

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL FINA MEMBER FEDERATIONS

FROM: FINA, Lausanne

DATE: 1 June 2012

**RE: QUALIFYING PROCEDURE FOR THE
15TH FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
BARCELONA 2013**

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Dear Sirs,

We have the pleasure to forward to you this correspondence relating to the *athletes' participation in SWIMMING competitions* at the **15th FINA World Championships** to be held in Barcelona (ESP) on 19 July – 4 August 2013.

As it was done for Shanghai 2011, a qualifying procedure with A and B standard time will be implemented for Barcelona 2013.

Please see the information below:

1. FINA "A" & "B" SWIMMING QUALIFYING TIME STANDARDS

If a National Federation enters only one (1) swimmer per event all swimmers entered must meet the qualifying B standard time. If two (2) swimmers are entered in the same event, both of them must meet the qualifying A standard time.

Federations may enter swimmers regardless of standard time as follows:

- # having no swimmer qualified: two (2) men and two (2) women; *
- # having one (1) or two (2) swimmers qualified, additional swimmers up to a maximum of four (4) swimmers (two (2) men and two (2) women).*
- # having three (3) swimmers qualified one (1) additional swimmer provided that both genders are represented.*

* Note - Please refer to new FINA Rule BL 9.3.6.2

Swimmers entered without qualifying time must have participated in the National Championships of the Federation. These swimmers will be allowed to enter in two (2) events each.

- Relays: 4x100m Freestyle, 4x200m Freestyle, 4x100m Medley – Men & Women.
- Each Member Federation may enter only one (1) team in each relay event

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Men's Standard

Women's Standard

A – 2 Entries	B – 1 Entry		A – 2 Entries	B – 1 Entry
00.22,33	00.23,11	50 m Freestyle	00.25,34	00.26,29
00.48,93	00.50,64	100 m Freestyle	00.54,86	00.56,78
01.48,42	01.52,21	200 m Freestyle	01.58,74	02.02,90
3.49,55	3.57,58	400 m Freestyle	4.09,81	4.18,55
7.59,06	8.15,83	800 m Freestyle	8.34,33	8.52,33
15.14,38	15.46,38	1500 m Freestyle	16.26,36	17.00,88
0.25,43	0.26,32	50 m Backstroke	0.28,84	0.29,85
0.54,43	0.56,34	100 m Backstroke	1.01,39	1.03,54
1.58,48	2.02,63	200 m Backstroke	2.11,09	2.15,68
0.28,00	0.28,98	50 m Breaststroke	0.32,00	0.33,12
1.00,86	1.02,99	100 m Breaststroke	1.08,63	1.11,03
2.12,78	2.17,43	200 m Breaststroke	2.27,88	2.33,06
0.23,96	0.24,80	50 m Butterfly	0.26,83	0.27,77
0.52,57	0.54,41	100 m Butterfly	0.58,89	1.00,95
1.57,03	2.01,13	200 m Butterfly	2.09,38	2.13,91
1.59,99	2.04,19	200 m Ind. Medley	2.14,97	2.19,69
4.18,99	4.28,05	400 m Ind. Medley	4.44,53	4.54,49

1 Team	4 x 100 m Freestyle	1 Team
1 Team	4 x 200 m Freestyle	1 Team
1 Team	4 x 100 m Medley	1 Team



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2. QUALIFYING PERIOD

The *swimming qualifying time standards* must be obtained at any of the competitions specified below during the following period:

Qualification period: 01 July 2012 – 01 July 2013

3. QUALIFYING EVENTS:

- **Continental Championships 2012 and 2013**
- **International Competitions, to be approved in advance by FINA**
- **National Competitions, to be approved in advance by FINA**

Only swimming qualifying times achieved at competitions approved by FINA can be accepted as entry times for the 15th FINA World Championships - Barcelona 2013.

4. APPLICATION FOR QUALIFYING EVENTS

If your Federation will organise an International Competition or a National Qualifying Meet where the swimmers could achieve the FINA "A" and "B" Qualifying Standard Times, please fill out the attached "Application Form" and return it to the FINA Office in Lausanne (SUI) **as soon as possible but no later than 31st December 2012.**

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO APPLICATION FOR A NATIONAL AND/OR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION WILL BE CONSIDERED AFTER THE DEADLINE.

We would like to draw your attention to the following:

- it is very important to indicate on the "Application Form" the **INFORMATION ON THE TIMING SYSTEM** to be used at the competitions to be organised by the National Federations where the swimmers could achieve the FINA "A" and "B" Qualifying Standard Times.

- FINA will **ONLY** recognise the swimming competitions where referees and starters included on the FINA Swimming Officials Lists N° 15 and N° 16 are officiating for the competitions held in 2012 and FINA Swimming Officials Lists N° 16 and N° 17 for the competitions held in 2013.

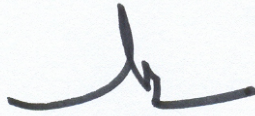
- In order for FINA to endorse the Swimming Qualifying Time Standards achieved at approved competitions, the National Federation / Organiser must send to the FINA Office in Lausanne (SUI) the official results in an



electronic file (either Lenex or Hy-Tek cl2/sdif) **IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE COMPETITION.** The results are to be loaded directly into the rankings database as explained in the attached document - "Federation Online Submission to FINA for Swimming Events".

We look forward to hearing from you and please do not hesitate to contact the FINA Office for any additional information or assistance you may need concerning the qualification procedure for the 15th FINA World Championships – Barcelona 2013.

Sincerely yours,



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Executive Director

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BL 9.3.6 Swimming

BL 9.3.6.1 For each individual event at the World Championships, the FINA Bureau will establish Standard Entry Times in two levels: “A” and “B”, of which “B” shall be easier to achieve. Standard Entry Times can only be achieved in competitions approved for that purpose by FINA.

For each individual event at the World Championships, each National Federation may enter a maximum of two (2) competitors. To enter two swimmers in the same event, both of them must have achieved the “A” Standard Entry Time. To enter one swimmer in an event, the competitor must have achieved at least the “B” Standard Entry Time.

BL 9.3.6.2 At the World Championships, National Federations may enter swimmers who have not achieved either Standard Entry Time as follows:

- With no swimmers who have achieved the “A” or “B” Standard Entry Time: National Federations may enter up to ~~three (3) swimmers, not all of whom are of the same gender~~ four (4) swimmers, two (2) men and two (2) women.

- With ~~only one (1)~~ or two (2) swimmers who has achieved the “A” or “B” Standard Entry Time: National Federations may enter up to ~~two additional swimmers~~ a maximum of four (4) swimmers (two (2) men and two (2) women)., ~~as long as all of the swimmers are not of the same gender and~~ with three (3) swimmers who have achieved the “A” or “B” Standard Entry Time, one (1) additional swimmer provided that both genders are represented.

- The swimmers who have not achieved either Standard Entry Time will only be permitted to enter up to two (2) individual events each.

BL 9.3.6.3 At the World Championships, each National Federation may enter only one (1) team in each relay. All swimmers entered in individual events can be used in relays, even if they have not achieved the “B” Standard Entry Time for the corresponding stroke and distance of the relay in which they are entered. Each National Federation may enter additional swimmers for relays only, provided that they have achieved the “B” Standard Entry Time for the corresponding stroke and distance of the relay in which they are entered.

The following formula shall apply:

- One (1) Relay - two (2) additional swimmers
- Two (2) Relays - four (4) additional swimmers
- Three (3) Relays - six (6) additional swimmers
- Four (4) Relays - eight (8) additional swimmers
- Five (5) Relays - ten (10) additional swimmers
- Six (6) Relays - twelve (12) additional swimmers

