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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL FINA MEMBER FEDERATIONS

FROM: FINA Office – Lausanne

DATE: 30th August 2019

RE: 2020 FINA Open Water Swimming Schools for Officials

Dear Friends,

We have the pleasure to inform you that FINA will organise **FINA Open Water Swimming Schools for Officials** in 2020.

Please note the following information related to the courses and the designation of the FINA Open Water Swimming Officials:

FINA Open Water Swimming Development Schools

- The FINA Open Water Swimming Development Schools for Officials are designed for individuals with **limited knowledge or no prior open water swimming official's experience**.
- They are delivered in English, Spanish, French or Portuguese over a duration of **two and a half (2.5) days**.
- Candidates must be at least 14 years old on December 31 in the calendar year of attendance.

FINA Open Water Swimming Certification Schools

- The FINA Open Water Swimming Certification Schools for Officials are designed for **experienced officials** wishing to become eligible for the FINA Lists.
- They are delivered in English or French over a duration of **two (2) days**.
- Candidates must be at least 16 years old on December 31 in the calendar year of attendance. Nevertheless, they must be aged 18 years or older in the year of attendance to receive certification.
- Please note that to be considered for officiating at a FINA competition, an Open Water Swimming official must have attended a FINA Open Water Swimming Certification School and passed the test in English or French with a minimum score of 70% within four years of application.

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- In addition, the applicant must have officiated in at least two (2) major Open Water Swimming competitions within the three (3) years preceding the date of the application for the FINA List.

Please kindly note that FINA will accept bids for the organisation of Open Water Swimming Schools until **September 15, 2019.**

Once the National Federations have submitted their bid applications, the FINA Technical Open Water Swimming Committee will recommend which schools shall be hosted among the proposals received.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you about the following requirements for their organisation:

1. Bid Procedure

Any National Federation may present a bid to host a FINA Open Water Swimming Development or Certification School by sending the attached form duly completed to schools@fina.org

Please name your application as follows: *2020 FINA OWS Development (or) Certification School / NF Code*

According to our procedures, only duly signed and stamped applications will be assessed.

2. Federation Requirements

The following requirements must be met by the Host Federation in order to organise a FINA Open Water Swimming School:

- A minimum of ten (10) participants. It is not recommended to organise a FINA Open Water Swimming School for more than thirty-five (35) participants.
- A conference room with enough capacity for the participants and presentation equipment (power point projector, screen, laptop, writing boards and microphones).

Additionally, please find hereunder the bidding calendar for your reference:

30th August – 15th September:

The bidding period is open for all the National Federations, which are invited to send their bid applications to the FINA Office until September 15, 2019.

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16th – 22nd September:

The bids are assessed by the FINA Technical Open Water Swimming Committee.

23rd – 29th September:

The bids are approved by the FINA Development Commission.

As of 30th September:

The FINA Office notifies the National Federations awarded with a FINA School for 2020.

Please do not hesitate to contact the FINA Office for any additional information or assistance:

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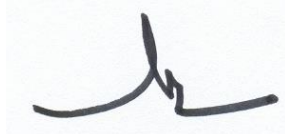
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Email: schools@fina.org

We look forward to receiving your bid applications no later than **September 15, 2019.**

Yours Sincerely,



Cornel MARCULESCU
FINA Executive Director

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