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# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The "Federation Internationale de Natation" (FINA) hereby notifies and invites all affiliated National Federations (NF's) to participate in FINA Swimming World Cup Series 2021 on the basis:

# 1. HOST, PLACE AND DATE OF COMPETITIONS

Leg 1	Leg 2	Leg 3	Leg 4	
October 1-3	October 7-9	October 21-23	October 28-30	
Berlin (GER)	Budapest (HUN)	Doha (QAT)	Kazan (RUS)	

# 2. EVENTS

The FINA SWC meet will consist of the following individual events for both Men and Women:

- **Freestyle** 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m (W), 1500m (M)

- Backstroke 50m, 100m, 200m
- Breaststroke 50m, 100m, 200m
- Butterfly 50m, 100m, 200m
- Individual Medley 100m, 200m, 400m

A total of 34 individual events which will be swum in a 25m pool configuration. The Mixed 4x50m Freestyle & Mixed 4x50m Medley may be swum at the meet, but the performances from these relay events will not contribute towards the overall scoring for prize money.

# 3. COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Each Meet shall be staged over 3 days with heats in the morning session and all finals in the late afternoon/evening session. Each morning Heats session to be split into two sections with the fastest 3 (three) heats of each event being swum followed by the remaining heats in the section two. Wherever possible, there shall be a minimum of 5 hours between the end of the heats and the start of the finals.

Heats will be held using up to 10 lanes, Finals will be held using 8 lanes and the 3-day competition programme shall be as outlined below. All events will be swum with heats and finals, except the 800m freestyle women, 1500m freestyle men, and 400m individual medley men and women, to be staged as timed finals with the slowest(s) heats(s) during the morning session and the fastest heat during the Finals session.

### **Competition Schedule**

	Day	y 1 - 12 EVENTS	Day 2 - 11 EVENTS			Day 3 - 11 EVENTS			
25m	400m	Freestyle	W	400m	Ind. Medley	W	400m	Ind. Medley	М
Pool	400m	Freestyle	М	1500m	Freestyle	М	800m	Freestyle	W
	50m	Backstroke	W	50m	Backstroke	М	100m	Butterfly	W
	200m	Backstroke	М	200m	Freestyle	W	50m	Butterfly	М
	200m	Butterfly	W	200m	Ind. Medley	М	200m	Backstroke	W
	100m	Butterfly	М	100m	Backstroke	W	100m	Backstroke	М
	200m	Breaststroke	W	50m	Breaststroke	М	50m	Breaststroke	W
	100m	Breaststroke	М	50m	Butterfly	W	200m	Breaststroke	М
	50m	Freestyle	W	100m	Freestyle	М	100m	Freestyle	W
	50m	Freestyle	М	100m	Breaststroke	W	200m	Freestyle	М
	100m	Ind. Medley	W	200m	Butterfly	М	200m	Ind. Medley	W
	100m	Ind. Medley	М				N	leet Ceremony	
							Overall Ceremony (Only in Kazan, RUS)		



#### 4. RULES

The SWC Events will be held under FINA Rules.

#### 5. SWIMWEAR AND ADVERTISING

Identification in the form of logos on swimwear, i.e. swimsuit, cap and goggles, and pool deck equipment, i.e. track suits, official's uniforms, footwear, towels and bags, is permitted in accordance with regulations established in the <a href="By-Laws">By-Laws</a> (BL 7). A two-piece swimsuit shall, in relation to advertising, be regarded as one. The name and the flag of the country of the competitor or the country code shall not be regarded as advertisements. (GR 6.1).

Body advertisement is not allowed in any way whatsoever. (**GR 6.2**). Advertising for tobacco, alcohol or sports-related betting is not allowed. (**GR 6.3**) Advertising identification appearing on swimwear, pool deck equipment is permitted as established in the By-Laws (**BL 7**).

Any advertising identifications which are not indicated in these regulations are not permitted. In the event that any clothing or other items of equipment contravenes these regulations, the competitor must immediately remove the offending item(s) and replace it/them with clothing that complies with FINA rules. In the event that the breach is not immediately remedied the competitor may be requested to wear attire provided by the event organizer. (BL 7.1.9)

FINA reserves the right to request Federations taking part in FINA Competitions to present any advertising identification in this rule for examination and approval of FINA prior to the event in question. (BL 7.1.10)

#### 6. DOPING CONTROL

The actual conduct of doping control shall be the responsibility of a Doping Control Commission of one or more people appointed by the FINA Bureau or its designee. (DC 5.3.3.1)

Any swimmers equalling or breaking a World Record shall submit to *Testing* following the race. When a relay team breaks or equals a World Record all competitors swimming the relay shall be tested. (**DC 5.3.3.2**)

# 7. CONTROL OF EVENTS

As per FINA Rules C3.12 and GR 9.4

# 8. SCORING & PRIZE MONEY

In the concept of the Swimming World Cup, the single victory doesn't count alone. The Overall winner of the FINA Swimming World Cup, for men and for women, is the athlete with the highest overall points after completion of all the meets from the series, regardless of positions from any ranked competitor at each or any meet of the series. The best performance in combination with achievements in different events, not only among swimmers of the same discipline but among all the athletes competing at the series, can be a winning tactic to gain the maximum number of points. (e.g., a swimmer with good performance in breaststroke can win over a swimmer competing in freestyle).

A number of score points inversely related to position at the finals will be summed with additional points based on performance. For scoring performance, the valid FINA Points system is used. FINA Points system is based on the previous year's world record.



# For every event the points are awarded to the finalists:

Position	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Points	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1

# The following additional scoring are awarded based on performances:

Up to	<	999	989	979	969	959	949	939	929	919	909	899	889	879	869	859
Starting from	<	990	980	970	960	950	940	930	920	910	900	890	880	870	860	850
Points	<	9.9	9.8	9.7	9.6	9.5	9.4	9.3	9.2	9.1	9	8.9	8.8	8.7	8.6	8.5
Up to	849	839	829	819	809	799	789	779	769	759	749	739	729	719	709	>
Starting from	840	830	820	810	800	790	780	770	760	750	740	730	720	710	700	>
Points	8.4	8.3	8.2	8.1	8	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.2	7.1	7	>

All payments of prize money shall be made only upon confirmation of negative results from Anti-Doping tests.

# 8.1 By Meet

There is no limit to the number of individual events each athlete can compete per meet, except club representatives, but only the best three results (sum of points for position and performance) are counted in the score for the meet.

In case of a tie in scores, namely between 3rd and 4th scores achieved by an athlete, result with the higher performance (based on the FINA points) will be used, regardless of the position achieved at the event.

A ranking shall be established per gender.

**Prize Money by Meet** 

Ranking position at Meet	Total	Ranking position at Meet	Total
1	US\$ 12'000	11	US\$ 4'900
2	US\$ 10'000	12	US\$ 4'800
3	US\$ 8'000	13	US\$ 4'700
4	US\$ 6'000	14	US\$ 4'600
5	US\$ 5'500	15	US\$ 4'500
6	US\$ 5'400	16	US\$ 4'400
7	US\$ 5'300	17	US\$ 4'300
8	US\$ 5'200	18	US\$ 4'200
9	US\$ 5'100	19	US\$ 4'100
10	US\$ 5'000	20	US\$ 4'000

The National Federation of all swimmers winning prize money shall inform the HMF/OC as to whether the prize money will be paid to the National Federation or directly to the relevant athletes.

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#### 8.2 World Records

A swimmer breaking a World Record shall receive the following bonuses:

- points for performance, higher than 10, according to principle listed above (clause 8). No other extra points will be scored above that.
- prize money of US\$ 10,000.-

A swimmer equalling a World Record will not be entitled to any prize money.

Recognition of World Records:

- (a) The payment of US\$ 10,000.- shall be symbolically made with a presentation cheque to be handed out to an athlete immediately upon conclusion of the event.
- (b) FINA will provide artwork for a presentation cheque to be used at all Meets (OC to produce).
- (c) If two or more swimmers better the World Record in the same event (heat or final), only the winner of that event will receive the US\$ 10,000.- Prize Money.
- (d) World Records achieved at a split will not be considered for the US\$ 10,000.- Prize Money. To be eligible, World Records must be achieved over the actual competition distance of the event.

#### **Overall Final Classification** 8.3

#### 8.3.1 **Overall Scoring**

Overall Ranking will be defined based on the position of the athletes after completion of the series. The scoring and respective ranking is calculated based on the results from all the meets completed by an athlete. Overall Prize Money will be distributed to the top 10 athletes of each gender.

In case of a tie an athlete with a better performance at any event through all the series (based on the FINA points) will get the higher position in the ranking.

Overall Prize money

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Overall Ranking	

Overall Ranking	Total
1	US\$ 100'000
2	US\$ 70'000
3	US\$ 30'000
4	US\$ 15'000
5	US\$ 14'000
6	US\$ 12'000
7	US\$ 11'000
8	US\$ 10'000
9	US\$ 9'000
10	US\$ 7'000

#### **Overall Winners** 8.3.2

The Overall Winners (highest-ranked male and highest-ranked female) will be decided upon conclusion of all the Meets of the SWC by adding all Meet Scorings of the participants. The male swimmer and the female swimmer finishing first of the Overall Scoring shall be declared Winners of the SWC.



Recognition of the Overall Winners:

- (a) The payment of US\$ 100,000.- shall be symbolically made with a presentation cheque to be handed out at the awards ceremony, at the conclusion of the last meet of the Series (OC to produce).
- (b) FINA will provide artwork for a presentation cheque to be used at the last Meet.
- (c) FINA will provide a Trophy to the overall male and female winners.

#### 8.4 Additional Awards/Prizes

Each HMF/OC may offer additional awards and prizes as it sees fit. Any such awards and prizes should be clearly identified at the Technical Meeting at the latest.

# **TEAM INFORMATION**

### 1. PARTICIPATION

Meets are open to entries from all FINA affiliated Federations and from domestic clubs affiliated to the HMF. The number of club swimmers participating in the Meet should not exceed 400, with further limitation to a maximum three entries per person.

# 2. REGISTRATION

All National Federation registration and entries will take place through the FINA General Management System (GMS) via <a href="https://data.fina.org">https://data.fina.org</a>. Each national federation will access the system to complete their registrations of athletes and officials before the designated deadline for each meet. Clubs from HMF's must collect entries outside of the FINA GMS and provide the times directly to OMEGA in the specific format provided by FINA.

# 3. ENTRY TIMES

The entry times will only be accepted if they have been completed within the qualifying period of from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019 and prior to the entry deadline. All times outside of this qualifying period will not be accepted. For the 2021 edition, both times achieved in 25m-pool and 50m-pool will be accepted.

# 4. FINAL ENTRIES

Final Entries are to be submitted through FINA GMS no later than ten days prior to the Meet. The HMF/OC is not obliged to guarantee or provide any logistical assistance for those participants that do not meet this deadline. Each swimmer will be able to swim an unlimited number of individual events, except for club swimmers.

### 5. TEAM LEADERS MEETING

The HMF/OC shall organise a Technical Meeting on the day before the first day of competition of the Meet. The meeting should take place before 12h00 on the day prior to Day 1 of competition. The FINA Technical Delegate shall chair this meeting.

This will be the only opportunity for last minute entry changes (any withdrawals, but additional entries only for duly entered members of national teams - no additions for club representatives)

- (a) Withdrawals for the first session of heats are due by the close of business of the Technical Meeting.
- (b) Withdrawals for each subsequent session of heats are due 1 hour prior to the start of finals the evening before.
- (c) Withdrawals for each session of finals are due not later than 1 hour upon conclusion of the heats on that day.
- (d) DNS will be fined according to FINA Rules.



- (e) A positive check-in for timed final races should be made not later than the conclusion of the finals session on the day prior to the event in order to avoid open lanes in the finals.
- (f) Any entered competitor may be substituted by another entered competitor at the Technical Meeting. It is mandatory for one representative of each Federation to take part in the Technical Meeting The competitors should be made aware of their responsibilities in attending the SWC and being represented at the Technical Meeting. Failing to do so will result in a fine of 100 Swiss Francs (GR 7.1).

#### 6. VISA

The HMF/OC shall make best efforts with its government regarding entry visas for all Meet competitors and team officials from any National FINA Member Federation, as well as for FINA officials and media attending the Meet. Visa requirements for FINA officials shall be provided and is the responsibility of the respective HMF/OC.

#### 7. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

The HMF/OC shall welcome all entered swimmers, team officials and FINA Delegates at the nearest airport/railway station upon arrival, and shall provide appropriate transportation to the official hotels. The HMF shall also provide the return travel arrangements and confirm in advance the departure times from official hotels to the airport/railway station.

The HMF shall provide local transportation between official hotels and training/competition venues (shuttle system every 20 min) free of charge for the following persons for the duration of the Meet and 2 days prior thereto, plus the day after the conclusion of the Meet:

• Swimmers & Team Officials: shuttle buses with drivers and guides

#### 8. ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

- **8.1** The HMF/OC shall provide accommodation in a minimum 4-star hotel with full-board (3 meals per day of adequate quantity and quality) for a minimum of 2 athletes and 1 team leader/coach for each of the other HMF's of the SWC as follows:
  - Neighbouring countries for 5 nights
  - Same continent for 5 nights
  - Another continent for 6 nights

**8.2** All other participating National FINA Member Federations are responsible for their own swimming team's accommodation and board expenses.