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## MEMORANDUM

**TO: ALL FINA MEMBER FEDERATIONS IN AMERICAS**

**FROM: FINA Office, Lausanne**

**DATE: 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

**RE: FINA OPEN WATER SWIMMING DEVELOPMENT  
SCHOOL FOR OFFICIALS / 3-5 July 2019  
Christ Church, Barbados (BAR)**

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Dear Friends,

I have the pleasure to send you the following information related to the organisation of the ***FINA Open Water Swimming Development School for Officials*** scheduled to be held in Christ Church, Barbados (BAR), from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

The purpose of this course is to achieve the following objectives:

- Enlarge the number of officials and improve officiating at Open Water Swimming competitions;
- Unify the Open Water Swimming officiating procedure;
- Use the course as an instrument to develop and promote Open Water Swimming worldwide.

Please note the following information related to the designation & courses for Open Water Swimming officials:

- The FINA Open Water Swimming Development Schools cater for those participants with limited basic knowledge or no prior experience in open water swimming officiating.
- They are designed to meet the needs of those National Federations that have requested officials' instruction and do not have any open water swimming training programmes for officials in place.
- Candidates must be at least 14 years old on December 31 in the calendar year of attendance.

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

**DATE:**

**Arrival:** 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019

**Course:** 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019

**Departure:** 5<sup>th</sup> July after the course completion

**PARTICIPANTS:**

Each National Member Federation may nominate Open Water Swimming officials for this course.

**REGISTRATION:**

All participants must be registered **by the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019** in the FINA General Management System (GMS) using your federation login details. The link to the FINA GMS is <https://data.fina.org>.

Please kindly note that the specific discipline of the school 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](mailto:aquaticsdb@fina.org)

**NATIONALITY:**

Please take into consideration that when a competition official represents his/her country in a competition, he/she shall be a citizen, whether by birth or naturalisation, of the nation he/she represents, provided that a naturalised citizen shall have lived in that country for at least one year prior to that competition (FINA Handbook - Edition 2017, General Rules 2.5).

**PLACE:**

Christ Church, Barbados

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**ARRIVAL AIRPORT:**

**Grantley Adams International Airport (BGI)**

**TRAVEL:**

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

We kindly ask you to not book any flight tickets until your participants have been approved.

**VISA SUPPORT:**

Please contact the Barbados Aquatic Sports Association if you require visa assistance.

**ACCOMMODATION:**

Each National Federation will cover the accommodation expenses of the nominated officials.

**Dover Beach Hotel**

St. Lawrence, Christ Church

**Website:** [Click here](#)

**Single Room:** 172.50 USD/night (full board)

**RESERVATIONS:**

To make a reservation, please contact the Barbados Aquatic Sports Association.

**LOCAL TRANSPORT:**

Transfers from and to the airport will be provided by the OC for those participants accommodated at the official hotel.

In order to organise the local transportation, please provide the participants' flight arrival and departure details to the Barbados Aquatic Sports Association.

**MEETING VENUE:**

**Aquatic Centre**

Wildey, Christ Church

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**PROGRAMME:**

Please note that the school programme will be provided shortly.

**OC CONTACT:**

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We strongly believe that the FINA Open Water Swimming Schools for Officials will powerfully contribute to the improvement of our sport.

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

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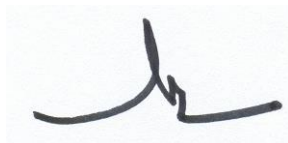
**Tel: (41-21) 310 4710**

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**Email: [schools@fina.org](mailto:schools@fina.org)**

We look forward to receiving your nominations through the FINA GMS ***by no later than the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019.***

Yours sincerely,



**Cornel Marculescu**  
**Executive Director**

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