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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL FINA MEMBER FEDERATIONS

FROM: FINA, Lausanne

DATE: 18 February 2014

RE: QUALIFYING PROCEDURE FOR THE
16th FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
KAZAN 2015

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Dear Sirs,

We have the pleasure to forward to you this correspondence relating to the *athletes' participation in SWIMMING competitions at the 16th FINA World Championships* to be held in Kazan (RUS) on 24 July – 9 August 2015.

As it was done for previous FINA World Championships, a qualifying procedure with "A" and "B" standard times will be implemented for Kazan 2015.

Please see the information below:

1. FINA "A" & "B" SWIMMING QUALIFYING TIME STANDARDS

Men's Standard			Women's Standard	
A – 2 Entries	B – 1 Entry		A – 2 Entries	B – 1 Entry
0.22.25	0.23.03	50 m Freestyle	0.25.23	0.26.11
0.49.39	0.51.12	100 m Freestyle	0.55.05	0.56.98
1.48.37	1.52.16	200 m Freestyle	1.58.93	2.03.09
3.50.87	3.58.95	400 m Freestyle	4.12.47	4.21.31
7.57.69	8.14.41	800 m Freestyle	8.35.99	8.54.05
15.13.98	15.45.97	1500 m Freestyle	16.33.61	17.08.39
0.25.52	0.26.41	50 m Backstroke	0.28.60	0.29.60
0.54.72	0.56.64	100 m Backstroke	1.01.25	1.03.39
1.59.19	2.03.36	200 m Backstroke	2.12.14	2.16.76
0.27.58	0.28.55	50 m Breaststroke	0.31.50	0.32.60
1.00.44	1.02.56	100 m Breaststroke	1.08.36	1.10.75



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2.11.71	2.16.32	200 m Breaststroke	2.28.12	2.33.30
0.23.53	0.24.35	50 m Butterfly	0.26.54	0.27.47
0.52.52	0.54.36	100 m Butterfly	0.59.18	1.01.25
1.57.37	2.01.48	200 m Butterfly	2.11.14	2.15.73
1.59.99	2.04.19	200 m Ind. Medley	2.13.98	2.18.67
4.19.21	4.28.28	400 m Ind. Medley	4.44.50	4.54.46

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

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

- If a National Federation enters only one (1) swimmer per event, all swimmers entered must meet the qualifying "B" standard time.

- If two (2) swimmers are entered in the same event, both of them must meet the qualifying "A" standard time.

- Federations may enter swimmers regardless of standard time as follows:

having no swimmer qualified: two (2) men and two (2) women;

having one (1) or two (2) swimmers qualified, additional swimmers up to a maximum of four (4) swimmers (two (2) men and two (2) women);

having three (3) swimmers qualified, one (1) additional swimmer provided that both gender are represented.

Note: Please refer to FINA Rules below

Swimmers entered without qualifying time must have participated in the National Championships of the Federation or in a FINA approved qualifying event. These swimmers will be allowed to enter in two (2) different events each, but they cannot swim in the same event, p.a. 50 m Freestyle.



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- Gender Relays:

4x100m Freestyle, 4x200m Freestyle, 4 x 100m Medley – Men & Women – One (1) Relay per Federation

- Mixed Relays:

4x100 m Freestyle, 4x100m Medley – One (1) Relay per Federation

2. QUALIFYING PERIOD

The *swimming qualifying time standards* must be obtained at any of the competitions specified below during the following period:

Qualifying period: Saturday, 1st March 2014 – Monday, 20th July 2015

3. QUALIFYING EVENTS

- # Continental Championships 2014 and 2015
- # International Competitions, *to be approved in advance by FINA*
- # National Competitions, *to be approved in advance by FINA*

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

4. APPLICATION FOR QUALIFYING EVENTS

If your Federation will organise an International Competition or a National Qualifying Meet where the swimmers could achieve the FINA “A” and “B” Qualifying Standard Times, please fill out the attached “Application Form” and return it to the FINA Office in Lausanne (SUI) **as soon as possible** taking into account the following:

- Competitions held between 1st March 2014 and 31st December 2014 should be approved *before* they take place;
- Competitions held in 2015 should be approved by FINA not later than 31st December 2014. **NO APPLICATION FOR A NATIONAL AND/OR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION WILL BE CONSIDERED AFTER 31st DECEMBER 2014.**

We would like to draw your attention to the following:

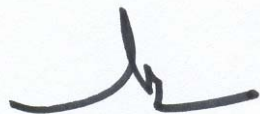
- it is very important to indicate on the "Application Form" the **INFORMATION ON THE TIMING SYSTEM** to be used at the competitions to be organised by the National Federations where the swimmers could achieve the FINA "A" and "B" Qualifying Standard Times.

- FINA will only recognise the swimming competitions where Referees and Starters included on the FINA Swimming Officials Lists No. 16 and No. 17 are officiating for competitions held in 2014 and FINA Swimming Officials Lists No. 17 and No. 18 for competitions held in 2015.

- In order for FINA to endorse the Swimming Qualifying Time Standards achieved at approved competitions, the National Federation / Organiser must send to the FINA Office in Lausanne (SUI) the official results in an electronic file (either Lenex or Hy-Tek cl2/sdif) **IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE COMPETITION.** The results are to be loaded directly into the rankings database as explained in the attached document - "Federation Online Submission to FINA for Swimming Events".

We look forward to hearing from you and please do not hesitate to contact the FINA Office for any additional information or assistance you may need concerning the qualification procedure for the 16th FINA World Championships – Kazan 2015.

Sincerely yours,



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BL 9.3.6 Swimming

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. Standard Entry Times can only be achieved in competitions approved for that purpose by FINA.

For each individual event at the World Championships, each National Federation may enter a maximum of two (2) competitors.

To enter two swimmers in the same event, both of them must have achieved the "A" Standard Entry Time. To enter one swimmer in an event, the competitor must have achieved at least the "B" Standard Entry Time.

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.

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 the "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.

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*