MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL FINA MEMBER FEDERATIONS IN EUROPE  
FROM: FINA Office, Lausanne  
DATE: 6th March 2019  
RE: FINA Swimming Coaches Certification Course Assistant Coach Level (L1)  
16-18 May 2019 / Skopje, Macedonia (MKD)

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 Skopje, Macedonia, from 16th to 18th May 2019.

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 English.
- 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 12th April 2019  
Closing: 18th May 2019 (23.59 CEST)

FACE TO FACE COURSE:  
Arrival: 15th May 2019  
Course: 16th – 18th May 2019  
Departure: 18th May 2019 after the course completion or 19th in the morning.

PARTICIPANTS:  
Each National Member Federation may nominate swimming coaches for this course.
REGISTRATION: All participants must be registered by the 11th April 2019 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: Skopje, Macedonia

ARRIVAL AIRPORT: Skopje International Airport (SKP)

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 Swimming Federation of the Republic of Macedonia if you require visa assistance.

ACCOMMODATION: Each National Federation will cover the accommodation expenses of the nominated coaches.
City Park Hotel
Mihail Cokov 8A
Skopje

Website: Click here

Single room: 50 EUR/night (breakfast incl.)
Double room: 80 EUR/night (breakfast incl.)

RESERVATIONS:
To make a reservation, please confirm with the Swimming Federation of the Republic of Macedonia.

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 Swimming Federation of the Republic of Macedonia.

MEETING VENUE:
SRC Boris Trajkovski

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
- Homework tasks as noted in the Online Course
- Hard copy of the Online Course diploma
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 11th April 2019.

Yours Sincerely,

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