M E M O R A N D U M

TO: ALL FINA MEMBER FEDERATIONS IN AMERICAS

FROM: FINA Office, Lausanne

DATE: 1st December 2020

RE: FINA Swimming Coaches Certification Course
Assistant Coach Level (L1)
Montevido, Uruguay (URU)/13-15 February 2021 (TBC)

Dear Friends,

I have the pleasure to send you the following information concerning the organisation of the FINA Coaches Certification Course – Assistant Coach Level (L1) scheduled to be held in Montevido, Uruguay (URU), from 13th to 15th February 2021 (TBC).

Please be advised that the face to face course dates will be confirmed at a later stage due to the current safety measures and travel restrictions.

Please note the following information related to the FINA Coaches Certification Programme and the coaches certification pathway:

Eligibility
- The FINA Coaches Certification Courses – Assistant Coach Level (L1) are open to all the National Federations interested in training and certifying their coaches at a beginner level.
- They are designed for those candidates with no prior knowledge or coaching experience, preparing them for assistant coaching duties in swimming.
- Participants must be at least 18 years old at the start of the FINA Coaches Certification Programme.

Registration
- Each FINA Coaches Certification Course requires a minimum of 10 and may have a maximum of 30 participants.
- As per the FINA Coaches Certification Pathway (page 7), candidates must be registered through the FINA GMS by the established deadline and their profiles must include the following information: personal data, photo, passport/National ID copy and...
the candidate’s personal email address. Any application without all the above mentioned information will be rejected.

**Approvals**
- FINA will start to approve the registrations once a course has reached the minimum number of participants (10).
- The participants’ approval will be done on a first come first served basis, provided that the maximum number of participants (30) has not been reached.
- Each approved participant will receive his/her login details and instructions in order to start the Online Course through the FINA Learning Platform. The login information will be sent to the candidate’s email address as submitted in the registration.

**Assessment**
- The official working language is Spanish.
- For the written Face to Face exam, the use of interpreters, online resources and electronic devices is not permitted.
- In order to pass the course and become certified, a participant must pass the Online Course and the assessments available on the FINA Learning Platform before the end of the Face to Face Course. In addition, he/she must attend the Face to Face Course and pass the examination.

Please find below the details related to the organisation of this course:

**ONLINE COURSE:**
- **Opening:** As of 9th December 2020
- **Closing:** 15th February 2021 (23:59 CEST)

**FACE TO FACE COURSE:**
- **Arrival:** 12th February 2021
- **Course:** 13th – 15th February 2021
- **Departure:** 15th February 2021 after the course completion or 16th February in the morning.

**COURSE LANGUAGE:**
- The course will be delivered in Spanish.

**PARTICIPANTS:**
- Each National Member Federation may nominate swimming coaches for this course.
REGISTRATION:

All participants must be registered by the 8th December 2020 in the FINA GMS using your federation login details.

Please be advised that the registration will be closed once the maximum number of participants (30) has been reached.

Please note that the specific discipline of the course must be added to the attendee’s GMS profile as well as his/her personal email address in order to submit the registration.

If you require any assistance with the registration, please contact aquaticsdb@fina.org

FACE TO FACE

COURSE LOCATION:

Montevido, Uruguay (URU)

ARRIVAL AIRPORT:

Carrasco/General Cesáreo L. Berisso International Airport (MVD)

TRAVEL:

Each National Federation is responsible for the travel expenses of the nominated coaches.

Due to the limited number of spots, we kindly ask you to not book any flight tickets until your participants have been approved.

VISA SUPPORT:

Please contact the Federación Uruguaya de Natación if you require visa assistance.

ACCOMMODATION:

Further details will forthcoming. Each National Federation will cover the accommodation expenses of the nominated coaches.
RESERVATIONS: To make a reservation, please confirm with the Federación Uruguaya de Natación.

LOCAL TRANSPORT: Transfers from and to the airport will be provided by the OC for those coaches accommodated at the official hotel.

In order to organise the local transportation, please provide the participants’ flight arrival and departure details to the Federación Uruguaya de Natación.

MEETING VENUE: Further details will forthcoming.

PROGRAMME: Please find attached the course programme.

MATERIAL: Each participant must bring the following equipment to the Face to Face session:

- Notebook and writing materials
- Stopwatch
- Appropriate poolside clothing
- Non-slip poolside shoes
- Hard copy of the Online Course diploma

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IMPORTANT NOTE: FINA makes a reasonable effort to plan and conduct the FINA Coaches Certification Course as described in the present document. However, please note that changes, including postponing or cancellation of the Course might take place. FINA shall not have any liability, notably, but not limited to, no reimbursement of participants costs and losses, for any delay in performing, or failure to perform, any obligation, whether in whole or in part, to the extent that the delay or failure is due to an event of force majeure, including by way
of example national strike, war, fire, lightning, earthquake, pandemic or any other similar cause beyond the reasonable control.

We strongly believe that the FINA Coaches Certification Programme will powerfully contribute to the improvement of our sport.

For any further details please contact the FINA Office in Lausanne:

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We look forward to receiving your nominations through the FINA GMS *by no later than the 8th December 2020.*

Yours Sincerely,

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