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# FINA reinforces development activities amid pandemic

FINA Communications Department

FINA is pleased to renew the application process for the 2021 edition of Olympic Aquatics Support Programme [1] (OASP),

an initiative led by FINA President Dr. Julio C. Maglione which is in place since 2018.

The objective of this initiative is to enable the FINA National Member Federations to develop, strengthen and fine tune their activities in all forms, including all Aquatic Disciplines in the pursuit of improving the organisation and professionalism of their operations and the sport level of their athletes.



Through this programme, the NFs can benefit from a financial support (up to 25'000USD per year) in order to help them carry out any project that they consider appropriate within one of the 8 categories proposed by FINA:

- construction, refurbishment or maintenance of facilities;
- purchase or hire of sports material equipment;
- administration fees;
- technology resources (website, online ranking, database);
- technical support;
- preparation and training of athletes, coaches and officials;
- staging and participation at national and continental competitions;
- talent-identification programmes.

YEAR	No. NFs	Amount (USD)
2018	152	3'850'000
2019	158	3'950'000
2020	158	3'950'000

Number of Federations that benefited from the OASP Programme

National Member Federations have until November 30, 2020, to submit their application, which will then be assessed by the FINA Office and the FINA Development Committee for approval.



Furthermore, FINA has finalised the preparation of the Certification Programme for Artistic Swimming Coaches aimed to

provide progressive learning opportunities for anyone interested in this area.

The programme is composed of an on-line part (theory) and face-to-face sessions. It is divided in three levels, where all participants can learn step by step and be assessed by experts in the field.



This programme has been developed together with: Institute of Swimming (GBR), FINA Artistic Swimming Coaches Committee, Spanish Federation, Canadian Federation, USA Federation, South African Federation and the TASC and will be

available on FINA Learning platform [2].

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