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FINA INCREASES PRIZE MONEY FOR HANGZHOU 2018



FINA is pleased to announce that it has substantially increased the amount of prize money to be distributed to the best swimmers at the upcoming 14th FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) in Hangzhou (CHN), from December 11-16, 2018.

The total prize money for the competition is 2'070'000 US dollars, with 1'530'000 US dollars prize for the best ranked swimmers in individual events, and 540'000 US dollars for the best relay teams. An additional 15'000 US dollars bonus is given to each new World Record established in the Championships.

The prize money will be equally distributed to men and women for both individual athletes and relay teams from 1st place to 8th place, as follows:

1st place: US\$ 10'000.- ; 2nd place: US\$ 8'000.- ; 3rd place: US\$ 7'000.- ; 4th place: US\$ 6'000.- ; 5th place: US\$ 5'000.- ; 6th place: US\$ 4'000.- ; 7th place: US\$ 3'000.- ; 8th place: US\$ 2'000.-

A total of 34 individual races and 12 relay events are on the programme of the FINA World Swimming Championships (25m).

The new values for 2018 represent an increase of over 75% compared with the total amount of prize money distributed to the best swimmers in 2016 - 1'173'000 US dollars (excluding WR bonuses).

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FINA OPENS APPLICATION PROCESS FOR
2019 FINA OLYMPIC AQUATICS SUPPORT

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



The application process to the 2019 FINA Olympic Aquatics Support Programme opened on November 1 and will run until November 30.

The purpose of this programme, launched in January 2018, is to provide financial support to all FINA National Member Federations to develop and promote aquatic sports at grassroots, intermediate and elite levels within their countries.

The objective of this programme is to enable the National Federations to further develop, strengthen and improve their activities in all aquatic disciplines.

This includes, but is not limited to, their governance, management and administration which will enhance the organisation's structure and professionalism of their operations to consequently become more efficient, transparent and independent.

National Federations have to fulfil a series of requirements, which are carefully monitored, reviewed and approved by FINA, to be considered for the programme.

Only the National Federations with athletes that have taken part in at least one of the last two FINA World Championships and/or FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) are eligible to apply.

The projects can be undertaken in 8 categories: facilities construction or renovation; purchase of sports material; technology resources; technical support; preparation and training of athletes, coaches and officials; staging and preparation at national and continental competitions; talent-identification; administration and management of the NF.

A total of 162 National Federations (for a total of 367 projects) benefited from this programme in 2018 with still some ongoing projects as the 2018 programme officially finishes on January 15, 2019. Around 4M USD will have been shared among all the participating Federations in 2018.

Funds have been distributed across the five continents and FINA's six disciplines without discrimination.

FINA allocates up to 70% (up to a maximum of USD 25'000 per NF) of the IOC TV rights share received in relation to the previous Olympic Games to the Olympic Aquatic Support Programme.

The total contribution to be granted is confirmed by the FINA Bureau at the end of each Olympic cycle for the next four years.

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35 DAYS TO GO TO THE SWIMMING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Myrtha Pools technology allows Hangzhou to host Swimming World Championships

Leading international swimming pool company Myrtha Pools, a long-term FINA partner, is currently finalising the installation of the temporary pools (25 x 26m, 2m deep) and facilities that will be used at the upcoming 14th FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) in Hangzhou, China, from December 11-16, 2018.

The Italian company has developed an innovative concept to build, on top of an existing tennis centre, not only the main 25m-competition pool but also a warm-up pool for training purposes located in an adjacent building attached to the Championships venue. The facilities will include sufficient space for athletes' preparation and team areas and can accommodate a large number of spectators.

The temporary swimming pools will eventually be dismantled at the end of the World Swimming Championships to be permanently reinstalled in other locations where they will remain available to the local communities, schools and sport clubs.



ABU DHABI 2018



The Hangzhou Olympic and International Expo Center, where the event will be held next month, is only a 15-20 minute-drive from most of the official hotels.

Over 900 athletes are expected to attend, representing around 150 nations and the races schedule unfolds as follow:

SCHEDULE

The six-day event in one of China's most flourishing and modern cities will be preceded by the 5th FINA World Aquatics Convention, a top- top-notch gathering for the leaders of the wider Aquatics Family looking to share best practice and knowledge within the community.

The FINA Best Athletes of the 2018 will also be honoured on the occasion of the FINA World Aquatics Gala.

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