



## A. AIMS

- to improve officiating in swimming.
- to unify the officiating procedures.
- to achieve a list of qualified swimming officials. Only Referees and Starters from this list will officiate as Referees and Starters in major international competitions.

## B. BASIC REGULATIONS

1. Only two (2) international swimming officials' categories will be recognised and certified: **Referees** and **Starters**.
2. Certifications are for a **4-year period** and must be renewed at the end of this period.
3. The application form must show that the applicant has officiated as a Referee and/or Starter in at least two (2) National Championships during the last four (4) years.
4. There shall be a maximum number of new applications and renewals of existing certifications, which a federation may file every two years. **This is maximum three (3) Referees and two (2) Starters.**

Present and former FINA Bureau and TSC Members are certified in **addition** to the maximum quota allowed per federation if they are recognised Referees or Starters within their Federation. They must also file an application for certification or renewal of certification on the official FINA form and process it through their federation which must attest that the applicant does qualify for the position he/she applies for.

5. A Swimming Official can only be on one list in a particular category: he/she cannot be a Referee on two lists at the same time, but may be a Referee on one list and a Starter on the other List.
6. At Olympic Games, World Championships, and all other competitions organised by FINA, only certified officials on the FINA list may officiate on the deck as Referees, Starters, Stroke Judges and Inspectors of Turns.
7. The FINA working language is English. The nominated Officials must therefore be able to communicate in English.
8. All applications (new applications and applications for renewal) must be filed on the official FINA Form. These forms can be obtained from the FINA Office.
9. The Swimming Official has to be citizen, whether by birth or naturalisation, of the nation he/she represents.



## C. PROCEDURE REGARDING THE TIMES AND PERIODS FOR APPLICATIONS (NEW AND RENEWALS)

- **Lists N° 1 to N° 18 are no longer valid.**
- **List N° 19 is valid from 1 January 2017 through 31 December 2020**

*Certifications can be renewed for List N° 21 for another four (4) years starting on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021. Please note the age criteria.*

- **List N° 20 is valid from 1 January 2019 through 31 December 2022**
- **List N° 21 is valid from 1 January 2021 through 31 December 2024**

*Applications for certifications (new and renewals) for the period of List N° 21 must be received in the FINA Office in Lausanne by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020.*

### Please note:

- FINA Office will send a maximum of two (2) official reminders to the NFs before the due date of the application, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020.
- **ONLY** applications that have been duly completed by the due date will be considered and forwarded to the FINA TSC for review.