3 rd /4 th
4. B2 - B4		10. B3 - B4		16. B1 - B2	20. 1A - 2B	24. W19 - W20	1 st /2 nd

BL 10.5.3.8 Schedule for ten (10) teams

The ten teams shall play on Day 1 to Day 5 a preliminary round-robin in two Groups, A and B, with five teams team in both groups. The semi-finals shall be played on Day 6 between the two best placed teams from each preliminary group and the teams placed 3rd and 4th. The teams placed 5th shall play for the final rankings 9th and 10th. The final rankings from 1st to 8th shall be played on Day 7.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Rankings
1. A1 - A5	5. B4 - B5	9. A3 - A4	13. A2 - A3	17. B1 - B2	21. 5A - 5B		9 th /10 th
2. A2 - A4	6. B1 - B3	10. A2 - A5	14. A1 - A4	18. B3 - B5	22. 4A - 3B	26. L22 - L23	7 th /8 th
3. B1 - B5	7. A4 - A5	11. B3 - B4	15. B2 - B3	19. A3 - A5	23. 3A - 4B	27. W22 - W23	5 th /6 th
4. B2 - B4	8. A1 - A3	12. B2 - B5	16. B1 - B4	20. A1 - A2	24. 2A - 1B	28. L24 - L25	3 rd /4 th
					25. 1A - 2B	29. W24 - W25	1 st /2 nd

The eleven teams shall play on Day 1 to Day 5 a preliminary round-robin in two Groups, A and B, with five teams in Group A and six teams in Group B. The semi-finals shall be played on Day 6 between the two best placed teams from each preliminary group the teams placed 3rd and 4th. The teams placed 5th shall play for rankings 9th and 10th. The team placed 6th in Group B will be ranked 11th. The final ranking rankings from 1st to 8th shall be played on Day 7.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Rankings
1. A3 - A4	6. B3 - B5	11. A4 - A5	16. B5 - B6	21. A2 - A4	26. 5A - 5B		9 th /10 th
2. A2 - A5	7. B4 - B6	12. A1 - A3	17. B1 - B4	22. A1 - A5	27. 3A - 4B	31. L27 - L28	7 th /8 th
3. B1 - B6	8. B1 - B2	13. B2 - B6	18. B2 - B3	23. B3 - B6	28. 3B - 4A	32. W27 - W28	5 th /6 th
4. B3 - B4	9. A3 - A5	14. B4 - B5	19. A1 - A4	24. B2 - B4	29. 1A - 2B	33. L29 - L30	3 rd /4 th
5. B2 - B5	10. A1 - A2	15. B1 - B3	20. A2 - A3	25. B1 - B5	30. 1B - 2A	34. W29 - W30	1 st /2 nd

BL 10.5.3.10 Schedule for twelve (12) teams

The twelve teams shall play on Day 1 to Day 5 a preliminary round-robin in two Groups, A and B, with six teams in each group. Semi-finals shall be played on Day 6 between the two best placed teams from each preliminary group and the teams placed 3rd and 4th and the teams placed 5th and 6th. Finals for rankings 1st to 12th shall be played on Day 7.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Rankings
1. A1 - A6	7. B4 - B6	13. A4 - A5	19. B5 - B6	25. A3 - A6	31. 6A - 5B	37. L31 - L32	11 th /12 th
2. A3 - A4	8. B3 - B5	14. A2 - A6	20. B1 - B4	26. A2 - A4	32. 5A - 6B	38. W31 - W32	9 th /10 th
3. A2 - A5	9. B1 - B2	15. A1 - A3	21. B2 - B3	27. A1 - A5	33. 4A - 3B	39. L33 - L34	7 th /8 th
4. B1 - B6	10. A4 - A6	16. B4 - B5	22. A5 - A6	28. B3 - B6	34. 3A - 4B	40. W33 - W34	5 th /6 th
5. B3 - B4	11. A3 - A5	17. B2 - B6	23. A1 - A4	29. B2 - B4	35. 2A - 1B	41. L35 - L36	3 rd /4 th
6. B2 - B5	12. A1 - A2	18. B1 - B3	24. A2 - A3	30. B1 - B5	36. 1A - 2B	42. W35 - W36	1 st /2 nd

BL 10.5.3.11 Schedule for thirteen (13) teams

The thirteen teams shall play on Day 1 to Day 3 a preliminary round-robin in four Groups, with three teams in Groups A, B and C and four teams in group D. On Day 4 the teams placed 2nd and 3rd in each preliminary group shall play a second preliminary round in a cross group format. The first placed teams will have a rest day. The fourth placed team in Group D will be ranked 13th. Semi-finals and matches for rankings 9th to 12th shall be played on Day 6. Finals for rankings 1st to 8th shall be played on Day 7.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Rankings
1. A1 - A3	6. B1 - B2	11. C2 - C3	16. 2A - 3B	20. L16 - L18	26. L20 - L21		11 th /12 th
2. B1 - B3	7. C1 - C2	12. D1 - D4	17. 3A - 2B	21. L17 - L19	27. W20 - W2		9 th /10 th
3. C1 - C3	8. D3 - D4	13. D2 - D3	18. 2C - 3D	22. 1A - W18	28. L22 - L23	32. L28 - L29	7 th /8 th
4. D1 - D3	9. D1 - D2	14. A2 - A3	19. 3C - 2D	23. 1B - W19	29. L24 - L25	33. W28 - W29	5 th /6 th
5. D2 - D4	10. A1 - A2	15. B2 - B3		24. 1C - W16	30. W22 - W23	34. L30 - L31	3 rd /4 th
				25. 1D - W17	31. W24 - W25	35. W30 - W31	1 st /2 nd

BL 10.5.3.12 Schedule for fourteen (14) teams

The fourteen teams shall play Day 1 to Day 3 a preliminary round-robin in four groups with three teams in Group A and B and with four teams in Group C and D. On Day 4 the teams placed 2nd and 3rd shall play a second preliminary round in a cross group format. The first placed teams will have a rest day. The fourth placed teams from Groups C and D will play a decisive match for places 13th and 14th. Semi-finals and matches for rankings 9th to 12th shall be played on Day 6. Finals for rankings 1st to 8th shall be played Day 7.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Rankings
1. A1 - 3	7. B1 - B2	13. C1 - C4	19. 4C - 4D				13 th /14 th
2. B1 - B3	8. C4 - C3	14. C2 - C3	20. 2A - B	24. L20 - L22	30. L24 - L25		11 th /12 th
3. C1 - C3	9. C1 - C2	15. D1 - D4	21. 3A - 2B	25. L21 - L23	31. W24 - W25		9 th /10 th
4. C2 - C4	10. D4 - D3	16. D2 - D3	22. 2C - 3D	26. 1A - W22	32. L26 - L27	34. L32 - L33	7 th /8 th
5. D1 - D3	11. D1 - D2	17. A2 - A3	23. 3C - 2D	27. 1B - W23	33. L28 - L29	35. W32 - W33	5 th /6 th
6. D2 - D4	12. A1 - A2	18. B2 - B3		28. 1C - W20	34. W28 - W29	36. L34 - L35	3 rd /4 th
				29. 1D - W21	35. W26 - W27	37. W34 - W35	1 st /2 nd

BL 10.5.3.13 Schedule for fifteen (15) teams

The fifteen teams shall play Day 1 to Day 3 a preliminary round-robin in four groups with three teams in Group A and four teams in Groups B, C and D. On Day 4 the teams placed 2nd and 3rd shall play a second preliminary round in a cross format. The first placed teams will have a rest day on Day 4. From Day 4 to Day 6 the three fourth placed teams shall play a round-robin for places 13th to 15th. Semi-finals shall be played on Day 6 and the Finals on Day 7.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Rankings
1. A1 - A3	8. B4 - B3	15. C1 - C4	22. 4B - 4D	27. 4C - 4D	34. 4B - 4C		13 th /14 th /15 th
2. B1 - B3	9. B1 - B2	16. C2 - C3	23. 2A - 3B	28. L23 - L25	35. L28 - L29		11 th /12 th
3. B2 - B4	10. C4 - C3	17. D1 - D4	24. 3A - 2B	29. L24 - L26	36. W28 - W29		9 th /10 th
4. C1 - C3	11. C1 - C2	18. D2 - D3	25. 2C - 3D	30. 1A - W25	37. L30 - L31	41. L37 - L38	7 th /8 th
5. C2 - C4	12. D4 - D3	19. A2 - A3	26. 3C - 2D	31. 1B - W26	38. L32 - L33	42. W37 - W38	5 th /6 th
6. D1 - D3	13. D1 - D2	20. B1 - B4		32. 1C - W23	39. W30 - W31	43. L39 - L40	3 rd /4 th
7. D2 - D4	14. A1 - A2	21. B2 - B3		33. 1D - W24	40. W32 - W33	44. W39 - W40	1 st /2 nd

BL 10.5.3.14 Schedule for sixteen (16) teams

The sixteen teams shall play on Day 1 to Day 3 a preliminary round-robin in four groups, Group A, B, C and D, with four teams in each group. On Day 4 the teams placed 2nd to 4th shall play second preliminary round, where the second and third placed teams in each group in a cross group format. The fourth placed teams in each group form a new group of four teams and they shall play for places 13th to 16th. The first placed teams will have a rest day on Day 4. The Quarter Final Round shall be played on Day 6. The finals for places 1st to 8th shall be played in Day 7.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Rankings
1. A1 - A3	9. B4 - B3	17. C1 - C4	25. 4A - 4B	31. L25 - L26			15 th /16 th
2. A2 - A4	10. B1 - B2	18. C2 - C3	26. 4C - 4D	32. W25 - W26			13 th /14 th
3. B1 - B3	11. C4 - C3	19. D1 - D4	27. 2A - 3B	33. L27 - L29	39. L33 - L34		11 th /12 th
4. B2 - B4	12. C1 - C2	20. D2 - D3	28. 3A - 2B	34. L28 - L30	40. W33 - W34		9 th /10 th
5. C1 - C3	13. D4 - D3	21. A1 - A4	29. 2C - 3D	35. 1A - W29	41. L35 - L36	45. L41 - L42	7 th /8 th
6. C2 - C4	14. D1 - D2	22. A2 - A3	30. 3C - 2D	36. 1B - W30	42. L37 - L38	46. W41 - W42	5 th /6 th
7. D1 - D3	15. A4 - A3	23. B1 - B4		37. 1C - W27	43. W35 - W36	47. L43 - L44	3 rd /4 th
8. D2 - D4	16. A1 - A2	24. B2 - B3		38. 1D - W28	44. W37 - W38	48. W43 - W44	1 st /2 nd

BL 10.5.3.15 Schedule for seventeen (17) teams

The seventeen teams shall play on Day 1 to Day 4 a preliminary round-robin in four Groups, A, B, C and D, with four teams in Group A, B and C, and five teams in Group D and with the teams from D having for one day two matches. The Quarter Finals shall be played on Day 5 with the first and second placed teams and the third and fourth placed teams shall play each other in a cross group format. The fifth placed team in Group D will be ranked 17th. Semi-finals shall be played on Day 6 and the Finals on Day 7.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Rankings
1. D3 - D5	10. C1 - C3	17. D1 - D4	24. A2 - A4	29. 4A - 3D	37. L29 - L30	45. L37 - L38	15 th /16 th
2. D1 - D2	11. D4 - D5	18. D2 - D3	25. B1 - B3	30. 3A - 4D	38. L31 - L32	46. W37 - W38	13 th /14 th
3. C1 - C2	12. D1 - D3	19. A1 - A3	26. C3 - C4	31. 4B - 3C	39. W29 - W30	47. L39 - L40	11 th /12 th
4. B3 - B4	13. A2 - A3	20. B1 - B4	27. D3 - D4	32. 3B - 4C	40. W31 - 32	48. W39 - W40	9 th /10 th
5. B1 - B2	14. A1 - A4	21. B2 - B3	28. D2 - D5	33. 2A - 1D	41. L33 - L34	49. L41 - L42	7 th /8 th
6. A1 - A2	15. B2 - B4	22. C1 - C4		34. 1A - 2D	42. L35 - L36	50. W41 - W42	5 th /6 th
7. A3 - A4	16. C2 - C4	23. C2 - C3		35. 2B - 1C	43. W33 - W34	51. L43 - L44	3 rd /4 th
8. D1 - D5				36. 1B - 2C	44. W35 - W36	52. W43 - W44	1 st /2 nd
9. D2 - D4							

BL 10.5.3.16 Schedule for eighteen (18) teams

The eighteen teams shall play on Day 1 to Day 4 a preliminary round-robin in four Groups, A, B, C and D, with four teams in Group A and B, and five teams in Group C and D and with teams from C and D having for one day two matches. The Quarter Finals shall be played on Day 5 with the first and second placed teams and the third and fourth placed teams shall play each other in a cross group format. The fifth placed teams shall play final match for places 17th and 18th. Semi-finals shall be played on Day 6 and the Finals on Day 7.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Rankings
1. B3 - B4	9. C4 - C5	18. D1 - D4	27. C2 - C5	33. 4A - 3D	41. 5C - 5D		17 th /18 th
2. B1 - B2	10. C1 - C3	19. D2 - D3	28. A2 - A4	34. 3A - 4D	42. L33 - L34	50. L42 - L43	15 th /16 th
3. C3 - C5	11. D4 - D5	20. A1 - A3	29. B1 - B3	35. 4B - 3C	43. L35 - L36	51. W42 - W43	13 th /14 th
4. C1 - C2	12. D1 - D3	21. B1 - B4	30. C3 - C4	36. 3B - 4C	44. W33 - W34	52. L44 - L45	11 th /12 th
5. D3 - D5	13. A2 - A3	22. B2 - B3	31. D3 - D4	37. 2A - 1D	45. W35 - W36	53. W44 - W45	9 th /10 th
6. D1 - D2	14. A1 - A4	23. C1 - C4	32. D2 - D5	38. 1A - 2D	46. L37 - L38	54. L46 - L47	7 th /8 th
7. A1 - A2	15. B2 - B4	24. C2 - C3		39. 2B - 1C	47. L39 - L40	55. W46 - W47	5 th /6 th
8. A3 - A4	16. C1 - C5	25. D1 - D5		40. 1B - 2C	48. W37 - W38	56. L48 - L49	3 rd /4 th
	17. C2 - C4	26. D2 - D4			49. W39 - W40	57. W48 - W49	1 st /2 nd

BL 10.5.3.17 Schedule for nineteen (19) teams

The nineteen teams shall play on Day 1 to Day 4 a preliminary round-robin in four Groups, A, B, C and D, with four teams in Group A and five teams in Groups B, C and D and with teams from B, C and D having for one day two matches. The Quarter Finals shall be played on Day 5 with the 1st and 2nd placed teams and the 3rd and 4th placed teams shall play each other in a cross group format. The 5th placed teams shall play a round-robin for rankings 17th to 19th. Semi-finals shall be played on Day 6 and the Finals on Day 7.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Rankings
1. B3-B5	11. C4-C5	20. D1-D4	29. B2-B5	37. 5B-5C	46. 5B-5D	55. 5C-5D	17 th /18 th /19 th
2. B1-B2	12. C1-C3	21. D2-D3	30. C2-C5	38. 4A-3D	47. L38-L39	56. L47-L48	15 th /16 th
3. C3-C5	13. D4-D5	22. A1-A3	31. D2-D5	39. 3A-4D	48. L40-L41	57. W47-W48	13 th /14 th
4. C1-C2	14. D1-D3	23. B1-B4	32. A1-A4	40. 4B-3C	49. W38-W39	58. L49-L50	11 th /12 th
5. D3-D5	15. A2-A4	24. B2-B3	33. A2-A3	41. 3B-4C	50. W40-W41	59. W49-W50	9 th /10 th
6. D1-D2	16. B4-B5	25. C1-C4	34. B3-B4	42. 2A-1D	51. L42-L43	60. L51-L52	7 th /8 th
7. A3-A4	17. B1-B3	26. C2-C3	35. C3-C4	43. 1A-2D	52. L44-L45	61. W51-W52	5 th /6 th
8. A1-A2	18. C1-C5	27. D1-D5	36. D3-D4	44. 2B-1C	53. W42-W43	62. L53-L54	3 rd /4 th
9. B1-B5	19. C2-C4	28. D2-D4		45. 1B-2C	54. W44-W45	63. W53-W54	1 st /2 nd
10. B2-B4							

BL 10.5.3.18 Schedule for twenty (20) teams

The twenty teams shall play on Day 1 to Day 4 a preliminary round-robin in four Groups, A, B, C and D, with five teams in each group and with teams from each group having for one day two matches. The Quarter Finals shall be played on Day 5 with the 1st and 2nd placed teams and the 3rd and 4th placed teams from each group. The 5th placed teams shall play each other in a cross group format. Semi-finals shall be played on Day 6 and the finals on Day 7.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Rankings
1. A3-A4	11. B3-B5	21. C4-C5	31. D1-D4	41. 5A-5D	51. L41-L42		19 th /20 th
2. A2-A5	12. B1-B2	22. C1-C3	32. D2-D3	42. 5B-5C	52. W41-W42		17 th /18 th
3. B3-B4	13. C3-C5	23. D4-D5	33. A1-A4	43. 4A-3D	53. L43-L44	61. L53-L54	15 th /16 th
4. B2-B5	14. C1-C2	24. D1-D3	34. A2-A3	44. 3A-4D	54. L45-L46	62. W53-W54	13 th /14 th
5. C3-C4	15. D3-D5	25. A4-A5	35. B1-B4	45. 4B-3C	55. W43-W44	63. L55-L56	11 th /12 th
6. C2-C5	16. D1-D2	26. A1-A3	36. B2-B3	46. 3B-4C	56. W45-W46	64. W55-W56	9 th /10 th
7. D3-D4	17. A3-A5	27. B4-B5	37. C1-C4	47. 2A-1D	57. L47-L48	65. L57-L58	7 th /8 th
8. D2-D5	18. A1-A2	28. B1-B3	38. C2-C3	48. 1A-2D	58. L49-L50	66. W57-W58	5 th /6 th
9. A1-A5	19. B1-B5	29. C1-C5	39. D1-D5	49. 2B-1C	59. W47-W48	67. L59-L60	3 rd /4 th
10. A2-A4	20. B2-B4	30. C2-C4	40. D2-D4	50. 1B-2C	60. W49-W50	68. W59-W60	1 st /2 nd

BL 10.5.4 Draw

BL 10.5.4.1 The draw for the FINA World Masters Championships shall be made at least one month prior to start of the Water Polo competition. The seeding for the draw for the preliminary rounds shall be based on the placing at the previous FINA World Masters Championships as follows:

- a) With two groups in the age group:
 - First line, the best and second best placed of the entered teams from the previous Championships,
 - Second line, two of the next best placed of the entered teams from the previous Championships,
 - The rest of the entered teams shall be placed in groups by a random draw.
- b) With four groups in the age group:
 - First line, four of the best placed of the entered teams from the previous Championships,
 - The rest of the entered teams shall be placed in groups by a random draw.

BL 10.5.4.2 Teams from the same country should not be drawn in the same group, if possible

BL 10.5.4.3 The FINA Masters Commission can decide, if needed, on additional criteria as base for the draw.

BL 10.5.5 Classification

BL 10.5.5.1 The classification of teams in the preliminary rounds will be made based on FINA BL 9.6.

BL 10.6 Artistic Swimming

BL 10.6.1 In FINA World Masters Championships a club may enter up to five (5) routines in solo, duo, mixed duo and team in each age group in each event, and one (1) Free Combination in each age group.

BL 10.6.2 A competitor can take part in only one Duet, Mixed Duet, Team and one Free Combination.

BL 10.6.3 A female competitor can take part in both Duet and Mixed Duet.

BL 10.6.4 Changes in names of competitors for a routine must be received by the Chief Recorder at least 14 days prior to the first event of the Artistic Swimming competition. The new competitor must have already registered for the competition with the organising committee.

BL 10.6.5 The reserves listed in a routine must be of an age that any combination of the listed competitors would result in swimming in the same age group.

BL 10.6.6 Any changes in reserves must be handed to the Chief Recorder in writing at least two hours prior to the listed start time for the age group routine. Changes after this can only be made in the case of sudden illness of or an accident to a competitor and if the reserve is ready to compete without delaying the competition.

BL 10.6.7 A competitor may be listed as a reserve on more than one routine in an age group event. However, once a competitor swims in one routine, that competitor is ineligible to swim in another routine in the same age group event.

BL 10.6.8 Failure to notify the Chief Recorder of substitution and/or scratches shall result in disqualification of the routine.

BL 10.6.9 Order of Appearance

BL 10.6.9.1 For the FINA World Masters Championships, a computer draw for the Technical Routines shall be done by the Chief Recorder at least 24 hours before the Technical Meeting.

The order of the draw shall be Team, Free Combination, Duet and Solo.

BL 10.6.9.2 When a competitor(s) draws start number one (1) in a Technical Routine, she (they) will be exempted from drawing start number one (1) in another Technical Routine in the same Age Group, if possible.

Swimming number one (1) in a Technical Routine does not make a routine exempt from swimming number one (1) in the Free Routine in the same event.

BL 10.6.9.3 The order of appearance for the Free Routines in each age group shall be determined by the results of the Technical Routines for that age group event and shall be swum in groups of 6 competitors.

- a) If the number of competitors is not divisible by 6, the smallest group shall start first.
- b) If there are fewer than 12 entries in an age group event, the draw will be in two equal groups, the smallest group start first.
- c) If there is a tie in the placement in an age group event which overlaps two groups, those competitors shall form a group of their own and swim between the original groups.

BL 10.6.9.4 For each age group event, the lowest scoring competitors in the Technical Routine will swim in the first group and the highest scoring competitors will swim in the last group.

BL 10.6.9.5 Within each age group in each event, the highest scoring competitor in the Technical Routine for that age group and event shall draw first, with the next competitors drawing in order of Technical Routine placement. In the case of ties, the order of draw shall be based on the Technical Routine start number, with the lowest start number drawing first.

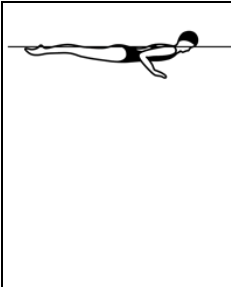
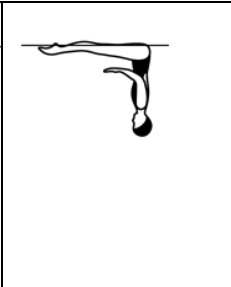
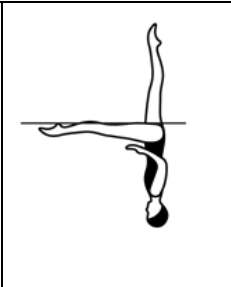
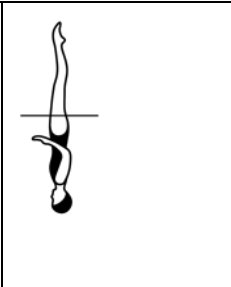
BL 10.6.10 Judging and Scoring

BL 10.6.10.1 At the FINA World Masters Championships at least four (4) judges shall officiate in three panels.

BL 10.6.11 For the FINA World Masters Championships the Degree of Difficulty for Required Elements shall be:

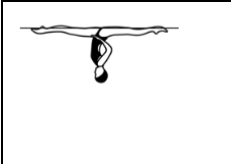
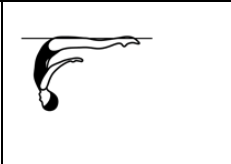
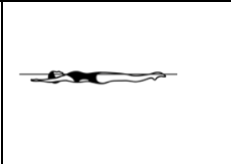
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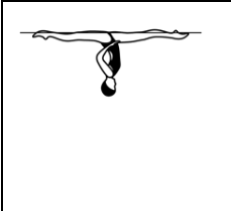
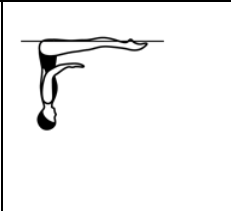
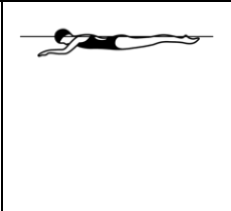
FISHTAIL – from a Front Layout Position, a Front Pike Position is assumed; one leg is lifted to a Fishtail Position, the second leg is lifted to a Vertical Position (ending is optional).

					Total
NVT=	6.0	14.5	20.5		41
PV =	1.46	3.54	5.00		1.61

ELEMENT #2 - 1.3



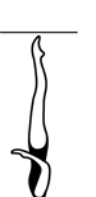
SPLIT POSITION – followed by a walkout front or walkout back. The final DD is based on the lowest of the two values.

					Total
NVT=	23.0	8.0			31
PV =	7.42	2.58			1.42

					Total
NVT=	19.0	6.0			25
PV =	7.60	2.40			1.31







ELEMENT #3 – 1.1

SPINNING 180° – From a Bent Knee Position, a Spin 180° is executed as the legs are joined to a Vertical Position at the ankles followed by submergence.

					Total
NVT=	15.0	0.0			15
PV =	10.0	0.0			1.13




ELEMENT #4 – 1.3

TRAVELLING BALLET LEG COMBINATION – Beginning in a Back-Layout Position to include any 2 of the following positions – Bent Knee Back Layout, right; Bent Knee Back Layout, left; Ballet Leg, left; Ballet Leg, right; Flamingo Position, left; Flamingo Position, right; Ballet Leg Double. The DD is based on the lowest value of two positions combined.

						Total
NVT=	10.5	11.0	(13.0 or 18.5)	3.0	19.0	21.5
PV =	4.77	5.0		1.36	8.64	1.25

ELEMENT #5 – 1.6

BARRACUDA BENT KNEE – From the Back-Pike Position with the legs perpendicular and the toes just below the surface, a Thrust is executed as one leg is drawn along the inside of the other extended leg to assume a Bent Knee Vertical Position. A Vertical Descent is executed in a Bent Knee Vertical Position at the same tempo as the Thrust.

					Total
NVT=	28.0	11.0			39
PV =	7.18	2.82			1.57

BL 11 WORLD CUPS

BL 11.1 General Rules

FINA may conduct World Cups in each discipline in accordance with the Rules set forth hereafter.

BL 11.1.1 All World Cups shall be conducted with doping control in accordance with FINA Doping Control Rules.

BL 11.1.2 At all World Cups, the Management Committee shall be the members of the appropriate Technical Committee present at the competition, with the Bureau Liaison as Chairman who shall have a casting vote, if necessary.

BL 11.1.3 Judging selections shall be determined by the appropriate Technical Committee, subject to approval by the Bureau or the Executive.

BL 11.2 Diving

The Rules for the Diving World Cup are decided by the Bureau and based upon proposals from the Technical Diving Committee.

BL 11.3 Water Polo

BL 11.3.1 The competition shall be between a maximum of eight (8) selected in the following manner: automatically the first three (3) teams from the preceding World Championships and one (1) team from each of the five (5) continents selected through the continental qualification tournaments, continental championships or ranking at the preceding World Championships. The Host Country will be the representative of that continent. If a vacancy occurs it shall be filled by the next highest ranked teams from the continental qualification tournaments, continental championships or at the preceding World Championships with the following rotation: Asia, Americas, Africa, Oceania, and Europe.

BL 11.3.2 Qualified Federations must declare their intention to send a team to the World Cup at least six months prior to the event. The draw shall be held approximately four months prior to the competition.

BL 11.4 Artistic Swimming

BL 11.4.1 The Rules for the Artistic Swimming Cup are decided by the Bureau and based upon proposals from the Technical Artistic Swimming Committee six (6) months before competition.

BL 11.4.2 The Rules for the FINA Artistic Swimming World Series are decided by the Bureau and based upon proposals from the Technical Artistic Swimming Committee six (6) months before competition.

BL 11.4.3 The Rules for Junior Worlds Artistic Swimming Competitions are decided by the Bureau based upon the proposals from the Technical Artistic Swimming Committee six months (6) before competition.

BL 11.5 High Diving

BL 11.5.1 At the World Cup only dives prescribed by the FINA Rules for High Diving shall be executed.

BL 11.5.2 The number of participants is decided by the Bureau and based upon proposals from the Technical High Diving Committee. From a Member not more than three (3) male divers and no more than four (4) female divers can be selected for fully expensed attendance at the event. Additional divers from Members may participate at the Members expense.

BL 11.5.3 No more than three (3) male divers and no more than four female (4) divers in the rankings after round three may progress to the final round from a Member.

BL 12 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION AND THE FINA WORLD AQUATIC CALENDAR

BL 12.1 An International Competition shall refer to any competition organised or sanctioned by FINA, any Continental or Regional Organisation or any Member Federation in which other FINA recognised Federations, clubs or individuals participate.

BL 12.2 International Competitions are divided into the following tiers:

1. Tier 1. Major World Aquatics Competitions - the Olympic Games, FINA World Championships, FINA World Swimming Championships (25m);
2. Tier 2. Other FINA World Competitions - World Junior and Youth Championships in each discipline, World Cups, World Leagues, World Series and other FINA competitions;
3. Tier 3. Continental and Regional Competitions - Continental or Regional Multi-Sport Games, Competitions organised by Continental or Regional Organisations;
4. Tier 4. - Member Federation' International Competitions - Events organised or sanctioned by a Member Federation in which other FINA recognised Federations, clubs or individuals participate;
5. Tier 5. – other competitions of major international importance as defined by FINA.

BL 12.3 All Continental and Regional Organisations and Member Federations shall seek approval from FINA for any International Competition to be organised or sanctioned by them. Approval is however not necessary for national competitions in which foreign clubs or individuals not representing their Member Federation participate. The application for approval shall be submitted to FINA at least six months prior to the proposed date of the International Competition, and shall include the following information:

1. Proposed dates of the International Competition;
2. Competition Programme;
3. Doping Control Organization;
4. Any modification of the FINA Rules and requirements.

BL 12.4 Any approval of the International Competition from FINA shall be subject to all conditions and requirements in accordance with the FINA Rules. All Competitors must comply with FINA eligibility rules.

BL 12.5 FINA World Aquatic Calendar.

FINA shall compile and publish on its website the FINA World Aquatic Calendar in which all International Competitions approved by FINA shall be listed. When a new application for approval of an International Competition is received, FINA will compare the proposed dates of the new International Competition with the FINA World Aquatic Calendar to determine if the new dates conflict with a previously approved International Competition. If a conflict is deemed to exist by FINA (or any other issue arises in connection with the proposed International Competition) after considering the aquatic discipline, geographic region of the International Competition and/or age group of the Competitors and/or any other matter which FINA may in its discretion take into consideration, FINA will contact the new applicant and advise them that a conflict exists, and request that the dates be changed or competition is postponed to avoid the conflict. Applicants are advised to check the FINA World Aquatic Calendar for potential conflict in dates prior to applying for approval of a new International Competition. It is the policy of FINA that no International Competition of major international importance, with the exception of Masters competitions, should be held within 30 days prior to any Tier 1 Event, without FINA's prior consent.

BL 12.6 Any cancellation or rescheduling of an International Competition that has been approved by FINA and published on the FINA World Aquatic Calendar shall be reported to FINA as soon as practicable, but in any case not later than 3 months prior to the commencement of that competition.

BL 12.7 Competition Programme.

For Tier 3 Continental or Regional Multi-Discipline Competitions or Multi-Sport Games, the Competition Programme should include all aquatic disciplines where possible. Any Tier 3 International Competition should include at a minimum the Competition Programme for the relevant discipline at the prior Olympic Games. For Tier 4 and Tier 5 International Competitions, applicants are asked to state in the application for approval the competition programme to be adopted and the reasons for the said programme (e.g., sprint events only or relay events only, etc).

BL 12.8 Doping Control.

All Tier 1, 2 and 3 events shall be held in compliance with FINA Doping Control Rules. Tier 4 and Tier 5 events shall be held in compliance with the Doping Control rules applicable in the jurisdiction where the event is being held provided that those rules are in accordance with the FINA Doping Control Rules and the World Anti-Doping Code. Any application for approval of any International Competition shall specify the Doping Control framework which will govern the event.

BL 12.9 Modification of FINA Rules and Requirements. Any application for approval of any International Competition shall indicate the modifications (if any) of the FINA Rules and Requirements applicable to the event.

BL 12.10 Failure to comply with BL 12 may lead to possible sanctions in accordance with C 12.7.

BL 13 REQUIREMENTS WITH REGARD TO ORDER, SAFETY AND SECURITY AT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND FINA COMPETITIONS (AND CONTINENTAL AND REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS/GAMES)

PREAMBLE: The requirements below have been established in order to safeguard order, safety and security at World Championships and FINA Competitions (and Continental and Regional Championships/Games).

The following rules are not exhaustive and cannot be regarded as a conclusive and all-embracing stipulation of the measures to be taken by, and the responsibilities of organisers of Championships and Competitions. Organisers are requested to do everything within their power to ensure that order, safety and security are maintained in and around the competition venue(s) before, during and after competition sessions.

These rules shall be complementary to instructions based on national and local legislation, as well as instructions issued by competent national administrative bodies.

BL 13.1 Consultation with authorities

Before bidding for championships/competitions the Bidding Federation must consult the appropriate authorities in order to ensure that the measures required in these rules will be fulfilled.

BL 13.2 Inspection of Venue(s)

The venue(s) in which competitions are to take place must have been approved by the competent authorities for this purpose.

BL 13.3 Organisation

BL 13.3.1 The Organising Federation, Organising Committee or Club in charge of the organisation of the championships/competition must in cooperation with the competent local authorities appoint a Security Officer, who will be in overall command of all order, safety and security matters related to the championships/competition. Persons individually in charge of order, safety, security, medical care and fire service must be similarly appointed.

BL 13.3.2 In addition every Federation or Club entered into the championships/competition shall be requested to select one official with knowledge about the behaviour of supporters attending the competition venue(s), who shall inform the Security Officer about any special need of action in order to maintain order, safety and security at the competition venue(s).

BL 13.4 Security Meetings

BL 13.4.1 The Organiser shall provide office(s) for the Security Officer, in which Security Meetings will be held whenever needed. Persons attending regular Security Meetings shall be those responsible for order, safety, security, medical care and fire service. On special call also other persons such as the FINA Delegate(s), Federation or Club officials, venue authorities and the local police shall attend Security Meetings.

BL 13.4.2 In the event of serious emergency situation all persons identified in BL 13.4.1 on a special signal broadcast over the public address system must immediately attend an Emergency Meeting.

BL 13.4.3 Presentation of the Security Officer and persons in charge of order, safety and security, medical care and fire service shall be done at the Technical Meeting(s) before the opening of the championships/competition. At the same time information about order, safety, security, medical care and fire service at the venue(s) shall be given by the Security Officer.

BL 13.5 Checking and Guarding of the Venue(s)

The venue(s) must be guarded against unauthorised intrusion for an adequate period before the beginning of the championships/competition, and an efficient security sweep of the venue(s), to search for unauthorised persons or dangerous objects, carried out before competitors, officials and spectators are admitted.

BL 13.6 Duration of Presence

Police, safety, security stewarding, medical and fire-fighting personnel and the public address announcer(s) shall be in their allotted positions in and around the venue(s) before the venue(s) is opened to the public, and their presence maintained for the entire period that the public is in the venue(s) and until it has dispersed, in accordance with the instructions of the Security Officer.

BL 13.7 Screening of Spectators at Championships/Competitions

Spectators shall be screened initially by control personnel at the outer perimeter fence, if there is one, or at the outer cordon established at venues which do not have an outer perimeter fence, to ensure that only ticket-holders approach the turnstiles, and to make the first checks to prevent the introduction of dangerous objects, alcohol, fireworks etc. into the venue(s).

Final screening and search procedures shall be carried out by the control personnel outside the turnstiles entrances to ensure that:

- a) Spectators enter the correct part of the venue
- b) Spectators do not bring any objects into the venue that are likely to be used in acts of violence, nor alcohol or fireworks of any kind.
- c) Access is forbidden to known or potential troublemakers, or persons who are under influence of alcohol or drugs.
- d) Special alert must be given to possible acts of terrorism.

Screening and search processes shall be carried out sensibly and effectively to ensure that the spectators are not searched more than once and that the searchers themselves do not become the cause of undue delay or create unnecessary tension.

BL 13.8 Stewards

Sufficient stewards shall be on duty within the venue(s) to ensure that spectators are directed to their seats efficiently and smoothly without delay and confusion.

BL 13.9 Segregation

For Water Polo games where a system of spectator segregation is to be operated, the segregation should be drawn up jointly by the Security Officer and the police commander in charge at the match venue.

BL 13.10 Doors and Gates

All exit doors and gates in the venue(s) shall open outwards away from the spectators, and shall remain unlocked while spectators are in the venue. Each and every such door and gate shall be attended at all times by a specially appointed steward, to guard against abuse and ensure immediate escape routes in the event of an emergency evacuation. They shall not be locked under no circumstances.

BL 13.11 Distribution of Alcohol

The public sale, distribution or consumption of alcoholic beverages shall not be permitted within the spectators' areas, athlete areas or competition areas of the swimming venue.

BL 13.12 Public Address system

The venue(s) shall have a public address system, which is capable of being heard clearly, above the crowd noise. It is recommended that the announcer(s) should be selected from persons with voice(s) familiar to the spectators. The police authorities should be able to override the public address system to make emergency announcements on their own microphone.

BL 13.13 Announcements

Announcements over the public address system shall be of strict neutral character. The public address system shall not be used for the dissemination of political messages.

BL 13.14 First Aid

The venue(s) shall have adequate and fully equipped first-aid treatment facilities for competitors and officials and the public. These facilities together with the number and qualifications of assistants who will administer treatment, shall be approved by the local authorities concerned. Ambulance(s) shall be stationed on site during the whole championships/competition.

BL 13.15 Political Action

No political action shall take place inside or in the immediate vicinity of the venue(s). The promotion or announcement, by any means, of political messages or any other political actions inside or in the immediate vicinity of the venue(s) is strictly prohibited before, during and after the championships/competition.

BL 13.16 Provocative Action, Racism

The Organisers of championships/competition, together with the Security Officer, shall prevent any provocative action being taken by spectators inside or in the immediate vicinity of the venue(s) (unacceptable levels of verbal provocation from spectators towards competitors or opposing fans, racist behaviour, provocative banners or flags etc.). Should such action arise, the Security Officer shall intervene over the public address system or remove any offensive material, if necessary with assistance of the police. Stewards shall draw attention of the police to serious acts of misbehaviour, including racist insults; so that offenders may be removed from the venue should the police decide.

BL 13.17 Sanctions

Federations, Organising Committees or clubs may be sanctioned for not having fulfilled the requirements in this rule.

Sanctions may include any or all of the following:

- a) Warning
- b) Fine
- c) Suspension

Sanctions shall be imposed by the body competent to impose sanctions in accordance with the Constitution of the Organisation having the right to award the championships/competition.

BL 14 AUTONOMY OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATIONS MEMBERS OF FINA

When the autonomy of a NF is being, or is, compromised the FINA Executive is entitled to take any appropriate decisions in order to protect the benefits of Aquatic Sports in the Country or the Sport Country of a NF. These measures include the suspension or the expulsion from the FINA membership if the constitution, law or other regulations in force in the Country or Sport Country of the NF concerned, or any act by any governmental or other body provokes the activity of the NF or the making or expression of its will to be hampered. The procedure shall be as established in FINA C 12.

BL 15 HIGH DIVING COMPETITION FORMAT

BL 15.1 The men's and women's competition is divided into two (2) sessions in a two (2) or three (3) day programme as agreed between FINA and the OC.

BL 15.2 The competitions for men and women shall comprise four (4) dives. A dive of the same number shall be regarded as the same dive.

BL 15.3 Women 20m Platform

BL 15.3.1 The Women's competitions shall comprise four (4) dives. Two (2) dives with a limit of (DD) 2.6 and from two different take off positions and two (2) optional dives without limit of DD from two different groups.

BL 15.3.2 If the DD of the required dive is less than 2.6 the calculated DD following appendixes HD1 and HD2 will be used. If a diver performs a dive above 2.6 they will only receive 2.6.

BL 15.3.3 A diver may provide on the statement of dives two (2) reserve dives which may be substituted five (5) minutes before commencement of the final round of dives subject to the dive being compliant with the competition rules.

BL 15.4 Men 27m Platform

BL 15.4.1 The Men's competitions shall comprise four (4) dives. One (1) required dives with a maximum DD of 2.8, one (1) intermediate dive with a maximum DD of 3.6. These two dives must be performed from different take off position and two (2) dives without limit of DD from two different groups.

BL 15.4.2 If the DD of a required dive is less than 2.8 the calculated DD following appendixes HD1 and HD2 will be used. If a diver performs a dive above 2.8 they will only receive 2.8.

BL 15.4.3 If a diver performs a dive from the same take off position or from the same group the referee will declare it a fail dive.

BL 15.4.4 If the DD of the intermediate dive is less than 3.6 the calculated DD following appendixes HD1 and HD2 will be used. If a diver performs a dive above 3.6 they will only receive 3.6.

BL 15.4.5 A diver may provide on the statement of dives two (2) reserve dives, which may be substituted five (5) minutes before commencement of the final round of dives subject to the dive being compliant with the competition rules.