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**TO: ALL FINA MEMBER FEDERATIONS**  
**FROM: FINA, Lausanne**  
**DATE: 18th March 2020**  
**RE: FINA SWIMMING OFFICIALS LIST N° 21**  
**Valid from 01.01.2021 to 31.12.2024**

Dear Friends,

Reference is made to the **FINA SWIMMING OFFICIALS LIST N° 21**.

Please note that the **List N° 21** will be valid from the **1st January 2021 to the 31st December 2024**, and will include *new certifications* as well as the *renewed certifications from List N° 19*.

The maximum number of new applications and applications for renewal of existing certifications counted together which every Federation may file is **three (3) Referees and two (2) Starters** per period and list.

**List N° 21** will include the periods of the following events:

- 19th FINA World Championships 2021
- 8th FINA World Junior Swimming Championships 2021
- 4th Youth Olympic Games 2022
- 16th FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) 2022
- 20th FINA World Championships 2023
- 9th FINA World Junior Swimming Championships 2023
- XXXIII Olympic Games 2024
- 17th FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) 2024

Organisers of the above-mentioned events are allowed to nominate extra Officials with a total number of Referees not exceeding eight (8) on both FINA Swimming Officials Lists for the specific period (that is lists N° 20 and N° 21).

In order to nominate their Technical Officials for the FINA Swimming Officials List N° 21, each National Federation will have to proceed as follows:

1. All applications must be duly filled out on the form attached, to be returned to the FINA Office (***swimming@fina.org***) **no later than 30th June 2020 (CET)**. The FINA TSC will consider these applications for final approval by the FINA Bureau.
2. Once the forms have been sent, each Technical Official must be nominated by the National Federation through the FINA GMS at <https://data.fina.org> using the NF login details **no later than 30th June 2020**. You can nominate your Technical Officials directly at:  
<https://data.fina.org/nomination/619ca76c-10e0-4a0f-99fe-67614a9c90e6/nominations>

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**IMPORTANT:** Please make sure you register each Technical Official with their personal email address and contact details.

**Please be noted that both actions are mandatory.** FINA will **ONLY** consider the applications that are complete and duly submitted before the deadline. Should you need further assistance with the FINA GMS, please contact [aquaticsdbs@fina.org](mailto:aquaticsdbs@fina.org)

**Please note summary of the selection criteria:**

- Only Referees and Starters who have served in these positions at a minimum of two (2) National Championships (Seniors, Juniors or Age Group) during the last four (4) years can be accepted;
- Age limit: not older than 65 years by 31 December in the year when application is made for the respective FINA List.
- Each Federation can have three (3) Referees and two (2) Starters on the list; and
- Federations organising the above-mentioned competitions can have up to eight (8) Referees combined on Lists N° 20 and N° 21.

Furthermore, please find attached the complete regulations regarding the Certification of International Swimming Officials.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the following FINA Rules:

**GR 2.5**

*When a competitor or 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. [...]*

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*The maximum age of Technical Officials (Judges, Starters and Referees) when officiating at FINA Championships or FINA Competitions, except Masters and Water Polo, shall be sixty five (65) years when application is made for the respective FINA List.*

Accordingly, only applicants born in **1955** or later can be accepted. Related to the GR 2.5, a scanned copy of the applicant's passport should be uploaded in the FINA GMS.

We look forward to hearing from you and remain at your disposal for any further assistance or information you may need.

Yours Sincerely,



Cornel Marculescu  
Executive Director

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