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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL FINA MEMBER FEDERATIONS IN ASIA AND OCEANIA

FROM: FINA Office, Lausanne

DATE: 2nd April 2020

**RE: FINA OPEN WATER SWIMMING CERTIFICATION
SCHOOL FOR OFFICIALS
14 – 15 October 2020 / Manama, Bahrain (BRN)**

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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 Certification School for Officials*** scheduled to be held in Manama, Bahrain (BRN), from 14th to 15th October 2020.

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 Certification Schools cater to experienced Open Water Swimming officials who require more in depth training of skills at an advanced level.
- They are designed to prepare and certify highly qualified officials wishing to be on the FINA OWS Lists.
- 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.
- Only participants who have successfully completed the test in English or French will become certified. Certification is valid for a four-year period.



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- In addition, each certified official must take the FINA Open Water Swimming Online Course which will be available in English on the [FINA Learning Platform](#).
- Officials who have passed the FINA Open Water Swimming Certification School Exam, the FINA Open Water Swimming Online Exam and who have officiated at a required level will be eligible for the FINA OWS Lists.

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

DATE: **Arrival:** 13th October 2020
Course: 14th – 15th October 2020
Departure: 15th October 2020 after the course completion or 16th in the morning

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

REGISTRATION: All participants must be registered **by the 31st August 2020** 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

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).

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PLACE:

Manama, Bahrain

ARRIVAL AIRPORT:

Bahrain International Airport (BAH)

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 Bahrain Swimming Association if you require visa assistance.

ACCOMMODATION:

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

Gulf Court Hotel

Building 141, Block 408, Road 28
Manama, Bahrain

Website: [Click here](#)

Single room: 61/75 USD per night*
Double room: 69/93 USD per night*

*Bed & breakfast/full board accommodation

RESERVATIONS:

To make a reservation, please contact the Bahrain Swimming 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 Bahrain Swimming Association.

MEETING VENUE:

Bahrain Swimming Association

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PROGRAMME:

Please find attached the school programme.

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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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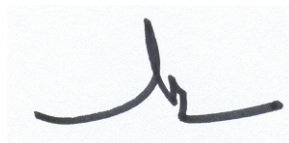
Tel: (41-21) 310 4710

Fax: (41-21) 312 6610

Email: schools@fina.org

We look forward to receiving your nominations through the FINA GMS **by no later than the 31st August 2020.**

Yours sincerely,



Cornel Marculescu
Executive Director

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