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**TO: ALL FINA MEMBER FEDERATIONS**

**FROM: FINA, Lausanne**

**DATE: 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**RE: SWIMMING QUALIFYING PROCEDURE FOR THE  
18<sup>th</sup> FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – GWANGJU 2019**

Dear Sirs,

Following our correspondence of 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018, please refer to the updated qualifying period for the 18<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championships to be held in Gwangju (KOR) from 12-28 July 2019.

**The swimming events will take place from 21-28 July 2019.**

As done for previous FINA World Championships, a qualifying procedure with "A" and "B" standard times will be implemented for Gwangju 2019.

Please see the information below:

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

WOMEN		Events	MEN	
A	B		A	B
25.04	25.92	50m Freestyle	22.18	22.96
54.49	56.40	100m Freestyle	48.80	50.51
1:58.66	2:02.81	200m Freestyle	1:47.40	1:51.16
4:10.57	4:19.34	400m Freestyle	3:48.15	3:56.14
8:38.56	8:56.71	800m Freestyle	7:54.31	8:10.91
16:32.04	17:06.76	1500m Freestyle	15:07.38	15:39.14
28.22	29.21	50m Backstroke	25.17	26.05
1:00.59	1:02.71	100m Backstroke	54.06	55.95
2:11.53	2:16.13	200m Backstroke	1:58.34	2:02.48
31.22	32.31	50m Breaststroke	27.39	28.35
1:07.43	1:09.79	100m Breaststroke	59.95	1:02.05
2:25.91	2:31.02	200m Breaststroke	2:11.00	2:15.59
26.34	27.26	50m Butterfly	23.66	24.49
58.48	1:00.53	100m Butterfly	51.96	53.78
2:09.21	2:13.73	200m Butterfly	1:56.71	2:00.80
2:13.03	2:17.69	200m Individual Medley	2:00.22	2:04.43
4:43.06	4:52.97	400m Individual Medley	4:17.90	4:26.93

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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

**Please note:**

- 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 times if they meet the following criteria (as per FINA Rule BL 9.3.6.2) <https://www.fina.org/content/fina-rules>:
  - No swimmer qualified: two (2) men and two (2) women;
  - One (1) or two (2) swimmers qualified, additional swimmers up to a maximum of four (4) swimmers (two (2) men and two (2) women);
  - Three (3) swimmers qualified one (1) additional swimmer provided that both genders are represented;
  - 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;
- Gender Relays:
  - Men & Women: 4x100m Freestyle, 4x200m Freestyle, 4x100m Medley – 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:

**1<sup>st</sup> March 2018 – 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019**

**3. QUALIFYING EVENTS**

- # Continental Championships 2018 and 2019
- # International Competitions, to be approved in advance by FINA
- # National Competitions, to be approved in advance by FINA

FINA will only accept entry times achieved at competitions officially approved by FINA. Please refer also to FINA Rule BL 12 <https://www.fina.org/content/fina-rules>.

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#### 4. APPLICATION FOR QUALIFYING EVENTS

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

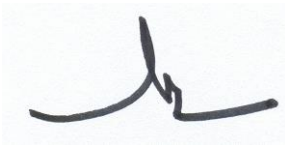
- All competitions must be approved **before** they take place;
- **NO APPLICATION FOR A NATIONAL AND/OR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION WILL BE CONSIDERED AFTER 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2018.**

We would like to draw your attention to the following:

- It is very important to indicate on the "Application Form" the **INFORMATION ON THE TIMING SYSTEM** to be used at the competitions to be organised by the National Federations where the swimmers could achieve the FINA "A" and "B" Qualifying Standard Times.
- FINA will only recognise swimming competitions where Referees and Starters included on the FINA Swimming Officials **Lists No. 18 and No. 19** are officiating for competitions held in 2018 and FINA Swimming Officials **Lists No. 19 and No. 20** for competitions held in 2019.
- 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.**

Please do not hesitate to contact the FINA Office for any additional information or assistance you may need concerning the qualification procedure for the 18<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championships – Gwangju 2019.

Yours Sincerely,



Cornel Marculescu  
Executive Director

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