***CONFIDENTIAL INTERNAL DRAFT SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND AMENDMENT***

**Sport Technical Manual for LIMA 2019 Pan American Games**

**Aquatics - Open Water Swimming**

**Competition**

**Key People**

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| **Technical delegate** | [***Name***] | [***email address***] |
| **Continental Federation president** | Dale Neuberger | [***email address***] |
| **[LIMA 2019 Sport manager]** | [***Name***] | [***email address***] |
| **[LIMA 2019 Sport Organising Committee co-chair]**  | [***Name***] | [***email address***] |
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| **[Title of any other relevant person]** | [***Name***] | [***email address***] |

**Events**

Men 10km marathon swim

Women 10km marathon swim

**Format**

[***Details to be provided by/in consultation with the Organising Committee closer to the Games***]

The open water swimming race will be a distance of 10 kilometres.

[***Course will be determined by host with input from the UANA Technical Open Water Swimming Committee***]

**Rules**

The open water swimming competition will be held in accordance with the conditions outlined in the following documents that will be in force at Games time:

Federation lnternationale de Natacion (FINA) Open Water Swimming Rules available at fina.org

**Protests**

Protests will be resolved under FINA Rule GR 9.2.

Protests must be submitted to the Chief Referee in writing by the team leader, with a deposit in American dollars or in Peruvian nuevo sols in the amount equivalent to 100 Swiss Francs, within 30 minutes following the conclusion of the respective event.

All protests will be considered by the Chief Referee.

The commission (made up of the following persons present [ ]) will consider appeals against decisions by the Chief Referee and give recommendations to the jury of appeal, whose decision will be final.

**Jury of Appeal**

For the LIMA 2019 Pan American Games, the jury of appeal shall consist of a minimum of five persons and will be comprised of the Union Americana de Natacion (UANA) Executive Committee and UANA Honorary Members present and the FINA Delegate when present with the UANA President or in his absence a UANA Vice-President and/or UANA Executive Liaison for Open Water Swimming as chairman.

A jury member will be allowed to speak, but not to vote, on a case in which the interest of his/her Federation is involved. Technical Officials and Judges for Open Water Swimming shall not be entitled to form part of the jury.

In case of urgency, the jury may vote on a matter even if it has not been possible to contact all members.

The decision of the jury will be final.

**Clothing and Equipment**

Clothing and equipment used by athletes and other participants in the open water swimming competition at the LIMA 2019 Pan American Games must comply with the documents listed in the FINA Open Water Swimming Rules available at fina.org as well as LIMA 2019 brand guidelines.

**Technical Officials and Judges**

Technical officials will be appointed under FINA Open Water Swimming Rules 2017-2021 and will comprise of:

* A Chief Referee (one per race)
* 2 Referees
* Chief Timekeeper plus 2 Timekeepers
* Chief Finish Judge plus 2 Finish Judges
* Safety Officer
* Medical Officer
* Course Officer
* Clerk of the Course
* Chief Race Judge & Race Judges (one per competitor) except for events with a course of 10 km or less
* Turn Judges (one per alteration of Course)
* Feeding Platform Judge (when feeding platforms are used)
* Starter
* Announcer
* Recorder

**Medals and Diplomas**

[***Details to be provided by/in consultation with the Organising Committee closer to the Games***]

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded in each event of the open water swimming competition. In accordance with Pan American Sports Organisation (PASO) Regulations, top-eight diplomas will be awarded in each event.

**Venue**

[***Details to be provided by/in consultation with the Organising Committee closer to the Games***]

**Facilities**

[***Details to be provided by/in consultation with the Organising Committee closer to the Games***]

**Weather**

In accordance with the FINA Open Water Swimming Rules, the water temperature should be a minimum of 16°C (60.8°F) and a maximum of 31°C (87.8°F). It should be checked the day of the race, 2 hours before the start, in the middle of the course at a depth of 40 cm. This control should be done in the presence of a Commission made up of the following persons present: a Referee, a member of the Organising Committee and one coach from the teams present designated during the Technical Meeting.

**Competition and Training Schedule**

[***Details to be provided by/in consultation with the Organising Committee closer to the Games***]

**Technical Meeting**

The open water swimming technical meeting will take place at the Venue on [ ] 2019, at noon. The meeting will be open to everyone with appropriate accreditation for the open water swimming event. Athletes must attend in order to validate their participation in the events.

The technical delegate and the LIMA 2019 open water swimming sport manager will lead the meeting, which will be conducted in English and, if required, and Spanish.

**QUALIFICATION SYSTEM - AQUATICS - OPEN WATER SWIMMING**

**Events**

Men 10km marathon swim

Women 10km marathon swim

**Quota**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Zone I****CONSANAT** | **Zone II****CCCAN** | **Zone III** **USA** | **Zone IV****CAN** | **Total** |
| **Men** | 8 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 20 |
| **Women** | 8 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 20 |
| **Total** | 16 | 16 | 4 | 4 | 40 |

**Maximum Quota Per NOC Per Event**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Men** | 2 |
| **Women** | 2 |
| **Total** | 4 |

According to the quota established by PASO, there will be a maximum of 40 swimmers for the open water competition: 20 men and 20 women. Each NOC may register a maximum of two swimmers by gender.

**Athlete Eligibility**

For the LIMA 2019 Pan American Games, NOCs will only be permitted athletes who have qualified in accordance with the qualification system established by FINA and UANA described below.

Athletes must have signed and submitted the Athlete Eligibility Condition Form.

**Age requirements**

The minimum age required for open water competitors is 14 as of December 31, 2019 (born in 2005 or before).

**Qualification System**

The qualification positions will be determined as follows:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Zone** | **Men** | **Women** |
| Zone I CONSANAT | 8 | 8 |
| Zone II CCCAN  | 8 | 8 |
| Zone III USA | 2 | 2 |
| Zone IV CAN | 2 | 2 |
| Total | 20 | 20 |

Every zone will be responsible for the organisation of its own qualification event in order to determine which swimmers (Federations) must participate. Each zone must notify the UANA President, Secretary-Treasurer and the Open Water Swimming Technical Committee of the dates, names and location of the qualifying event as well as provide a complete set of results.

**Zone I CONSANAT**

Those countries whose swimmers obtain the first eight places (per gender) in the qualification competition will qualify for the LIMA 2019 Pan American Games. This competition will be under the control of FINA and Confederacion Sudamericano de Natacion (CONSANAT). The qualifying competition will take place in [2019], with dates to be confirmed in [2018].

**Zone II CCCAN**

Those countries whose swimmers obtain the first eight places (per gender) in the CCCAN (Central American and Caribbean Amateur Swimming Confederation) Championship will qualify for the LIMA 2019 Pan American Games. The qualifying competition will take place in [2019], with dates to be confirmed in [2018].

**Zone Ill and Zone IV**

Canada and USA will each conduct their own internal processes and register up to two men and two women each. The qualifying competitions will be confirmed by UANA in [2018] and take place in [2019].

**Confirmation of Quota Places**

UANA will inform the NOCs/NFs of the number of quota place(s) obtained, by [May 20,] 2019. NOCs/NFs must confirm to UANA the use of quota place(s) obtained, by no later than [May 29], 2019.

**Reallocation of Unused Quota Places**

Should vacancies become available, they will be allocated to each zone and will be filled based on their qualifying events.

In such cases, the zone will move up the next available swimmer of same gender from their qualifying event. Substitutions may occur until [June 5], 2019. After that date only deletions may occur.

**Timeline**

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| --- | --- |
| TBC by UANA in 2018 | CONSANAT Qualifier (zone 1) |
| TBC by UANA in 2018 | CCCAN Championship (zone 2) |
| TBC by UANA in 2018 | USA Qualifier (zone 3) |
| TBC by UANA in 2018 | Canadian Qualifier (zone 4) |
| [March 27,] 2019 | LIMA 2019 entry by number deadline |
| [May 20,] 2019 | UANA to allocate places to NOC based on qualification event results |
| [May 29,] 2019 | NOCs to confirm use of allocated places |
| [June 5,] 2019 | End of reallocation period |
| [June 15,] 2019 | LIMA 2019 entry by name deadline |