



FINA Open Water Swimming Development Schools for Officials Programme

- Day 1** Welcome and Introduction
- Introduction of Participants
 - School Objectives
- Origins of Open Water Swimming
- History
 - Definition
 - Marathon Swimming
- FINA Events & Olympic event
- Organisation of FINA & Structure
- General Rules
 - Technical Rules
 - By-laws

Coffee break: 10:30-10:45

- Introduction of Officials Roles proscribed by FINA
- Duties & Powers of Officials
- Chief Referee
 - Referee
 - Starter
 - Timekeeper
 - Taking the time of the swimmer
 - Chief Timekeeper
 - Determining the swimmers returned time
 - Working Exercise

Lunch break (12.30 – 13.30)

- Duties & Powers of Officials... cont..
- Finish Judge
 - Placing the swimmers
 - Chief Finish Judge
 - Determining the manual finish placing
 - Race Judge
 - Turn Judge
 - Feeding Platform Judge
 - Exercise in Determining the Placings

Coffee break (15.00 – 15.15)

- Duties & Powers of Officials... cont..
- Confirmation of Finish Placings & Times
 - Use of Video recording/Slo-mo equipment
 - Exercise in determining the Official Result

End of Session (17.00 Approx.)



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Day 2 Duties & Powers of Officials... cont..

- Clerk of Course
- Course Officer
- Safety Officer
- Reserves

Coffee break (10.30 – 10.45)

Competition Management:

- Local Standards
- FINA Standards – World Championships / Marathon World Cup / Grand Prix Series / Other events
- Event planning
- Operational considerations & Permissions
- Water Quality & temperature
- Venue Planning & layout
- Entry Information to Teams/Swimmers
- Technical Officials Meeting
- Team Leaders Meeting

Lunch break (12.30 – 13.30)

Risk Management

Safety Considerations

- Planning for Risk minimisation
- Assistance & Support
- Relationship with Organising Committee
- Boats/Escort Craft
- Communications
- Pre-Race briefings – Officials / Teams / Safety Support
- Head count – in & out of the water
- Emergency Abandonment Procedure

Coffee break (15.00 – 15.15)

Ethics

Officials' Decision Making

Protests

The Professional Official

Next Steps

- Referee
- Safety Officer
- FINA OWS Officials Lists
 - Criteria

Questions & clarifications

Summary & wrap-up

Day 3 Practical session applying the skills with a test event

End of FINA Open Water Swimming Development School for Officials

