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**TO: ALL FINA MEMBER FEDERATIONS**

**FROM: FINA, Lausanne**

**DATE: 13 January 2020**

**RE: QUALIFYING PROCEDURE FOR THE  
19<sup>th</sup> FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – FUKUOKA 2021**

Dear Ladies, Dear Sirs,

We have the pleasure to forward to you this correspondence related to the Swimming Competitions Qualification Procedure for the **19<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championships** to be held in **Fukuoka (JPN)** from **16<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021**.

**The swimming events will take place from 25<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021.**

As done for previous FINA World Championships, a qualifying procedure with “A” and “B” standard times will be implemented for Fukuoka 2021.

Please see the information below:

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

| WOMEN    |          |                       | MEN      |          |
|----------|----------|-----------------------|----------|----------|
| W - "B"  | W - "A"  |                       | M - "A"  | M - "B"  |
| 25.92    | 25.04    | 50 Freestyle          | 22.18    | 22.96    |
| 56.15    | 54.25    | 100 Freestyle         | 48.77    | 50.48    |
| 2:02.81  | 1:58.66  | 200 Freestyle         | 1:47.06  | 1:50.81  |
| 4:19.34  | 4:10.57  | 400 Freestyle         | 3:48.15  | 3:56.14  |
| 8:56.03  | 8:37.90  | 800 Freestyle         | 7:53.11  | 8:09.67  |
| 17:24.20 | 16:29.57 | 1500 Freestyle        | 15:04.64 | 15:36.30 |
| 29.21    | 28.22    | 50 Backstroke         | 25.17    | 26.05    |
| 1:02.71  | 1:00.59  | 100 Backstroke        | 54.03    | 55.92    |
| 2:15.67  | 2:11.08  | 200 Backstroke        | 1:58.07  | 2:02.20  |
| 32.31    | 31.22    | 50 Breaststroke       | 27.33    | 28.29    |
| 1:09.79  | 1:07.43  | 100 Breaststroke      | 59.75    | 1:01.84  |
| 2:31.02  | 2:25.91  | 200 Breaststroke      | 2:10.32  | 2:14.88  |
| 27.24    | 26.32    | 50 Butterfly          | 23.63    | 24.46    |
| 1:00.37  | 58.33    | 100 Butterfly         | 51.96    | 53.78    |
| 2:13.73  | 2:09.21  | 200 Butterfly         | 1:56.71  | 2:00.79  |
| 2:17.63  | 2:12.98  | 200 Individual Medley | 1:59.76  | 2:03.95  |
| 4:52.97  | 4:43.06  | 400 Individual Medley | 4:17.48  | 4:26.49  |

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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 |

**Explanation:**

1. The "A" standards for the 2021 Worlds were created by using the faster of two times from:

- The 2019 "A" qualifying time standard; and
- The 16<sup>th</sup> place time from the 2019 World Championships

For this meet, the standards broke down as follows:

**Women:** 10 of the 2021 "A" time standards were the 2019 "A" time standard, and 7 of the 2020 "A" time standards were the 16th place time from the 2019 Worlds.

**Men:** 5 of the 2020 "A" time standards were the 2019 "A" time standard, and 12 of the 2020 "A" time standards were the 16th place time from the 2019 Worlds.

2. All "B" time standards were derived by multiplying the "A" time standard by 3.5%.

**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;

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• Gender Relays:

- Men & Women: 4x100m Freestyle, 4x200m Freestyle, 4x100m Medley – One (1) Relay per Federation;
- Mixed Relays: 4x100m 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 2020 – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**3. QUALIFYING EVENTS**

- # Continental Championships 2020 and 2021
- # 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>.

*Please kindly note that all events approved for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020 are automatically approved as qualifying events for the FINA World Championships Fukuoka 2021. The NF does not need to resubmit the application.*

**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 2020.**

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. 19 and No. 20** are officiating

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for competitions held in 2020 and FINA Swimming Officials Lists **No. 20** and **No. 21** for competitions held in 2021.

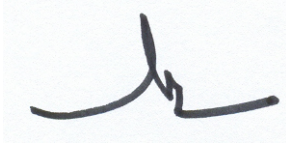
- In order for FINA to endorse the Swimming Qualifying Time Standards achieved at approved competitions, the National Federation / Organiser must send the official results to the FINA Office at [rankings@fina.org](mailto:rankings@fina.org) IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE COMPETITION.

**We remind you that ONLY Lenex or Hy-Tek cl2/sdif will be accepted.** The electronical file must be sent together with the corresponding pdf file.

**FINA will not accept any results sent in .word, .excel or solely .pdf format.** Results sent in this format will not be considered for the FINA rankings nor be valid as qualifying entry times.

Please do not hesitate to contact the FINA Office for any additional information or assistance you may need concerning the qualification procedure for the 19<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championships – Fukuoka 2021.

Yours Sincerely,



Cornel Marculescu  
Executive Director