

General Information
FINA/CNSG Marathon Swim World Series 2021
Doha, QATAR – March 13, 2021
KATARA Beach

Qatar Swimming Association (QSA) has the honour and pleasure to invite you to the **FINA/CNSG Marathon Swim World Series**, in Doha, Qatar (QAT).

The following information has been prepared in order to assist your National Federation in its decision to attend this event.

EVENT CONTACT

Should you have any questions or queries regarding the information provided in this document please feel free to contact Qatar Swimming Association (QSA).

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EVENT KEY DATES

February 25, 2021	Final Registration, Sport Entries, Visa, Accommodation, Travel Details
March 11-12, 2021	Official Training (competition venue only, times tbc)
March 12, 2021	Technical Meeting (virtual through “TEAM’s” @ 10:00)
March 13, 2021	Competition (09:00 for Women and 13:00 for Men – times thought tbc)

SITES & DATES of the FINA Marathon Swim World Series 2021

March 13, 2021	Doha (QAT)
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PARTICIPANTS

Meets are open to entries from all national member federations of FINA and except for clubs within its own country, the HMF shall correspond with, and accept entries, only from national member federations of FINA, and not with clubs, coaches or individual swimmers. The HMF may choose to send a National Team and/or Club Representative.

HMF’s are encouraged to continue inviting top athletes, most specifically top ranked ones of the last FINA/CNSG Marathon Swim World Series 2020 and FINA World Championships (Gwangju 2019).

Each HMF shall be obliged to enter National Stars’ within the Host Country meet and shall use its best efforts to ensure the attendance of top swimmers in all other Meets.

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ENTRY PROCESS & PROTOCOL

Registration: All National Federation registration and entries will take place online through the FINA General Management System (GMS) via <https://data.fina.org>. Each national federation will access the system to complete their registrations before the designated deadline for each event.

Support and assistance will be provided by the GMS Support Team via aquaticsdb@fina.org.

PROTOCOL

Costume Protocol - Swimwear worn shall be according to FINA by-laws BL 7 and BL 8.

TECHNICAL / TEAM LEADERS` MEETING

The Team Leaders Meeting will take place virtually on March 12, 2020 at 10:00. Meeting invitations will be distributed upon arrival and from the Hotel Information Desk.

COURSE INFORMATION

The competition of the 10km swim will be organized on a 2.000m lap course (left shoulder turns), at the KATARA Beach at the KATARA Cultural Village, which the swimmers must swim in five (5) laps. More details on the course design will be shared one month prior to the competition. Waters in KATARA Beach are relatively calm, with a course depth varying from 1.8 – 3.5m.

WEATHER INFORMATION

Weather data for the month of March, over the last 8 year's reveals an average air temperature is 26 degrees Celsius at the date of the competition, with clear blue skies, precipitation is at 8mm and humidity average of 65%. Based on the above average, the Heat Index is predicted to be at 23C. Prevailing wind pattern is from NW to NNW, at average speeds between 8 – 17 km/h. Water temperature is approximately 21 degrees Celsius.

COMPETITION PROGRAMME

FINA Marathon Swim World Series 2021 competition program will include a 10km swim race for men and women. The starting time of the races will be confirmed at the Team Leaders Meeting.

Awarding ceremonies will take place at the competition venue, immediately after the final race.

All announcements, instructions, and commands during the event will be in English.

RULES

Please note that all the events in the Series will be conducted according to latest FINA Rules, in force at the time event.

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POINT SYSTEM AND PRIZE MONEY

1. POINT SYSTEM

In each Event, points will be awarded to the swimmers depending upon their race finishing position. Swimmers may accumulate points at each Event in which they participate and finish, with their total points counting towards the overall final rankings for each year.

The points awarded for both the men's and women's races at each Event will be as follows:

Race Finish Position	Points*
1st	800
2nd	700
3rd	600
4th	550
5th	500
6th	450
7th	400
8th	350
9th	300
10th	250

All other race finishers: As it's in the Rules and Regulations 2020

Any swimmers who do not finish the race or who are disqualified will receive zero (0) points.

Any swimmers who the Technical Officials have reason to believe have colluded and/or agreed to finish with a tie, will be subject to disqualification.

2. PRIZE MONEY AT THE EVENT

At each event, the OC will pay a total of US\$30'000 prize money, equally distributed between men and women and as follows:

1 st	US\$ 3'500
2 nd	US\$ 3'000
3 rd	US\$ 2'500
4 th	US\$ 1'700
5 th	US\$ 1'500
6 th	US\$ 1'200
7 th	US\$ 950
8 th	US\$ 650

- The method of the distribution of the prize money shall be announced to the swimmers at each Event during the Technical Meeting.

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- The total amount of the prize money has to be paid to the swimmers without any deductions.
- In case there are less than 8 finishers within a gender for the race, then all the prize money will be redistributed amongst the finishers.
- **The National Federation of all swimmers winning prize money will inform the HMF as to whether the prize money will be paid to the National Federation or directly to the athlete.**

3. OVERALL PRIZE MONEY

The overall annual winners will be decided by the male and female swimmers respectively, who have accumulated the most points at Events in that year, provided that they have participated in a minimum of 50% of Events in that year, including the final Event of the season.

The annual prize money to be awarded for both the Men's and Women's Series overall winners is as follows:

1st	US\$ 50'000
2nd	US\$ 35'000
3rd	US\$ 25'000
4th	US\$ 20'000
5th	US\$ 15'000
6th	US\$ 12'000
7th	US\$ 8'000
8th	US\$ 5'000
9th	US\$ 3'500
10th	US\$ 1'500

Exemotional Entry Permit & VISA Requirements.

All visitors to Doha during the Covid 19 period will require an Exemotional Entry Permit in addition to a Visa in order to travel to Doha.

Qatar Swimming Association (QSA) will facilitate and apply for those documents should the applicant fulfil all the requirements and permission is granted by the responsible authorities. The below procedures will be followed;

Step 01	Applicant book his /her flight ticket to Doha.
Step 02	Each National Federation must submit in the FINA GMS all participants flight details, in addition to electronic copies of a valid passport (at least 6 months from entry date) and country of residence.
Step 03	QSA applies on behalf of the applicant to get permissions /approvals.
Step 04	QSA informs the applicant by official mail, the status of the application (approved /not approved).
	The approval process takes approximately 10-15 days.
Step 05	Only at this stage the applicant can purchase his /her ticket.

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Step 06	A negative Covid 19 RT – PCR is mandatory before travel to Qatar (48 hours in advance of the travel date, proved by a certificate).
Step 07	Upon arrival at Doha airport, participants will be tested again and will be transferred by LOC to the accommodation hotel for a room isolation until the results will be available (24hours).
	Doha's event will be staged following a bubble to bubble set up.

Important note: following the submission of the flight details to FINA GMS, NO CHANGE can take place, as in that case the approval process has to be cancelled and restart. QSA will no reimburse any flight ticket bought in advance of the Exemotional Entry Permit to Qatar approval and officially communicated. As this is a lengthy procedure QSA advice all participants to apply in advance of the set Entries deadline.

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

Qatar Swimming Association (QSA) will organise accommodation to all participating athletes and team officials of the event as per FINA Marathon Swim World Series Rules & Regulations and COVID 19 protocols (social distancing, hygiene, catering, Bubble to Bubble set up, medical care).

The Official Event hotel for the FINA Marathon Swim World Series – Doha (QAT) will be the Wyndham Doha West Bay (5-star / <https://www.wyndhamdohawestbay.com/>) located 15minuntes drive from the competition venue.

Room rates are:

- Single: 170 USD (full board) per night /per room
- Double: 220 USD (full board) per night /per room

To avoid cancellation charges the Accommodation section must be notified of any amendments or cancellation at the latest by February 25, 2021.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Qatar Swimming Association (QSA) will welcome all members of the participating National Federations at the Hamad International Airport (<http://www.dohahamadairport.com>) at the Welcome desk, providing transportation services only between the Airport, the Official Team hotel and the Competition /Training Venue.

Transportation schedules will be provided upon arrival and as part of the detailed Information Pack.

Qatar Swimming Association (QSA) will facilitate Airport Welcome and Transportation services upon receipt of the Travel Information in the FINA GMS by the deadline of February 25, 2021.

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