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## **BL 1 PROCEDURE AND REGULATIONS COVERING AFFILIATION FEES**

**BL 1.1** The Treasurer shall send to all the affiliated Members of FINA, during the first week of October each year, a notice accompanied by an invoice requesting payment of the affiliation fee in January for the subsequent year.

**BL 1.2** Any Member whose affiliation fee is not paid by the end of January each year must be notified immediately by the Treasurer, requesting payment and advising the delinquent Member that if payment is not received by March 31st, they will be under suspension from April 1st until the fee is paid or until the Bureau has decided otherwise.

**BL 1.3** The Treasurer shall, in the month of April, notify any Member whose affiliation fee has not been paid by March 31st that they are suspended and that any Member whose fee is not paid by the July 1st may be declared unaffiliated by the Bureau.

**BL 1.4** The Treasurer, in the months of April and July, shall forward to the President and Honorary Secretary of FINA, the list of the Members who have not paid the affiliation fee.

**BL 1.5** The Honorary Secretary shall notify all Members of all suspensions and loss of affiliation and when membership status has been reinstated.

**BL 1.6** All notices related to BL 1.2 and BL 1.3, forwarded to Members by the Treasurer or Secretary, shall be sent by registered mail.

## **BL 2 MAIL VOTE**

**BL 2.1** Where a vote by mail is required or decided to be taken, the Honorary Secretary shall mail by registered air mail, to each member of the Bureau a clear statement to the question to be voted upon with a request that each member shall send his vote thereon to the Honorary Secretary of FINA and the request shall state on what date the voting shall be closed. This date shall not be less than one calendar month after the question has been mailed.

**BL 2.2** The Honorary Secretary may at any time, when sufficient votes have been received to either carry or reject the question, announce the result of the same and the result so announced shall be decisive. The ballots cast by each member shall be kept in the files.

**BL 2.3** Within five days of closing the mail vote the Honorary Secretary shall mail to each Bureau member a copy of the question and a result of the vote.

**NOTE:** *These procedures for the taking of a mail vote shall apply not only to the FINA Bureau but also to all of the FINA Technical Committees, except that the procedure will be carried out by the Secretary of the respective Technical Committee rather than by the Honorary Secretary of FINA.*

## **BL 3 RULES OF ORDER FOR CONGRESSES**

**BL 3.1** The President or other person appointed pursuant to C 15.7 or C 16.4, as Chairman, regulates the course of business of the meeting and is assisted by the presidium as follows:

- a) The Executive Committee members of the FINA Bureau.
- b) The Honorary Life President.

**BL 3.2** At the Congress meeting, only matters appearing on the agenda may be discussed as provided by C 15.8 or C 16.2. All discussions, proposals, recommendations, and resolutions shall be on the basis of the established rules of FINA. If such one of those proposed recommendations or resolutions is not in accordance with the established rules, it shall be automatically rejected.

**BL 3.3** Motions for changes or extensions of the agenda may be proposed by accredited members of the Congress at any time up to the end of the Congress, provided they are urgent and are approved by two thirds majority vote in favour, as provided in C 15.13 or C 16.7.

#### **BL 3.4 Procedures**

**BL 3.4.1** Motions shall be dealt with according to the order of precedence as printed in the respective supplement or bulletin, providing that the proposals of the Bureau shall take precedence.

**BL 3.4.2** Motions are listed by number in order of precedence number 1 having a higher priority than any greater number.

**BL 3.4.3** The action proposed by the FINA Bureau shall be first announced at each motion. (Motion recommended or not recommended.)

**BL 3.4.4** The main motion may be amended and the amended motion also amended (i.e. further amendment). An amendment to a motion must be voted on before the main motion as amended is brought to a vote.

**BL 3.4.5** The proposals, in order of precedence, shall be discussed and voted upon, provided that such proposals are not similar in meaning and intent to those already rejected.

**BL 3.4.6** Motions, except those of the Bureau, require a second before discussion can commence. The President must explicitly ask for a second to the motion. Questions on the motion, points of order, or withdrawn motions do not require a second.

**BL 3.4.7** The delegate proposing the motion shall be given the privilege of speaking briefly to the motion if he wishes. He has the right of reply before a vote is taken.

**BL 3.4.8** Except as provided in BL 3.4.7, delegates may speak only once to the motion. The period of speeches may be limited. If this is the case, the duration will be announced previously.

**BL 3.4.9** All accredited members of the Congress, according to C 15.2 or C 16.3 have the right to ask questions during the debate on any agenda item and make comments on the method of voting. In addition, the Bureau has the right to present to the delegates, in written form, its recommendation in relation to a motion submitted pursuant to C 15.8 or C 16.2, provided always that such a submission is made not later than one hour before the beginning of the Congress.

**BL 3.4.10** The President or Chairman has the flexibility and power to make any necessary decisions in order to expedite the business of the Congress in an efficient and practical manner.

### **BL 3.5 Voting**

**BL 3.5.1** Before submitting a motion to a vote, the President shall present the question concerned in concise, clear, and unequivocal terms.

**BL 3.5.2** The decisions shall be made on the basis of simple majority vote of the delegates present and voting.

**BL 3.5.3** The Chairman will propose for the approval of the Congress at least three scrutineers, for all votings. Their report shall be given to the Chairman or the Secretary.

**BL 3.5.4** The methods of voting which may be adopted by the meeting (for and against) are

- a) by show of hands,
- b) by a standing vote (Division)
- c) by calling the roll (Division),
- d) by a secret ballot, proposed and seconded, or
- e) by electronic equipment.

**BL 3.5.5** If the correctness of a vote is questioned, the President or Chairman of the meeting shall decide the validity of the complaint, taking care that this correctness will not be a reopening of a motion already voted. If somebody asks to reopen the question, it shall be necessary to have two-thirds majority in favour. If not, this motion shall be rejected.

### **BL 3.6 Elections**

If required, the election of the Bureau and officers shall be by secret ballot and in conformity with the provisions of C 17.3, C 17.5 and C 17.6. In the case of a draw for place in the ballot for the election of the Bureau, a new ballot will be taken based on the candidates involved.

### **BL 3.7 Revision Committee**

**BL 3.7.1** At all Congresses a Revision Committee shall be appointed in order to correct, improve, update, change, or amend amendments to motions suggested during the discussion of a motion or any other recommendation to the Congress made by the Bureau or proposed by the delegates for the conformity of the decisions of the Congress.

**BL 3.7.2** When an amendment or a recommendation has been referred to the Revision Committee, decisions concerning the motion in question shall be adjourned, but the Congress shall continue with the agenda until the Revision Committee has reported back to the Congress.

### **BL 3.8 Minutes of the Meeting**

**BL 3.8.1** At each Congress, a full record of the minutes of the proceedings of the Congress shall be kept. The minutes must be available to all Members within a period of four (4) months following the Congress.

**BL 3.8.2** If no objections arise within a period of an additional two (2) months, the minutes stand approved as circulated.

**BL 3.8.3** The original draft minutes must be retained until they are finally confirmed.

**BL 3.8.4** The minutes shall be published in the FINA Circular. For special reasons, the FINA Members may be informed in written form of the decisions reached before they are published in the Bulletin.

## **BL 4 RULES OF ORDER FOR THE BUREAU AND COMMITTEES**

**BL 4.1** The Honorary Secretary shall ensure that the first notice of any duly called meeting will be mailed at least four (4) months ahead of the date of the meeting. If a quorum is not assured thirty (30) days before the date of the meeting, the meeting is to be cancelled.

**BL 4.2** The President of FINA or in his absence the Honorary Secretary shall take the Chair at all meetings of the Bureau.

**BL 4.3** Should neither the President nor the Honorary Secretary be present at the meeting, those present and entitled to vote shall elect one of their members as Acting Chairman.

**BL 4.4** The Chairman shall have a second or casting vote in the event of a tie in the voting.

**BL 4.5** The President or Chairman has the authority and power to make any necessary decisions in order to expedite the business of the meeting in an efficient and practical manner.

**BL 4.6** In the interval between meetings, any action that might lawfully be taken may also be taken by a mail vote.

**BL 4.7** The Honorary Secretary shall keep records of each meeting.

## **BL 5 SELECTION OF MEMBERS OF TECHNICAL AND SPECIALISED COMMITTEES**

**BL 5.1** The composition of the Technical Committees as listed in C 19.1.1 shall consist of at least one member from each geographical region: Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe and Oceania.

**BL 5.2** Each Member shall have the right to make proposals for candidates for membership on the Technical and Specialised Committees as described in C 19.5 to the FINA Office.

## **BL 6 TECHNICAL OFFICIALS**

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. For Water Polo, the age limit shall be fifty five (55) years during the year of competition. Technical Officials on the FINA Lists of International Referees, Starters or Judges above that age shall be entitled to officiate until the end of their appointment.

## **BL 7 ADVERTISING AT FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND FINA COMPETITIONS**

**PREAMBLE:** Identification in FINA Rule GR 6.1 means the normal display of the name, designation, trademark, logo or any other distinctive sign of the manufacturer of the item or of any other advertiser permitted in accordance with this rule.

### **BL 7.1 Advertising**

Advertising identification appearing on swimwear, pool deck equipment and official's uniforms at FINA Championships and Competitions, with exception for FINA World Masters Championships, is permitted as follows:

#### **BL 7.1.1 Swimsuits:**

- One (1) manufacturer's logo of a maximum size of 30cm<sup>2</sup> when worn. Where one-piece body suits are used, two (2) logos of the manufacturer shall be permitted, one above the waist and one below the waist of a maximum size of 30 square centimetres each when worn. These two (2) logos of the manufacturer shall not be placed immediately adjacent to each other. Where two-piece body suits are used, the two (2) logos of the manufacturer shall be placed on one part each.

The logo has to be calculated taking into consideration the entire surface of the logo, as shown below:



- One (1) sponsor's logo of a maximum of 30cm<sup>2</sup> when worn.

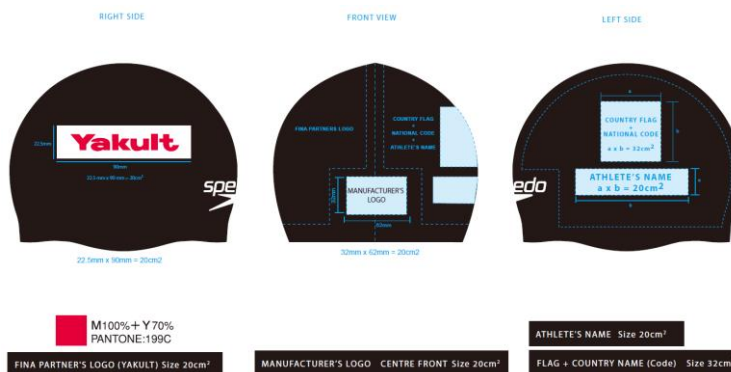
- One (1) flag and one (1) country name or code of a maximum size of 50cm<sup>2</sup> when worn. Repetitions of the national flag, elements thereof or, the colours of the national flag, included as a design element of the swimsuit, shall not be considered under this rule.

Examples:



### BL 7.1.2 Swimming Caps:

- One (1) manufacturer's logo of a maximum size of 20cm<sup>2</sup> on the front.
- One (1) flag and/or country name (code) of a maximum size of 32cm<sup>2</sup>. The side on which the flag and country name (code) shall be printed will be advised by FINA.
- For FINA Championships one (1) FINA Partner's logo of the size decided by FINA on a case by case basis. The side on which the Partner's logo shall be printed will be advised by FINA.



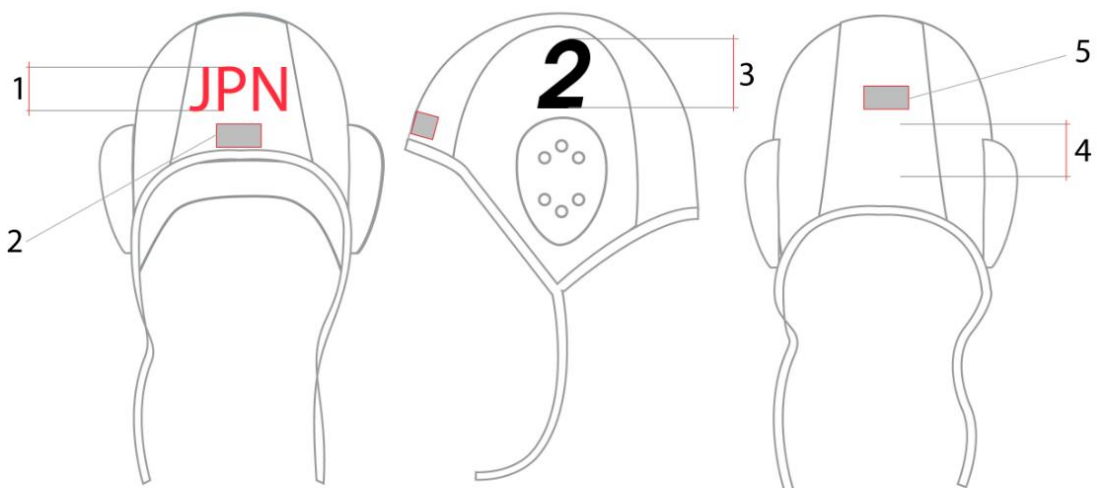
- For FINA competition, one (1) flag and/or country name (code) of a maximum size of 32cm<sup>2</sup> can be printed twice (meaning that the flag and country name can appear on both sides of the cap). This to be advised by FINA whenever applicable.



- Athlete's name of a maximum size of 20cm<sup>2</sup>. The athlete's name shall be printed on the same side as the flag and country name (code). Printing the athletes' name isn't compulsory.
- It is permissible to wear two (2) caps. Both caps must comply with the advertising rules.

#### BL 7.1.3 Water Polo Caps:

- One (1) country code of a maximum height of 4cm on the front side of the cap.
- One (1) manufacturer's logo of a maximum size of 6cm<sup>2</sup> on the front, back or side
- One (1) player number of a maximum height of 10cm on both sides of the cap
- One (1) country flag of a maximum height of 4cm on the back side of the cap
- One (1) sponsor logo (at the discretion of the NF) of a maximum size of 6cm<sup>2</sup> on the back side



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| 1 - Country Code:      | Maximum Height = 4 cm               |
| 2 - Manufacturer Logo: | Maximum Surface = 6 cm <sup>2</sup> |
| 3 - Player Number:     | Maximum Height = 10 cm              |
| 4 - Country Flag:      | Maximum Height = 4 cm               |
| 5 - Sponsor Logo:      | Maximum Surface = 6 cm <sup>2</sup> |

- Notes:
- Only one (1) manufacturer logo can be displayed (i.e. front, back, side, etc.)
  - Only one (1) sponsor logo can be displayed (i.e. front, back, side, etc.)
  - Player number to be put on both sides

In addition to the above, please refer to rule WP 4.

#### BL 7.1.4 Goggles:

- Two (2) manufacturer logos of a maximum size of 6cm<sup>2</sup> each are allowed on goggles but only on the spectacle frame or band.

#### BL 7.1.5 Athletes Bibs:

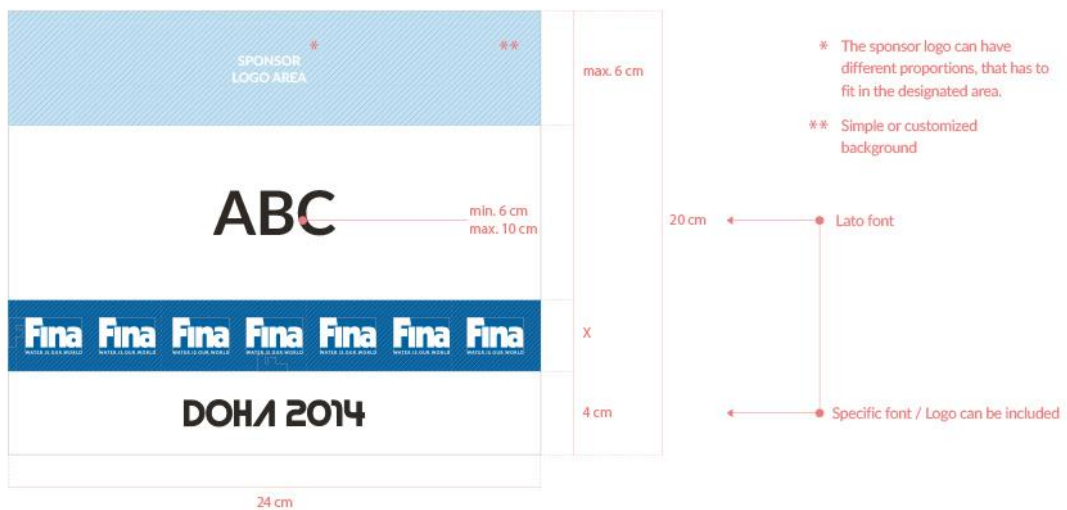
- The maximum size of the Bibs shall be 24cm (width) x 20cm (height).
- The height of the digits on the Bibs shall be no less than 6cm and no more than 10cm.



- The maximum height of the identification above the digits shall be 6cm. The identification may display the name/ FINA Partner's logo.
- The maximum height of the identification below the digits shall be 4cm. The identification may display the name/logo of the Host City and the year.
- The Bibs shall be printed in suitable colours in order to ensure maximum visibility of the digits.
- The Bibs must be worn fully visible during Athletes' introduction and award ceremonies.

An athlete removing the Bib before being presented at the start of an event or before completion of the victory ceremony may be disqualified.

Only one FINA Sponsor may be displayed on Bibs. However, there may be one sponsor for men and another for women at the same Championships.



Bib	Presentation Semi-Final	Presentation Final	Award
SW	Yes	Yes (+ Relay)	Yes
DV	Yes	Yes	Yes
SY	N/A	N/A	Yes
WP	N/A	N/A	Yes
OWS	N/A	N/A	Yes

### BL 7.1.6 Pool deck equipment

- A maximum of two (2) advertising identifications of which one shall be of the manufacturer and the other one of a sponsor are permitted, with a maximum size of 40cm<sup>2</sup> each when worn for any of the clothing items listed below, and a maximum size of 6cm<sup>2</sup> each for any of the accessories and equipment items listed below.



Identification on clothing must be placed on the top breast side so that Bibs requested by FINA may be worn well visible below.

For upper-body clothing items only, the manufacturer's logo (being a design mark of maximum of 8cm in width) may additionally be displayed in the form of a strip in one of the following positions:

- around the bottom of both sleeves; or
- centered down the outer seam of both sleeves (from the collar across the top of the shoulders down to the bottom of the sleeve).



For lower-body clothing items only, the manufacturer's logo (being a design mark of maximum of 8cm in width) may additionally be displayed in the form of a strip centered down the outer seam of both legs (from the waistband down to the bottom of the leg).

- T-shirt (40cm<sup>2</sup>)
- Polo shirt (40cm<sup>2</sup>)
- Casual shirt (40cm<sup>2</sup>)
- Sweat shirt (40cm<sup>2</sup>)

- Bath robe (40cm<sup>2</sup>)
- Tracksuit top (40cm<sup>2</sup>)
- Pants (40cm<sup>2</sup>)
- Shorts (40cm<sup>2</sup>)
- Skirts (40cm<sup>2</sup>)
- Windbreaker (40cm<sup>2</sup>)
- Towels (6cm<sup>2</sup>)
- Baseball caps (6cm<sup>2</sup>)
- Hats (6cm<sup>2</sup>)
- Socks (6cm<sup>2</sup>)
- Footwear (6cm<sup>2</sup>)
- Bags (not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm<sup>2</sup>)



Sample

**BL 7.1.7** 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 7.1.8** FINA reserves the right to request Federations taking part in FINA Championships and Competitions to present any advertising identification in this rule for examination and approval of FINA prior to the event in question.

## BL 8 SWIMWEAR

**BL 8.1** All swimwear used at Olympic Games and FINA Events (pool and open water competitions) shall be swimwear approved by FINA in accordance with the rules and procedures set forth in the FINA Requirements for Swimwear Approval (FRSA) issued by the FINA bureau and valid on the date of approval. Following an approval process conducted by the Swimwear Approval Commission, a list of approved swimwear is published by FINA (the Approved List) each year. The Approved List is published each year before December 31 and is valid starting from January 1 of the subsequent year.

**BL 8.2** In swimming competitions the competitor must wear only one swimsuit in one or two pieces. No additional items, like arm bands or leg bands shall be regarded as parts of a swimsuit.

**BL 8.3** From January 1, 2010 swimwear for men shall not extend above the navel nor below the knee, and for women, shall not cover the neck, extend past the shoulder, nor shall extend below knee. All swimsuits shall be made from textile materials.

**BL 8.4** From June 1, 2010 Open Water swimwear for both men and women shall not cover the neck, extend past the shoulder, nor shall extend below the ankle. All Open Water swimsuits shall comply with the FINA Criteria for Materials and Approval Procedures.

**BL 8.5** From January 15, 2010 in Masters Pool Swimming competitions the rules BL 8.1, BL 8.2 and BL 8.3 apply. From June 1, 2010 the rule BL 8.4 applies also for the Masters Open Water competitions.

*[NOTE TO BL8.5: It is clarified that swimsuits which fulfill the shape requirement set forth in BL 8.3, respectively BL 8.4 (for Open Water Swimming) can be accepted even if they do not bear a valid FINA approval label provided they effectively and evidently fulfill the material requirements set forth in the current FINA Requirements for Swimwear Approval. This is the case for swimsuits made of traditional permeable textile (i.e. open mesh material) material (such as cotton, Nylon, Lycra and the like) with no application of surface treatment closing the open mesh structure. In case of doubt in this respect and when notably such doubt concerns a swimsuit used at the occasion of a World record, an actual check of the swimsuit can be required from the competitor or Certifying Official and the swimsuit is to be forwarded to the FINA Office for submission to an actual control of all or parts of the requirements.]*

**BL 8.6** For team events in open water swimming, all swimmers from the same team must wear the same colour caps which shall also comply with the FINA rule BL 7.1.2.

## **BL 9 OLYMPIC GAMES, WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND WORLD SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS (25m)**

**PREAMBLE:** The programme of events at the Olympic Games established by the IOC on proposal of the FINA Bureau shall be announced as soon as it has been approved. The programme of events at the World Championships shall be as in GR 9.6

### **BL 9.1 Officials**

The Judges nominated must be of the same nationality as the FINA Member Federation signing the form and fully certified by the respective Technical Committee.

The FINA Technical Committees will propose Technical Officials (Judges and Referees) to act at the Olympic Games or World Championships from the current FINA Officials Lists in the respective discipline, for approval by the FINA Bureau or FINA Executive.

For no show of nominated officials the respective Federation will be fined 2'000 Swiss Francs.

### **BL 9.2 Facilities**

**BL 9.2.1** At Olympic Games and World Championships Rules FR 3, FR 6, FR 8 and FR 11 shall apply.

**BL 9.2.2** At Olympic Games and World Championships approved Automatic Officiating Equipment shall be provided and used.

**BL 9.2.3** For the FINA World Championships all venues shall be available for use at least 5 days before the opening ceremony.  
For all other FINA events all pools shall be available for use by entered competitors before the competition begins.

Swimming, Open Water Swimming, Water Polo, Synchronised Swimming - five (5) days prior, Diving, High Diving - eight (8) days prior.

**BL 9.2.4** During the competition days the pools shall be available for training when competitions are not in progress.

**BL 9.2.5** Seating positions along the side of the pool shall be provided for all competitors, team officials and unassigned technical officials, from which they may properly observe training and competitions.

### **BL 9.3 Entries**

#### **BL 9.3.1**

- a) Each Federation concerned must confirm its desire to take part in the World Championships to the Organising Federation at least four (4) months before the beginning of the Championships with a copy to the FINA Office. Forms for confirmation shall be distributed to all Members of FINA to reach them at least one (1) month in advance of the required date.
- b) Thirty (30) days before: Final confirmation by each Federation of the actual number of male and female competitors they will be sending.

**BL 9.3.2** For Olympic Games, entries shall be made on official forms signed by the Secretary of the respective National Olympic Committee and delivered to the Organising Committee of the Country holding the Games, on or before the date determined by the International Olympic Committee. The Honorary Secretary of FINA or his deputy shall claim these entries at least seven (7) days before the start of the first competition.

**BL 9.3.3** For World Championships, entries shall be made on official entry forms signed by the Secretary of the respective Member and delivered to the Organising Committee on or before the date determined by FINA. The Honorary Secretary of FINA or his deputy shall claim these entries at least five (5) days before the start of the first competition.

#### **BL 9.3.4**

**BL 9.3.4.1** Competitors entered for Diving, Water Polo, and Synchronised Swimming cannot swim relay events, and those entered for Swimming, Diving, and Synchronised Swimming cannot be used as Water Polo reserves, with the proviso that one and the same swimmer could compete in Water Polo as well as other Swimming competitions, if officially entered for such competitions.

**BL 9.3.4.2** Each competitor at World Championships and FINA competitions must wear on the chest over their tracksuit such advertising as supplied by FINA when being introduced prior to the start of each event and during the victory ceremony.

**BL 9.3.5** At least seven (7) days before the commencement of the Olympic Games or the World Championships, the Secretaries of the Members sending competitors shall forward to the Organising Committee of the Country hosting the competition a

list of any competitors entered who are not starting, so that the non starters may be eliminated from the entries.

### **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.

- a) Standard Entry Times can only be achieved in competitions approved for that purpose by FINA.
- b) For each individual event at the World Championships, each National Federation may enter a maximum of two (2) competitors. To enter two (2) swimmers in the same event, both of them must have achieved the “A” Standard Entry Time.
- c) To enter one (1) swimmer in an event, the competitor must have achieved at least the “B” Standard Entry Time.
- d) Swimmers having achieved only one (1) “A” or one “B” entry time are entitled to enter one (1) additional event. The additional individual event must be in an event where no other swimmer from the National Federation has been entered.

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

- a) With no swimmers who have achieved the “A” or “B” Standard Entry Time: National Federations may enter up to four (4) swimmers, two (2) men and two (2) women.
- b) With one (1) or two (2) swimmers who has achieved the “A” or “B” Standard Entry Time: National Federations may enter up to a maximum of four (4) swimmers (two (2) men and two (2) women), 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.
- c) The swimmers who have not achieved either Standard Entry Time will only be permitted to enter up to two (2) individual events each.
- d) An individual entry for a swimmer without an “A” or “B” Standard Entry Time must be in an event where no other swimmer from the National Federation has been entered.

**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 an “A” or “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. Any additional swimmers must be within the maximum quota of swimmers for the event.

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) or more Relays - twelve (12) additional swimmers

**BL 9.3.6.4** For each individual event at the Olympic Games, the FINA Bureau will establish Standard Entry Times of two types: an “Olympic Qualifying Time” (OQT) and a “FINA/Olympic Selection Time,” of which the “FINA/Olympic Selection Time” shall be easier to achieve. Standard entry times can only be achieved in competitions approved for that purpose by FINA.

#### **BL 9.3.6.4.1 Olympic Qualifying Time (OQT)**

For each individual event at the Olympic Games, each National Federation/NOC may enter a maximum of two (2) competitors. To enter two swimmers in the same event, both swimmers must have achieved the “Olympic Qualifying Time.” To enter one swimmer in an event, the competitor must have achieved at least the OQT or must have achieved the “FINA/Olympic Selection Time,” and be invited by FINA to compete.

Swimmers who achieve the “Olympic Qualifying Time” in one or more individual events are automatically qualified to participate in the Olympic Games.

#### **BL 9.3.6.4.2 FINA/Olympic Selection Time**

After determining the number of swimmers who have achieved the Olympic Qualifying Time, the number of swimmers entered in relays and the number of swimmers of National Federations/NOCs who have not achieved either Standard Entry Time based on BL 9.6.3.5, swimmers with the FINA/Olympic Selection Times may be invited. The number of invitations will be determined by the athlete quota/target established by the International Olympic Committee.

Swimmers who achieve the “FINA/Olympic Selection Time” are eligible to be invited to participate in the Olympic Games and will be invited to compete in the Olympic Games until the IOC quota/target is reached. FINA will invite swimmers with FINA/Olympic Selection Times to participate based upon the following:

- In individual events, swimmers will be compared to an Olympic Games Qualification Rankings compiled from 1 March 2015 through 1 July 2016, using only FINA-approved competitions, with only two athletes per country permitted into the rankings (if a country has more than two, those additional athletes will not be included).
- Those athletes with the highest Olympic Games Qualification ranking will be invited first until the IOC quota/target is reached.



- Should there be a tie in selection of the IOC quota/target, all athletes who are tied will have their times compared to the FINA Points Table from 1 January 2016, and those athletes with the highest point scores will be invited first until the IOC quota/target is reached. For example, if there are three spots remaining, and five athletes tie in the Olympic Games Qualification ranking placing, those athletes' times will be given a point score and the athletes with the top three FINA Point Table scores will be invited to participate at the Olympic Games.

The priority order for qualification into the Olympic Games will be:

- All athletes with Olympic Qualifying Times
- Athletes on relays
- Universality athletes
- Invited athletes who have achieved a FINA/Olympic Selection Time

**BL 9.3.6.4.3** NFs/NOCs without qualified athletes – Universality

National Federations/NOCs with no swimmers who have achieved either Standard Entry Time may enter one (1) man and one (1) woman (Universality), provided that those swimmers participated in the 16th FINA World Championships – Kazan 2015 and are invited by FINA to compete.

**BL 9.3.6.5** In the Olympic Games, not more than sixteen (16) teams can be entered in each relay competition. The top twelve (12) finishers at the 16th FINA World Championships – Kazan 2015 shall be qualified based upon the results achieved in the heats. The four (4) other teams shall be selected by FINA on the basis of the fastest times achieved in the fifteen-month period before the Olympic Games (1 March 2015 through 1 June 2016) in competitions approved for that purpose by FINA. If any qualified teams are not able to participate for any reason, available slots will be filled on the basis of next fastest times achieved in the fifteen-month period before the Olympic Games in competitions approved for that purpose by FINA. Individual times may not be aggregated for relay qualification purposes.

Each National Federation/NOC may enter only one (1) team in each relay event. All swimmers entered in individual events can be used in relays, even if they have not achieved the FINA/Olympic Invitational Time for the corresponding stroke and distance of the relay in which they are entered.

Each National Federation/NOC may enter additional swimmers for relays only, provided that they have achieved the “FINA/Olympic Invitational 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

If an NOC enters relay-only swimmers for a specific event, these swimmers must swim either in the heat or final of that relay event. Should a relay-only swimmer not compete, this will lead to the disqualification of the respective team.

#### **BL 9.3.6.6** Electronic Entries

- Entries for the FINA World Championships, the FINA World Swimming Championships (25m), the FINA World Junior Swimming Championships and other FINA Swimming events shall be made electronically, when available.
- FINA will maintain a listing of times achieved during the qualification period, called the FINA Rankings.
- National Federations will enter swimmers and relay teams using the FINA Rankings as the entry time for seeding purposes. Where no valid time information is recorded in the FINA Rankings, the swimmer or relay team will be entered with no time.
- Only valid times included in the FINA Rankings at the date of the deadline for entries and achieved within the qualification period can be accepted as entry times.
- When all entries are completed, the National Federation must transmit the entry list to the FINA Office in accordance with the established entry deadline.
- The heats, semi-finals and finals shall be arranged in accordance with Rule SW 3, under the supervision of the Technical Swimming Committee.

**BL 9.3.6.7** The composition of a relay team may be changed between heats and finals of an event. When preliminaries are swum, medals shall be awarded to those swimmers who swam in the heats and the final race.

**BL 9.3.6.8** The names of swimmers actually swimming on a relay must be submitted at least one hour before the start of the session in which the event is to take place, in the order in which they are to swim. The names of swimmers in medley relay events must be listed for their respective strokes.

**BL 9.3.6.9** Each Member may enter a maximum number of twenty-six (26) men and twenty-six (26) women swimmers.

**BL 9.3.6.10** The heats, semi-finals and finals shall be arranged in accordance with Rule SW 3, under the supervision of the Technical Swimming Committee.

**BL 9.3.6.11** The entry list shall be published at least four (4) days before the first day of competition.

**BL 9.3.6.12** In every event, in the Olympic Games and World Championships, including 800m and 1500m Freestyle for women and 800m and 1500m Freestyle for men, competitors shall be seeded for the heats in accordance with the times submitted on the official entry form.

Swimmers shall be advanced to semi-finals and finals on the basis of their times in the heats and semi-finals.

In the World Swimming Championships (25m) and World Junior Swimming Championships, the 800m Freestyle for women and the 1500m Freestyle for men may at the discretion of the Bureau be conducted on a timed final basis with the fastest heat only conducted during the finals session.

In distances of 50m, 100m and 200m, heats, semi-finals and finals will be held. At the World Swimming Championships (25m) and World Junior Swimming Championships events of 200 m and above only heats and finals will take place.

### **BL 9.3.7 Open Water Swimming**

#### **BL 9.3.7.1 Entries**

For the Olympic Games and the World Championships each member may enter a maximum of two (2) males and two (2) females per individual event. For team events in the World Championships, the member can enter only one (1) team per event. Only swimmers who are entered in individual events at the World Championships can take part in the Team Event. Withdrawals can be made up to and including the Teams Technical Meeting but no substitution is permitted.

#### **BL 9.3.7.2 Numbering of swimmers**

The numbering of athletes is to appear on the arms, upper backs and hands of competitors. On the arms the numbers shall be arranged vertically. On the upper backs and hands the numbering is horizontally. The numbering of the arms and backs is made with an ink template: 100 mm high x 60 mm wide. The numbering of the hands of competitors is allowed by marking pens. For athletes with darker skin and full body swim suits a white marker pen will be required.

#### **BL 9.3.7.3 Identification**

In all Open Water events it is mandatory for the head or cap to display on each side the "national-three letter code" and may display the swimmer's national flag. The country code shall be a minimum of 0.08m in height.

#### **BL 9.3.7.4 Finish Approach**

For Olympic Games, World Championships and all FINA events, the Finish Approach (OWS 7.1) is part of the course, and swimmers shall remain within the rows of buoys throughout their approach to the Finish.

#### **BL 9.3.7.5 Events**

5 km Team Event as Time Trial

- a) A team shall consist of three (3) swimmers, either one (1) man and two (2) women or two (2) men and one (1) woman.
- b) Every team shall start with all swimmers together thirty (30) seconds after the preceding team.
- c) The allocation of starting positions shall be taken from automatic random draw. The ranking shall be decided by the individual time achieved by the third swimmer of the team. Only one team per NF is allowed.

#### **BL 9.3.7.6 OLYMPIC GAMES**

##### **BL 9.3.7.6.1 Events**

Only events in 10 km will be held for both Men and Women.

#### **BL 9.3.7.6.2 The Start**

For Olympic Games the start shall be from a fixed platform.

#### **BL 9.3.7.6.3 Qualification for Rio 2016 Olympic Games**

##### **1. 16th FINA World Championships - Kazan 2015**

The first ten (10) finalists from the 10 km event – men and women – will qualify. 20 Marathon Swimmers (10 Men & 10 Women)

##### **2. FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier 2016**

Only NF/NOC not having qualified swimmers through point 1 above may elect to send two (2) athletes per event. Each NF/NOC will qualify only one (1) athlete per event. 18 Marathon Swimmers (9 Men & 9 Women)

#### **Continental Representation**

The first eligible finisher in the 10 km event – Men and Women – from each of five (5) Continents will qualify. 10 Marathon Swimmers (5 Men & 5 Women)

In the event that a NF/NOC has previously qualified one (1) or two (2) swimmers, the selection process will move to the next eligible finisher in the FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier event to ensure that each of these competitions yields a competitor.

#### **Host Nation**

One (1) male and one (1) female marathon swimmer from the host nation if not previously qualified, will qualify. 2 Marathon Swimmers (1 Man & 1 Woman)

If the host nation qualifies two (2) athletes through the Point 1 above or one (1) athlete through the Points above, than this slot will be added to Point 2 and allow it to yield an additional 10th qualification.

### **BL 9.3.7.7 WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

#### **BL 9.3.7.7.1 Age Groups as at 31st December of the year of the competition**

- 14-15 years Boys and Girls
- 16-17 years Boys and Girls
- 18-19 years Boys and Girls

#### **BL 9.3.7.7.2 Individual Events**

- 14-15 years 5 km Boys and Girls
- 16-17 years 7.5 km Boys and Girls
- 18-19 years 10 km Boys and Girls

#### **BL 9.3.7.7.3 Competition Programme**

- Day 1           AM 14-15 years 5 km  
                      PM 16-17 years 7.5 km
- Day 2           AM 18-19 years 10 km

- Day 3 AM 14-16 years Relay Event  
PM Open Relay Event

#### **BL 9.3.7.7.4 Team Relay Events**

- Each swimmer shall complete a lap of 1.25 km.
- Swimmers may swim in any sequence, but may only swim once.
- All teams will start together.
- Starting order on the platform will be by random draw.
- There shall be a change-over zone of a minimum of 5 m in width.
- Changeovers shall be made with the following swimmer in the water in their starting position holding the platform.
- Changeovers shall be made with an obvious visible touch between the swimmers making the change.
- Swimmers may enter the change-over zone when the previous swimmer is approaching the zone and leave the water immediately at the conclusion of their lap.
- Swimmers shall all wear team caps of the same colour and style.

#### **BL 9.3.7.7.5 Entries**

- Team event consists of 4 swimmers, 2 males & 2 females.
- One Team per federation per event.
- Teams events in 14-15-16; & U/19. Swimmers may only swim one team event.

### **BL 9.3.8 Diving**

**BL 9.3.8.1** At the Olympic Games and the World Championships, in springboard and platform Diving contests only dives prescribed by the FINA Rules for Diving shall be executed.

#### **BL 9.3.8.2 World Championships**

Each Member may enter a maximum of two (2) competitors, regardless of standards, for each individual event and one (1) team of two (2) competitors for each synchronised diving event.

#### **BL 9.3.8.3 Olympic Games**

##### **BL 9.3.8.3.1 General**

An NF/NOC may enter up to two (2) divers for each individual event (springboard or platform) and up to two (2) divers in each synchronised diving event (springboard or platform) on the same height, for which the divers and/or federation team is qualified.

2016 Olympic Qualification System:

##### *Phase I*

16th FINA World Championships - Kazan 2015

Individual Diving Events: 3 Metre and 10 Metre Men and Women

12 Finalists (earned qualification positions for their NF/NOC)

Synchronised Diving Events: 3 Metre and 10 Metre Men and Women  
Top Three (3) Finalists plus the Host Nation (BRA)

*Phase II*

The Champion in each of the Continental Championships so designated to FINA and conducted in 2015 or 2016 but prior to the 20th FINA Diving World Cup 2016 shall earn a position for his/her National Federation / NOC.

*Phase III*

FINA World Cup 2016, Rio (BRA)

Individual Diving Events: 3 Metre and 10 Metre Men and Women

18 Semi-Finalists (earned qualification positions for their NF/NOC to a maximum of two (2) per NF/NOC)

To qualify for the remaining ranked placings for the Individual events, up to a maximum of (34) divers, will be determined from the preliminary events, 19th places and higher.

Synchronised Diving Events: 3 Metre and 10 Metre Men and Women  
Top Four (4) placed teams, excluding those teams previously qualified in Phase I.

**BL 9.3.8.3.1.1** Following the conclusion of the 20th FINA Diving World Cup 2016 and not later than fourteen (14) days thereafter each National Federation/NOC will be notified the number of divers that National Federation/NOC may enter in the Olympic Games. The total number of divers to be entered shall not to exceed one hundred and thirty six (136).

**BL 9.3.8.3.1.2** No later than thirty (30) days prior to the closing deadline for the receipt of entries by the Olympic Games Organising Committee, the National Federation/NOC shall advise FINA the number of the allowed divers that the National Federation / NOC will enter in each event. If a diver will be entered both as a team member in synchronised diving and as an individual competitor on the same height, that diver should only be counted as one person. (Example: If both synchronised divers in springboard also compete individually in springboard, the total number of springboard divers shall be reported as two (2)).

**BL 9.3.8.3.2 Synchronised Diving (Springboard and Platform)**

There shall be eight (8) synchronised diving teams in each event.

Synchronised diving teams shall be qualified by National Federation / NOC according to the following:

- a) The first three (3) teams from the 16th FINA World Championships - Kazan 2015
- b) One (1) team from the Host Country
- c) The first four (4) additional teams from the 20th FINA Diving World Cup 2016

If any of the eight (8) qualified teams withdraws it shall be replaced by the next ranked team at the 20th FINA Diving World Cup 2016. If so, in accordance



with FINA Office, the substitution shall be announced by FINA latest 30 days prior the event starts.

### **BL 9.3.8.3.3 Individual Diving (Springboard and Platform)**

**BL 9.3.8.3.3.1** All divers participating in individual events must meet the FINA Diving Qualifying Requirements as specified in BL 9.3.8.3.3.4.

**BL 9.3.8.3.3.2** A National Federation / NOC is limited to entering a maximum of two (2) divers in each individual event.

**BL 9.3.8.3.3.3** There shall be a maximum of thirty-four (34) divers - participating in each individual event.

**BL 9.3.8.3.3.4** Individual divers shall be qualified by National Federation / NOC according to the following:

- a) The first twelve (12) finalists in each individual event from 16th FINA World Championships - Kazan 2015 shall earn a position for his/her National Federation / NOC.
- b) The Champion in each of the Continental Championships so designated to FINA and conducted in 2015 or 2016 but prior to the 20th FINA Diving World Cup 2016 shall earn a position for his/her National Federation / NOC.
- c) Additional divers up to a maximum of thirty-four (34) in each event according to their ranking from the 20th FINA Diving World Cup 2016 shall earn a position for his/her National Federation / NOC.

**BL 9.3.8.3.3.5** If a diver qualified in accordance with BL 9.3.8.3.3.4 has not been entered to the Olympic Games a substitute shall be selected according to the same rule to the extent that the aggregate of all entries (Synchronised Diving and Individual Diving) does not exceed one hundred and thirty six (136).

### **BL 9.3.9 Synchronised Swimming**

**BL 9.3.9.1** For Olympic Games, team routines shall consist of eight (8) competitors. The total number of competitors entered by each Federation (unless otherwise specified) may not exceed nine (9) competitors.

For World Championships and FINA competitions, team routines shall consist of eight (8) competitors and ten (10) for Free Combination. For FINA competitions, the total number of competitors entered by each Federation (unless otherwise specified) may not exceed twelve (12) competitors. For World Championships, the total number of competitors entered by each Federation (unless otherwise specified) may not exceed fourteen (14) competitors including maximum two male competitors only if the Federation enters Mixed Duets.

**BL 9.3.9.2** Each Member may enter one Solo Tech, one Solo Free, one Duet Tech, one Duet Free, one Mixed Duet Tech, one Mixed Duet Free, one Team Tech, one Team Free and one Free Combination in the World Championships and subject to IOC approval in the Olympic Games.



### **BL 9.3.9.3 World Championships events**

Solo, Technical Routine  
Solo, Free Routine  
Duet, Technical Routine  
Duet, Free Routine  
Mixed Duet, Technical Routine  
Mixed Duet, Free Routine  
Team, Technical Routine  
Team, Free Routine  
Combination

### **BL 9.3.9.4 Olympic Qualifying Tournament**

In the year of the Olympic Games, or as close as possible to the Olympic Games, a Qualifying Tournament shall be held.

### **BL 9.3.9.5 Olympic Games**

#### **BL 9.3.9.5.1 Teams**

The Olympic competition shall be for a maximum of eight (8) teams selected in the following manner:

- a) Automatically one (1) team from the Continental Championships of the five (5) continents. The Host Country will be representative of that continent.
- b) The other three (3) teams shall qualify from the Olympic Games Qualifying Tournament in Synchronised Swimming in the year of the Olympic Games.
- c) If for any reason qualified teams do not wish to participate in the Olympic Games, then the next ranked team(s) from the Olympic Games Qualifying Tournament shall be invited to attend.

#### **BL 9.3.9.5.2 Duets**

The competition shall be for a maximum of twenty-four (24) duets selected in the following manner:

- a) The Host Country automatically qualifies
- b) One (1) duet from the Continental Championships of the five (5) continents.
- c) Eight (8) duets from the teams qualified as above
- d) Plus the next ranked duets from the Olympic Games Qualifying Tournament.
- e) If for any reason a qualified duet does not wish to participate in the Olympic Games then the next ranked duet(s) from the Olympic Games Qualifying Tournament shall be invited to attend.

### **BL 9.3.10 Water Polo**

For Water Polo, an entry of a maximum of thirteen (13) players may be accepted.

#### **BL 9.3.10.1 Qualification for Olympic Games Men**

**BL 9.3.10.1.1** The competition shall be between a maximum of twelve (12) teams selected in the following manner:

**BL 9.3.10.1.2** The first team from the preceding year's World League. If this team has already qualified as the continental representative (BL 9.3.10.1.4) then the next ranked team from the World League qualifies.

**BL 9.3.10.1.3** The first two (2) teams from the preceding World Championships. If any one of these two (2) teams has already qualified as the continental representative (BL 9.3.10.1.4) or from the preceding year's World League (BL 9.3.10.1.2) the next ranked team from the World Championships qualifies.

**BL 9.3.10.1.4** Automatically one (1) team from the Continental Championships of the five (5) continents or if already qualified at the preceding year's World League (BL 9.3.10.1.2) or at the 16th FINA World Championships - Kazan 2015 (BL 9.3.10.1.3), then the next ranked team from the continental championships will qualify.

**BL 9.3.10.1.5** The Host Country will automatically qualify.

**BL 9.3.10.1.6** The other three (3) teams are to come from the highest placed teams at the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Men.

**BL 9.3.10.1.7** If, for any reason, no team enters from a continent, or if there is an unfilled vacancy from among the teams qualified from the preceding year's World League or preceding World Championship, the next ranking team(s) will then be taken in order from their placing at the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Men.

**BL 9.3.10.1.8** FINA has authority to amend BL 9.3.10.1 and list in chronological order to reflect the qualification of teams in accordance with the timing of FINA Events.

#### **BL 9.3.10.2 Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Men**

**BL 9.3.10.2.1** The competition shall be between a maximum of twelve (12) teams selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental championships in the following manner:

**BL 9.3.10.2.2** The twelve (12) teams from the continents shall be selected according to the following formula: Europe - 5; Americas - 3; Asia - 2; Africa - 1; and Oceania - 1. The Host Country will be considered to be a representative from that Continent.

**BL 9.3.10.2.3** The highest qualifying team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championship shall be entitled to represent that continent; if any teams do not accept, then the next highest ranking team willing to accept and participate in the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament shall qualify.

**BL 9.3.10.2.4** If there is an unfilled vacancy from a continent, then that vacancy shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championship with the following

rotation: host continent of the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament, Americas, Asia, Europe, Oceania and Africa.

#### **BL 9.3.10.3 Qualification for Olympic Games - Women**

**BL 9.3.10.3.1** The competition shall be for a maximum of eight (8) teams selected in the following manner:

**BL 9.3.10.3.2** Automatically one (1) team from the Continental Championships of the five (5) continents. The Host Country will be the representative of that continent.

**BL 9.3.10.3.3** The other three (3) teams qualify from the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Women

**BL 9.3.10.3.4** If for any reason, qualified teams do not wish to participate in the Olympic Games, the next ranking team(s) will then be taken in order from their placing at the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Women

#### **BL 9.3.10.4 Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Women**

**BL 9.3.10.4.1** The competition shall be between a maximum of twelve (12) teams selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental championships.

**BL 9.3.10.4.2** The twelve (12) teams from the continents shall be selected according to the following formula: Europe - 5; Americas - 3; Asia - 2; Africa - 1; and Oceania - 1. The Host Country will be considered to be a representative from that Continent.

**BL 9.3.10.4.3** The highest qualifying team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championship shall be entitled to represent that continent; if any teams do not accept, then the next highest ranking team willing to accept and participate in the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament shall qualify.

**BL 9.3.10.4.4** If there is an unfilled vacancy from a continent, then that vacancy shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championship with the following rotation: host continent of the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament, Americas, Asia, Europe, Oceania and Africa.

#### **BL 9.3.10.5 Qualification for World Championships - Men**

**BL 9.3.10.5.1** The competition shall be between a maximum of sixteen (16) teams selected in the following manner:

**BL 9.3.10.5.2** The four (4) highest ranking teams from the preceding World Cup or Olympic Games, two (2) highest ranking teams from the preceding year's World League, one (1) team from the host country and nine (9) teams from the five (5) continents to be selected through continental qualification

tournaments or continental championships. The nine (9) teams from the continents shall be selected according to the following formula: Europe - 3; Americas - 2; Asia - 2; Africa - 1; and Oceania - 1.

**BL 9.3.10.5.3** If any one of the teams qualified from the preceding year's World League are in the first four (4) from the preceding World Cup or Olympic Games, the next ranked team from that World Cup or Olympic Games qualifies.

**BL 9.3.10.5.4** The highest qualifying team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships shall be entitled to represent that continent; if any team does not accept, then the next highest ranking team willing to accept and participate in the World Championships shall qualify.

**BL 9.3.10.5.5** If the host country is already included in the four (4) highest ranking teams from the preceding World Cup or Olympic Games, then that entry position shall be filled by the next highest placed team from that World Cup or Olympic Games.

**BL 9.3.10.5.6** If another of the four (4) highest ranking teams from the preceding World Cup or Olympic Games or one (1) of the two (2) highest ranking teams from the preceding year's World League does not enter, then that position shall be filled from the next highest placed team from that World Cup or Olympic Games.

**BL 9.3.10.5.7** If no team enters from a continent or if there is an unfilled vacancy from among the teams qualifying from the preceding World Cup, Olympic Games or preceding year's World League, then each vacancy for that World Championship shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships with the following rotation: Asia, Americas, Europe, Oceania and Africa.

#### **BL 9.3.10.6 Qualification for World Championships - Women**

**BL 9.3.10.6.1** The competition shall be between a maximum of sixteen (16) teams selected in the following manner:

**BL 9.3.10.6.2** The four (4) highest ranking teams from the preceding World Cup or Olympic Games, two (2) highest ranking teams from the preceding year's World League, one (1) team from the host country and nine (9) teams from the five (5) continents to be selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental championships. The nine (9) teams from the continents shall be selected according to the following formula: Europe - 3; Americas - 2; Asia - 2; Africa - 1; and Oceania - 1.

**BL 9.3.10.6.3** If any one of the teams qualified from the preceding year's World League are in the first four (4) from the preceding World Cup or Olympic Games, the next ranked team from that World Cup or Olympic Games qualifies.

**BL 9.3.10.6.4** The highest qualifying team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships shall be entitled to represent that continent; if any team does not accept, then the next highest ranking team willing to accept and participate in the World Championships shall qualify.

**BL 9.3.10.6.5** If the host country is already included in the four (4) highest ranking teams from the preceding World Cup or Olympic Games, then that entry position shall be filled by the next highest placed team from that World Cup or Olympic Games.

**BL 9.3.10.6.6** If another of the four (4) highest ranking teams from the preceding World Cup or Olympic Games or one (1) of the two (2) highest ranking teams from the preceding year's World League does not enter, then that position shall be filled from the next highest placed team from that World Cup or Olympic Games.

**BL 9.3.10.6.7** If no team enters from a continent or if there is an unfilled vacancy from among the teams qualifying from the preceding World Cup or Olympic Games or preceding year's World League, then each vacancy for that World Championship shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championship with the following rotation: Asia, Americas, Europe, Oceania and Africa.

**BL 9.3.10.7 World Junior Championships - Men (Age as in WPAG 2) - 20 years and under**

**BL 9.3.10.7.1** The competition may be between either a maximum of sixteen (16) teams or a maximum of twenty (20) teams.

**BL 9.3.10.7.2** For a sixteen team (16) competition, the competition must occur at one site; for a twenty (20) team competition, the competition may occur at two (2) sites in one country. A host may bid for either a sixteen (16) team or a twenty (20) team competition. The host country will be responsible for the transportation of the teams from one site to another as required. This transportation will be at the expense of the host country.

**BL 9.3.10.7.3** In the case of a maximum sixteen (16) team competition, the teams shall include the highest ranking team from the preceding World Junior Championships with the remaining teams selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental championships according to the following formula: Host - 1; Europe - 6; Americas - 4; Asia - 2; Oceania - 2 and Africa -1. The highest ranking team from the preceding World Junior Championships will be considered to be a representative of that continent for the purpose of the formula.

**BL 9.3.10.7.4** In the case of a maximum twenty (20) team competition, the teams shall include the highest ranking team from the preceding World Junior Championships with the remaining teams selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental championships according to the following formula: Host - 1; Europe - 7; Americas - 5; Asia - 3; Africa - 2; and Oceania - 2. The highest

ranking team from the preceding World Junior Championships will be considered to be a representative of that continent for the purpose of the formula.

**BL 9.3.10.7.5** The highest qualifying team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships shall be entitled to represent that continent; if any team does not accept, then the next highest ranking team willing to accept and participate in the World Junior Championships shall qualify.

**BL 9.3.10.7.6** For a maximum sixteen (16) team competition, if there is an unfilled vacancy from a continent, then that vacancy shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championship with the following rotation: Asia, Americas, Europe, Oceania and Africa.

**BL 9.3.10.7.7** For a maximum of twenty (20) team competition, if there is an unfilled vacancy from a continent, then that vacancy shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championship with the following rotation: Asia, Americas, Europe, Oceania and Africa.

**BL 9.3.10.8 World Junior Championships - Women (Age as in WPAG 2) - 20 years and under**

**BL 9.3.10.8.1** The competition shall be between a maximum of sixteen (16) teams selected in the following manner:

**BL 9.3.10.8.2** The teams shall include the highest ranking team from the preceding World Junior Championships with remaining teams selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental championships according to the following formula: Host - 1; Europe - 6; Americas - 4; Asia - 2; Oceania - 2 and Africa 1. The highest ranking team from the preceding World Junior Championships will be considered to be a representative of that continent for the purpose of the formula.

**BL 9.3.10.8.3** The highest qualifying team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships shall be entitled to represent that continent; if any team does not accept, then the next highest ranking team from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships shall be entitled to represent that continent.

**BL 9.3.10.8.4** If there is an unfilled vacancy from a continent, then that vacancy shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships with the following rotation: Asia, Americas, Europe, Oceania and Africa.

**BL 9.3.10.9 World Youth Championships - Men (Age as in WPAG 2) - 18 years and under**



**BL 9.3.10.9.1** The competition may be between either a maximum of sixteen (16) teams or a maximum of twenty (20) teams.

**BL 9.3.10.9.2** For a sixteen (16) team competition, the competition must occur at one site; for a twenty (20) team competition, the competition may occur at two (2) sites in one country. A host may bid for either a sixteen (16) team or a twenty (20) team competition. The host country will be responsible for the transportation of the teams from one site to another as required. This transportation will be at the expense of the host country.

**BL 9.3.10.9.3** In the case of a maximum sixteen (16) team competition, the teams shall include the highest ranking team from the preceding World Youth Championships with the remaining teams selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental championships according to the following formula: Host – 1; Europe – 6; Americas – 4; Asia – 2; Oceania – 2 and Africa 1. The highest ranking team from the preceding World Youth Championships will be considered to be a representative of that continent for the purpose of the formula.

**BL 9.3.10.9.4** In the case of a maximum twenty (20) team competition, the teams shall include the highest ranking team from the preceding World Youth Championships with the remaining teams selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental championships according to the following formula: Host – 1; Europe – 7; Americas – 5; Asia – 3; Africa 2; and Oceania – 2. The highest ranking team from the preceding World Youth 3 Championships will be considered to be a representative of that continent for the purpose of the formula.

**BL 9.3.10.9.5** The highest qualifying team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships shall be entitled to represent that continent; if any team does not accept, then the next highest ranking team willing to accept and participate in the World Youth Championships shall qualify.

**BL 9.3.10.9.6** For a maximum sixteen (16) team competition, if there is an unfilled vacancy from a continent, then that vacancy shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championship with the following rotation: Asia, Americas, Europe, Oceania and Africa.

**BL 9.3.10.9.7** For a maximum twenty (20) team competition, if there is an unfilled vacancy from a continent, then that vacancy shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championship with the following rotation: Asia, Americas, Europe, Oceania and Africa.

**BL 9.3.10.10 World Youth Championships Women (Age as in WPAG 2) - 18 years and under**

**BL 9.3.10.10.1** The competition shall be between a maximum of sixteen (16) teams selected in the following manner:



**BL 9.3.10.10.2** The teams shall include the highest ranking team from the preceding World Youth Championships with remaining teams selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental championships according to the following formula: Host – 1; Europe – 6; Americas – 4; Asia – 2; Oceania – 2 and Africa 1. The highest ranking team from the preceding World Youth Championships will be considered to be a representative of that continent for the purpose of the formula.

**BL 9.3.10.10.3** The highest qualifying team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships shall be entitled to represent that continent; if any team does not accept, then the next highest ranking team from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships shall be entitled to represent that continent.

**BL 9.3.10.10.4** If there is an unfilled vacancy from a continent, then that vacancy shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships with the following rotation: Asia, Americas, Europe, Oceania and Africa.

**BL 9.3.10.11 Organisation of Continental Qualification Tournaments**

Each continental body shall hold its Qualification Tournament or Championships to determine its continental representatives no later than three months before the beginning of the World Championships or Olympic Games Qualification Tournament as applicable.

**BL 9.4 Water Polo Tournaments at Olympic Games and World Championships**

**BL 9.4.1 Olympic Games Tournament - Men**

**BL 9.4.1.1 Draw**

The draw for the Olympic Games Tournament will be either on the last day of the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Men or as otherwise determined and the following principle shall apply: if a team is already qualified by its ranking from a preceding qualification competition, the team will be placed on the highest line of the draw according to that ranking and the team taking its place will be placed on the lower line.

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn by pairs into two groups, either A or B.

First Line, the first and second placed teams from the previous World Championship will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Second Line, the team qualified from the preceding year's World League and the team representing the Continent of Europe will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Third Line, the teams representing the Continents of America and Oceania will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Fourth Line, the teams representing the Continents of Africa and Asia will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Fifth Line, the first and second placed teams from the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Men will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Sixth Line, the third placed team in the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Men and the team representing the Host Country will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Should there be no teams from the previous Championships to seed onto a Line then the highest ranked teams for Europe, Americas, Asia, Africa or Oceania if any, shall be drawn alternating between Group A and Group B.

After being divided into group A and group B, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to six (6).

#### **BL 9.4.1.2 Schedule of Games (Men's Tournament)**

##### **Preliminary Round:**

There will be two (2) groups of six (6) teams, which form groups A and B. Each group will play a round robin. The four (4) highest ranked teams in each group will qualify for the Quarter Final Round. The fifth and sixth ranked teams in each group will be eliminated and will not play anymore.

<u>Day 1</u>	<u>Day 2</u>	<u>Day 3</u>	<u>Day 4</u>	<u>Day 5</u>
1. A1-A6	7. B6 - B4	13. A4 - A5	19. B6 - B5	25. A3 - A6
2. A3-A4	8. B5 - B3	14. A2 - A6	20. B1 - B4	26. A4 - A2
3. A2-A5	9. B1 - B2	15. A3 - A1	21. B2 - B3	27. A1 - A5
4. B1-B6	10. A6 - A4	16. B4 - B5	22. A6 - A5	28. B3 - B6
5. B3-B4	11. A5 - A3	17. B2 - B6	23. A1 - A4	29. B4 - B2
6. B2-B5	12. A1 - A2	18. B3 - B1	24. A2 - A3	30. B1 - B5

##### **Quarter Final Round:**

The first, second, third and fourth placed teams in Group A and Group B form a Group D of eight (8) teams. Group D plays a modified single elimination format. Games played in the Preliminary Round may be repeated in the Quarter Final, Semi Final or Final Round. All games played in Group D must be played so that a definite winner is declared. Accordingly, it may be necessary to apply the Water Polo Rules relating to penalty shoot-out.

Places 11 - 12

The teams ranked sixth in each group of the Preliminary Round shall be classified for places 11 - 12 according to the following criteria:

1. Win-loss record in their Preliminary Round group.

2. If both teams have the same win-loss record, the classification will be determined by goal average (goals scored divided by games played) taking into account the results of all games played in the respective group.

Places 9 - 10

The teams ranked fifth in each group shall be classified for places 9 - 10 according to the same principles as for places 11 - 12.

Day 6

- 31. 1A - 4B
- 32. 2A - 3B
- 33. 3A - 2B
- 34. 4A - 1B

**Semi Final Round:**

Day 7

- 35. L31 - L33
- 36. L32 - L34
- 37. W31 - W33
- 38. W32 - W34

**Final Round:**

Day 8

- 39. L35 - L36 (Winner 7th, Loser 8th)
- 40. W35 - W36 (Winner 5th, Loser 6th)
- 41. L37 - L38 (Winner 3rd, Loser 4th)
- 42. W37 - W 38 (Winner 1st, Loser 2nd)

Games 31 through 42 must be played to a conclusion, accordingly it may be necessary to apply Water Polo Rules relating to penalty shoot-out.

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

**BL 9.4.2 Olympic Games Tournament - Women**

**BL 9.4.2.1 Draw**

The draw for the Olympic Games Tournament will be either on the last day of the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Women or as otherwise determined and the following principle shall apply: if a team is already qualified by its ranking from a preceding qualification competition, the team will be placed on the highest line of the draw according to that ranking and the team taking its place will be placed on the lower line.

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn by pairs into two groups, either A or B.

First line, the teams representing the Continents of Europe and Oceania will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Second line, the first and second placed teams from the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Women will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Third line, the third placed team from the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Women and the team representing the Continent of Asia will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

Fourth line, the team representing the Continent of Africa and the team representing the Host Country will be drawn, one into A, and one into B.

After being divided into Group A and Group B, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to four (4).

#### **BL 9.4.2.2 Schedule of Games (Women's Tournament)**

##### **Preliminary Round**

Two (2) groups of four (4) teams form Group A and Group B play a single round robin in each group.

<u>Day 1</u>	<u>Day 2</u>	<u>Day 3</u>
1. B2 - B3	5. A1 - A3	9. B2 - B1
2. A2 - A3	6. B2 - B4	10. A2 - A1
3. B1 - B4	7. A2 - A4	11. B3 - B4
4. A1 - A4	8. B1 - B3	12. A3 - A4

##### **Quarter Final Round**

<u>Day 4</u>
13. 2A - 3B
14. 3A - 2B
15. 1A - 4B
16. 4A - 1B

##### **Semi Final Round**

<u>Day 5</u>
17. L13 - L16
18. L14 - L15
19. W13 - W16
20. W14 - W15

##### **Final Round**

<u>Day 6</u>
21. L17 - L18 (Winner 7th, loser 8th)
22. W17 - W18 (Winner 5th, loser 6th)
23. L19 - L20 (Winner 3rd, loser 4th)

#### 24. W19 - W20 (Winner 1st, loser 2nd)

Games 13 through 24 must be played to a conclusion, accordingly it may be necessary to apply Water Polo Rules relating to penalty shoot-out.

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

### **BL 9.4.3 World Championship Tournament – Men**

#### **BL 9.4.3.1 Draw**

The draw for the World Championships Tournament will be made two (2) months prior to the commencement of the World Championships Tournament and the following principle shall apply: if a team is already qualified by its ranking from a preceding qualification competition, the team will be placed on the highest line of the draw according to that ranking and the team taking its place will be placed on the lower line.

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn into four (4) groups: A, B, C or D.

First Line, the first, second, third and fourth qualified teams from the preceding World Cup or Olympic Games will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Second Line, the qualified teams from the World League (or from the World Cup or Olympic Games if applicable), the first qualified team from the Americas and the first qualified team from Europe will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Third, the second qualified team from the Americas, the second and third qualified teams from Europe and the qualified team from Oceania will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Fourth, the qualified team from Africa, the first and second teams from Asia and the Host Country (if the Host Country has already been drawn, then the next ranked team from the World Cup or Olympic Games) will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

After being divided into Groups A, B, C, or D, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to four (4).

#### **BL 9.4.3.2 Schedule of Games (Men's Tournament)**

##### **Preliminary Round (First):**

Four (4) groups of four (4) teams each from Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D play a single robin round in each group.

<u>Day 1</u>	<u>Day 2</u>	<u>Day 3</u>
1. A1 - 13	9. B4 - B3	17. C1 - C4
2. A2 - A4	10. B1 - B2	18. C2 - C3
3. B1 - B3	11. C4 - C3	19. D1 - D4
4. B2 - B4	12. C1 - C2	20. D2 - D3
5. C1 - C3	13. D4 - D3	21. A1 - A4
6. C2 - C4	14. D1 - D2	22. A2 - A3
7. D1 - D3	15. A4 - A3	23. B1 - B4
8. D2 - D4	16. A1 - A2	24. B2 - B3

### **Preliminary Round (Second):**

The first placed teams in Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D have a bye.

The second and third placed teams in Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D play against each other in a cross group format. The fourth placed teams in each of Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D form a new Group which consists of four (4) teams. They play for places 13 – 16 in a cross group format.

<u>Day 4</u>
25. 4A - 4B
26. 4C - 4D
27. 2A – 3B
28. 3A – 2B
29. 2C – 3D
30. 3C – 2D

### **Quarter Final Round:**

<u>Day 5</u>
31. Loser Game 25 - Loser Game 26 (Winner 15th, Loser 16th)
32. Winner Game 25 - Winner Game 26 (Winner 13th, Loser 14th)
33. Loser Game 27 - Loser Game 29
34. Loser Game 28 - Loser Game 30
35. 1A - Winner Game 29
36. 1B - Winner Game 30
37. 1C - Winner Game 27
38. 1D - Winner Game 28

### **Semi-Final Round:**

<u>Day 6</u>
39. Loser Game 33 - Loser Game 34 (Winner 11th, Loser 12th)
40. Winner Game 33 - Winner Game 34 (Winner 9th, Loser 10th)
41. Loser Game 35 - Loser Game 36
42. Loser Game 37 - Loser Game 38
43. Winner Game 35 - Winner Game 36
44. Winner Game 37 - Winner Game 38

### **Final Round:**



### Day 7

45. Loser Game 41 - Loser Game 42 (Winner 7th, Loser 8th)

46. Winner Game 41 - Winner Game 42 (Winner 5th, Loser 6th)

47. Loser Game 43 - Loser Game 44 (Winner 3rd, Loser 4th)

48. Winner Game 43 - Winner Game 44 (Winner 1st, Loser 2nd)

Games 25 through 48 must be played to a conclusion, accordingly it may be necessary to apply the Water Polo Rules relating to penalty shoot-out.

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

## **BL 9.4.4 World Championships Tournament - Women**

### **BL 9.4.4.1 Draw**

The draw for the World Championships Tournament will be made two (2) months prior to the commencement of the World Championships Tournament and the following principle shall apply: if a team is already qualified by its ranking from a preceding qualification competition, the team will be placed on the highest line of the draw according to its ranking and the team taking its place will be placed on the lower line.

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn into four (4) groups: A, B, C or D.

First Line, the first, second, third and fourth qualified teams from the preceding World Cup or Olympic Games will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Second Line, the qualified teams from the World League (or from the World Cup or Olympic Games if applicable), the first qualified team from the Americas and the first qualified team from Europe will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Third Line, the second qualified team from the Americas, the second and third qualified teams from Europe and the qualified team from Oceania will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C and one into D.

Fourth Line, the qualified team from Africa, the first and second teams from Asia and the Host Country (if the Host Country has already been drawn, then the next ranked team from the World Cup or Olympic Games) will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

After being divided into Groups A, B, C, or D, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to four (4).

### **BL 9.4.4.2 Schedule of Games (Women's Tournament)**

Schedule of Games as in BL 9.4.3.2

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

#### **BL 9.4.5 Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Men**

##### **BL 9.4.5.1 Draw**

The draw for the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament will be made two (2) months or as otherwise determined prior to the commencement of the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament.

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn by pairs into two groups, either A or B.

First Line, the two highest placed teams from the previous World Championships.

Second Line, the next two highest placed teams from the previous World Championships.

Third Line, the next two highest placed teams from the previous World Championships.

Fourth Line, the next two highest placed teams from the previous World Championships.

Fifth Line, the remaining teams, if any, from the World Championships or the highest ranked teams from Europe and the next highest ranked teams from the Americas.

Sixth Line, the remaining teams, if any, being the next highest ranked team from the Americas, Asia or Europe and the next highest ranked team from the Americas, Asia or Europe.

Should there be no teams from the previous Championships to seed onto a Line then the highest ranked teams for Europe, Americas, Asia, Africa or Oceania if any, shall be drawn alternating between Group A and Group B.

After being divided into Group A and B, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving of separate number of 1 to 6.

##### **BL 9.4.5.2 Schedule of Games**

Schedule of Games as in BL 9.4.1.2.

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

#### **BL 9.4.6 Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Women**

##### **BL 9.4.6.1 Draw**

The draw for the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament will be made two (2) months or as otherwise determined prior to the commencement of the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament.

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn by pairs into two groups, either A or B.

First Line, the two highest placed teams from the previous World Championships.

Second Line, the next two highest placed teams from the previous World Championships.

Third Line, the next two highest placed teams from the previous World Championships.

Fourth Line, the next two highest placed teams from the previous World Championships.

Fifth Line, the remaining teams, if any, from the World Championships and the highest ranked teams from Europe, Americas, Asia, Africa or Oceania.

Sixth Line, the remaining teams, if any, shall be drawn alternating between Groups A and B.

Should there be no teams from the previous Championships to seed onto a Line then the highest ranked teams for Europe, Americas, Asia, Africa or Oceania if any, shall be drawn alternating between Group A and Group B.

After being divided into Group A and Group B, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving of separate number of 1 to 6.

#### **BL 9.4.6.2 Schedule of Games**

Schedule of Games as in BL 9.4.1.2.

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

### **BL 9.4.7 World Junior Championships Tournament - Men**

#### **BL 9.4.7.1 Draw**

The draw for the World Junior Championships will be made two (2) months prior to the commencement of the World Junior Championships Tournament and the following principle shall apply: if a team is already qualified by its ranking from a preceding qualification competition, the team will be placed on the highest line of the draw according to its ranking and the team taking its place will be placed on the lower line.

##### **BL 9.4.7.1.1 Draw for sixteen (16) Teams**

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn into four (4) groups; A, B, C or D.

First Line, the highest ranking team from the preceding World Junior Championships, the first, second and third qualified teams from Europe will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Second Line, the fourth and fifth qualified teams from Europe, the first qualified team from the Americas and the first qualified team from Oceania will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Third Line, the first qualified team from Africa, the second and third qualified teams from Americas, and the first qualified team from Asia will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Fourth Line, the Host Country and the remaining qualified teams will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

After being divided into Groups A, B, C, or D, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to four (4).

#### **BL 9.4.7.1.2 Draw for twenty (20) Teams**

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn into four (4) groups; A, B, C or D.

First Line, the highest ranking team from the preceding World Junior Championships, the first, second and third qualified teams from Europe will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Second Line, the fourth, fifth and sixth qualified teams from Europe and the first qualified team from the Oceania will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Third Line, the first second and third qualified teams from the Americas and the first qualified team from Asia will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Fourth Line, the Host Country, the fourth qualified team from the Americas, the first qualified team from Africa and the second qualified team from Oceania will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Fifth Line, the fifth qualified team from the Americas, the second and third qualified teams from Asia and the second qualified team from Africa will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

After being divided into Groups A, B, C, or D, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to five (5).

## BL 9.4.7.2 Schedule of Games (Men's Tournament)

### BL 9.4.7.2.1 Schedule for sixteen (16) Teams

#### Preliminary Round (First):

Four (4) groups of four (4) teams each from Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D play a single robin round in each group.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
1. A1 - 13	9. B4 - B3	17. C1 - C4
2. A2 - A4	10. B1 - B2	18. C2 - C3
3. B1 - B3	11. C4 - C3	19. D1 - D4
4. B2 - B4	12. C1 - C2	20. D2 - D3
5. C1 - C3	13. D4 - D3	21. A1 - A4
6. C2 - C4	14. D1 - D2	22. A2 - A3
7. D1 - D3	15. A4 - A3	23. B1 - B4
8. D2 - D4	16. A1 - A2	24. B2 - B3

#### Preliminary Round (Second):

The first placed teams in Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D have a bye.

The second and third placed teams in Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D play against each other in a cross group format. The fourth placed teams in each of Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D form a new Group which consists of four (4) teams. They play for places 13 – 16 in a cross group format.

Day 4
25. 4A - 4B
26. 4C - 4D
27. 2A – 3B
28. 3A – 2B
29. 2C – 3D
30. 3C – 2D

#### Quarter Final Round:

Day 5
31. Loser Game 25 - Loser Game 26 (Winner 15th, Loser 16th)
32. Winner Game 25 - Winner Game 26 (Winner 13th, Loser 14th)
33. Loser Game 27 - Loser Game 29
34. Loser Game 28 - Loser Game 30
35. 1A - Winner Game 29
36. 1B - Winner Game 30
37. 1C - Winner Game 27
38. 1D - Winner Game 28

### Semi-Final Round:

#### Day 6

- 39. Loser Game 33 - Loser Game 34 (Winner 11th, Loser 12th)
- 40. Winner Game 33 - Winner Game 34 (Winner 9th, Loser 10th)
- 41. Loser Game 35 - Loser Game 36
- 42. Loser Game 37 - Loser Game 38
- 43. Winner Game 35 - Winner Game 36
- 44. Winner Game 37 - Winner Game 38

### Final Round:

#### Day 7

- 45. Loser Game 41 - Loser Game 42 (Winner 7th, Loser 8th)
- 46. Winner Game 41 - Winner Game 42 (Winner 5th, Loser 6th)
- 47. Loser Game 43 - Loser Game 44 (Winner 3rd, Loser 4th)
- 48. Winner Game 43 - Winner Game 44 (Winner 1st, Loser 2nd)

Games 25 through 48 must be played to a conclusion, accordingly it may be necessary to apply the Water Polo Rules relating to penalty shoot-out.

### BL 9.4.7.2.2 Schedule for twenty (20) Teams

#### Preliminary Round

Four (4) groups of five (5) teams each from Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D play a single robin round in each group.

<u>Day 1</u>	<u>Day 2</u>	<u>Day 3</u>	<u>Day 4</u>	<u>Day 5</u>
1. A3-A4	9. B5 - B3	17. C4 - C5	25. D1 - D4	33. A4 - A2
2. A2-A5	10. B1 - B2	18. C3 - C1	26. D2 - D3	34. A1 - A5
3. B3-B4	11. C5 - C3	19. D4 - D5	27. A1 - A4	35. B4 - B2
4. B2-B5	12. C1 - C2	20. D3 - D1	28. A2 - A3	36. B1 - B5
5. C3-C4	13. D5 - D3	21. A4 - A5	29. B1 - B4	37. C4 - C2
6. C2-C5	14. D1 - D2	22. A3 - A1	30. B2 - B3	38. C1 - C5
7. D3-D4	15. A5 - A3	23. B4 - B5	31. C1 - C4	39. D4 - D2
8. D2-C5	16. A1 - A2	24. B3 - B1	32. C2 - C3	40. D1 - D5

#### Eighth Final Round

The Eighth Final Round is to be played on the basis of two (2) groups, one (1) with twelve (12) teams and one (1) group with eight (8) teams on a cross-over format. Games will have Group A teams play Group D teams, and Group B teams play Group C teams.

The first placed teams in Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D have a bye.

#### Day 6

For places 13 - 20



- 41. 4A - 5D
- 42. 4B - 5C
- 43. 5A - 4D
- 44. 5B - 4C

For places 1 - 12

- 45. 2A - 3D
- 46. 2B - 3C
- 47. 3A - 2D
- 48. 3B - 2C

### **Quarter Final Round and Semi-Final Round**

#### Day 7

For places 13 - 20 (Semi Final Round)

- 49. Loser Game 41 - Loser Game 42
- 50. Winner Game 41 - Winner Game 42
- 51. Loser Game 43 - Loser Game 44
- 52. Winner Game 43 - Winner Game 44

For places 9 - 12 (Semi Final Round)

- 53. Loser Game 45 - Loser Game 46
- 54. Loser Game 47 - Loser Game 48

For places 1 - 8 (Quarter Final Round)

- 55. 1A - Winner Game 46
- 56. 1B - Winner Game 45
- 57. 1C - Winner Game 47
- 58. 1D - Winner Game 48

### **Semi Final-Round and Final Round**

#### Day 8

For places 13 - 20 (Final Round)

- 59. Loser Game 49 - Loser Game 51 (Winner 19th, Loser 20th)
- 60. Winner Game 49 - Winner Game 51 (Winner 17th, Loser 18th)
- 61. Loser Game 50 - Loser Game 52 (Winner 15th, Loser 16th)
- 62. Winner Game 50 - Winner Game 52 (Winner 13th, Loser 14th)

For places 9 - 12 (Final Round)

- 63. Loser Game 53 - Loser Game 54 (Winner 11th, Loser 12th)
- 64. Winner Game 53 - Winner Game 54 (Winner 9th, Loser 10th)

For places 5 - 8 (Semi Final Round)

- 65. Loser Game 55 - Loser Game 57
- 66. Loser Game 56 - Loser Game 58

For places 1 - 4 (Semi Final Round)

- 67. Winner Game 55 - Winner Game 57
- 68. Winner Game 56 - Winner Game 58

## **Final Round**

### Day 9

For places 5 - 8

69. Loser Game 65 - Loser Game 66 (Winner 7th, Loser 8th)

70. Winner Game 65 - Winner Game 66 (Winner 5th, Loser 6th)

For places 1 - 4

71. Loser Game 67 - Loser Game 68 (Winner 3rd, Loser 4th)

72. Winner Game 67 - Winner Game 68 (Winner 1st, Loser 2nd)

Games 41 through 72 must be played to a conclusion; accordingly it may be necessary to apply the Water Polo Rules relating to penalty shoot-out.

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

## **BL 9.4.8 World Junior Championships Tournament - Women**

### **BL 9.4.8.1 Draw**

The draw for the World Junior Championships will be made two (2) months prior to the commencement of the World Junior Championships Tournament and the following principle shall apply: if a team is already qualified by its ranking from a preceding qualification competition, the team will be placed on the highest line of the draw according to its ranking and the team taking its place will be placed on the lower line.

First Line, the highest ranking team from the preceding World Junior Championships, the first qualified team from the Americas, the first qualified team from Europe and the first team qualified from Oceania will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Second Line, the second, third, fourth and fifth qualified teams from Europe will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Third Line, the second and third qualified teams from the Americas, the first qualified from Asia and the first qualified team from Africa will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Fourth Line, the Host Country and the remaining qualified teams will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

After being divided into Groups A, B, C, or D, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to four (4).

### **BL 9.4.8.2 Schedule of Games (Women's Tournament)**

Schedule of Games as in BL 9.4.7.2.1

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

#### **BL 9.4.9 World Youth Championships - Men**

##### **BL 9.4.9.1 Draw**

The draw will be held as and when determined by the FINA Bureau but not later than two (2) months before the beginning of the World Championships and the following principle shall apply: if a team is already qualified by its ranking from a preceding qualification competition, the team will be placed on the highest line of the draw according to its ranking and the team taking its place will be placed on the lower line.

##### **BL 9.4.9.1.1 Draw for sixteen (16) Teams:**

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn into four (4) groups: A, B, C or D.

First Line, the highest ranking team from the preceding World Youth Championships, the first, second and third qualified teams from Europe will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Second Line, the fourth and fifth qualified teams from Europe, the first qualified team from the Americas and the first qualified team from Oceania will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Third Line, the first qualified team from Africa, the second and third qualified teams from Americas, and the first qualified team from Asia will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Fourth Line, the Host Country and the remaining qualified teams will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

After being divided into Groups A, B, C, or D, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to four (4).

##### **BL 9.4.9.1.2 Draw for twenty (20) teams:**

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn into four (4) groups; A, B, C or D.

First Line, the highest ranking team from the preceding World Youth Championships, the first, second and third qualified teams from Europe will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Second Line, the fourth, fifth and sixth qualified teams from Europe and the first qualified team from Oceania will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Third Line, the first, second and third qualified teams from the Americas, the first qualified team from Asia will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Fourth Line, the Host Country, the fourth qualified team from the Americas, the first qualified team from Africa and the second qualified team from Oceania will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Fifth Line, the fifth qualified team from the Americas, the second and third qualified teams from Asia and the second qualified team from Africa will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

After being divided into Groups A, B, C, or D, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to five (5).

#### **BL 9.4.9.2 Schedule of Games (Men's Tournament)**

Schedule of Games for sixteen (16) teams as in BL 9.4.7.2.1

Schedule of Games for twenty (20) teams as in BL 9.4.7.2.2

#### **BL 9.4.10 World Youth Championships - Women**

##### **BL 9.4.10.1 Draw**

The draw will be held as and when determined by the FINA Bureau but not later than two months before the beginning of the World Championships and the following principle shall apply: if a team is already qualified by its ranking from a preceding qualification competition, the team will be placed on the highest line of the draw according to its ranking and the team taking its place will be placed on the lower line.

First Line, the highest ranking team from the preceding World Youth Championships, the first qualified team from the Americas, the first qualified team from Europe and the first qualified team from Oceania will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Second Line, the second, third, fourth and fifth qualified teams from Europe will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Third Line, the second and third qualified teams from Americas, the first qualified team from Asia and the first qualified team Africa will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

Fourth Line, the Host Country and the remaining qualified teams will be drawn one into A, one into B, one into C, and one into D.

After being divided into Groups A, B, C or D, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to four (4).

### **BL 9.4.10.2 Schedule of Games (Women's Tournament)**

Schedule of Games as in BL 9.4.7.2.1

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

## **BL 9.5 World Cups**

### **BL 9.5.1 Water Polo**

#### **BL 9.5.1.1 Draw**

The draw for the World Cups will be made four (4) months prior to the commencement of the World Cup as follows:

For the Preliminary Round, all qualifying teams will be drawn by pairs into groups two groups, either A or B.

First Line, the two highest placed teams from the previous World Championships will be drawn by pairs into two groups, either A or B.

Second Line, the third highest placed team from the previous World Championships and the team representing the Continent of Europe will be drawn by pairs into two groups, either A or B.

Third Line, the teams representing the Continents of Americas and Oceania will be drawn by pairs into two groups, either A or B.

Fourth Line, the teams representing the Continents of Africa and Asia will be drawn by pairs into two groups, either A or B.

After being divided into group A and group B, the teams will then be drawn with each team in each group receiving a separate number from one (1) to four (4).

#### **BL 9.5.1.2 Schedule of Games**

Schedule of Games as in BL 9.4.2.2

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

## **BL 9.6 Classification**

### **BL 9.6.1 Classification of Teams**

The classification of teams in the Preliminary Round will be made on points namely two (2) points for each match won, one (1) point for each match drawn and zero points for each match lost.

### **BL 9.6.2 Forfeited Games**

If a team declares a forfeit or is disqualified for one (1) or more matches, the match or matches shall be awarded to the opponent with a goal score 5 - 0.

### **BL 9.6.3 Tie Breaking**

**BL 9.6.3.1** If two (2) teams shall have equal points, further classification shall be established as follows:

**BL 9.6.3.1.1** The team winning the game between them shall be placed higher.

**BL 9.6.3.1.2** If the game between them was tied, then the results against the highest placed team(s) in the group shall be considered.

**BL 9.6.3.1.3** The first comparison shall be based on goal difference, and if still tied, then based on goals scored.

**BL 9.6.3.1.4** The comparison shall be made first compared to the highest placed team (or teams, if tied) in the group.

**BL 9.6.3.1.5** If still tied, the results against the next highest placed team (or teams, if tied) shall be used in succession until all results have been considered.

**BL 9.6.3.1.6** If still tied, the teams shall shoot penalty shots to determine which team shall be placed higher. Each team shall nominate five (5) players and a goalkeeper who will participate in the penalty shoot-out. The team shall shoot five (5) penalty shots at the goal of the other team, alternating shots. If a tie exists after each team has taken five (5) shots, then teams shall take sets of alternate shots until one team scores and the other does not. The procedure shall be conducted following the final game of the round or at the first practical opportunity.

**BL 9.6.3.1.7** If there is more than one tie in a group, the highest placed tie shall be determined first.

**BL 9.6.3.1.8** If it is the situation where there is more than one tie in a group and it is not possible to determine the highest placed team then all results within the group shall be used to determine the highest placed team.

**BL 9.6.3.2** If three (3) or more teams shall have equal points, further classification shall be established as follows:

**BL 9.6.3.2.1** The results among the tied teams shall determine which team is placed highest.

**BL 9.6.3.2.2** If, at any time during the application of the procedure set out in this BL 9.6.3.2, the number of tied teams is reduced to two (2), then BL 9.6.3.1



shall be used to determine which of the two (2) remaining teams is placed higher.

**BL 9.6.3.2.3** The comparison shall be made first, upon the points of the games among the tied teams, second, the goal difference, and third, based upon goals scored.

**BL 9.6.3.2.4** If still tied, the games played against the highest placed team (or teams, if tied) shall be considered.

**BL 9.6.3.2.5** The first comparison shall be based on goal difference, and if still tied, then based on goals scored.

**BL 9.6.3.2.6** If still tied, the results against the next highest placed team (or teams, if tied) shall be used in succession until all results have been considered.

**BL 9.6.3.2.7** If still tied, the teams shall shoot penalty shots to determine which team shall be placed highest. Each team shall nominate five (5) players and a goalkeeper who will participate in the penalty shoot-out. Each team shall shoot five (5) penalty shots at its opponent's goal in alternate succession. The first team shall take its first penalty shot and then each other team shall take its first penalty shot, etc. If a tie shall exist after that procedure, the teams shall then take sets of alternate shots until one team misses and the other(s) score. The procedure shall be conducted following the final game of the round or at the first practical opportunity.

**BL 9.6.3.2.8** If there is more than one tie in a group, the highest placed tie shall be determined first.

**BL 9.6.3.3** For the purpose of calculating either goal difference or goals scored, the goals in any penalty shoot out will not be taken into consideration.

## **BL 9.7 Draw for Competitions**

The Management Committee for FINA Competitions has the authority if there are only thirteen (13) or fourteen (14) participating teams to draw teams into two (2) groups rather than being required to draw teams in the prescribed manner for a competition based upon sixteen (16) teams, namely for (4) groups of four (4) teams each.

## **BL 9.8 Order of Games**

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

## **BL 9.9 Officials**

The Management Committee of FINA Competitions may in addition to other officials appoint the following to assist in the conduct of any competition, namely: a FINA TWPC Delegate, a FINA TWPC Evaluator(s) and Timeout Officials.

## BL 9.10 High Diving

**BL 9.10.1** At the World Championships only dives prescribed by the FINA Rules for High Diving shall be executed.

**BL 9.10.2** The number of participants is decided by the Bureau and based upon proposals from the Technical High Diving Committee. From a Member not more than three (3) male divers and four (4) female divers can be selected.

**BL 9.10.3** The selection process is decided by the Bureau and based upon proposals from the Technical High Diving Committee.

## BL 9.11 Scores and awards at the FINA World Championships & FINA World Swimming Championships

In all FINA World Championships points and awards are distributed as follows:

### BL 9.11.1 Swimming

**Medals:** Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals shall be awarded to the first three places in individual and relay final competitions. In swimming relays when preliminaries are swum, medals shall be awarded to those swimmers who have participated in the heats and/or the final.

In Swimming, in case of equal times, medals shall be awarded as follows:

1st place: 2 Gold – no Silver, 1 Bronze  
2nd place: 1 Gold, 2 Silver – no Bronze  
3rd place: 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 2 Bronze

In case of 3 equal times medals shall be awarded as follows:

1st place: 3 Gold – no Silver, no Bronze  
2nd place: 1 Gold, 3 Silver – no Bronze  
3rd place: 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 3 Bronze

**Diplomas:** Using 8 lanes in Swimming diplomas shall be awarded to all eight finalists in individual events and to the first eight finalists in relay competitions. In swimming relays when preliminaries are swum, diplomas shall be awarded to those swimmers who have participated in the heats and/or the final.

### **Trophies:**

- *FINA Team Trophy* for the top scoring team based on the following points:

*Individual using 8 lanes:*

Places 1 – 16: 18, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 points

*Relays using 8 lanes:*

Places 1 – 8: 36, 32, 30, 28, 26, 24, 22, 20 points.

- *FINA Individual Trophies* for the top scoring male and female based upon the following points:

First Place	5 points
Second Place	3 points
Third Place	2 points
Fourth Place	1 point
Individual World Record	2 points for each record broken

If there is a tie, the FINA Points Table shall be used and a decision made by the Swimming Commission.

### **BL 9.11.2 Open Water Swimming**

**Medals:** Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals shall be awarded to the first three places in each individual and team events.

**Diplomas:** Diplomas shall be awarded to all eight finalists in each individual events and to the first eight finalists in team events.

**Trophy:** A special FINA Team Trophy shall be given based upon the following points added from the three individual events (5, 10 and 25 km) and mixed team events.

18 (1<sup>st</sup> place), 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 points

### **BL 9.11.3 Diving**

**Medals:** Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals shall be awarded to the first three places in individual, synchronized and team events.

**Diplomas:** Diplomas shall be awarded to all eight finalists in each individual events and to the first six finalists in each synchronized and team events.

**Trophies:**

- *FINA Team Trophy* shall be given to the top scoring team based on the following points:

Individual diving events:  
18-16-14-12-10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1 points

Synchronised diving events (12 finalists):  
27-24-21-18-15-12-9-7,5-6-4,5-3-1,5 points.

Team Event  
27-24-21-18-15-12-9-7,5-6-4,5-3-1,5 points

### **BL 9.11.4 High Diving**

**Medals:** Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals shall be awarded to the first three ranked athletes in each event.

**Diplomas:** Diplomas shall be awarded to first eight finalists in each event.

#### **BL 9.11.5 Water Polo**

**Medals:** Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals shall be awarded to all the players of the first three teams.

**Diplomas:** Diplomas shall be awarded to all the players of the first six teams.

**Trophies:** Trophy shall be given to the best scorer (men and women) and goalkeeper (men and women) of the championships.

#### **BL 9.11.6 Synchronised Swimming**

**Medals:** Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals shall be awarded to first three athletes or teams in each individual, duet or team events.

**Diplomas:** Diplomas shall be awarded to the first eight finalists in solo and duet events and to the first six finalists in team and free combination events.

**Trophy:** Trophy shall be given to the best team of the championships based on the following points:

Solo, Technical Routine:

12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 points

Solo, Free Routine:

12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 points

Duet, Technical Routine:

18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7 points

Duet, Free Routine:

18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7 points

Team Technical Routine:

24, 22, 20, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2 points

Team Free Routine:

24, 22, 20, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2 points

Free Combination:

24, 22, 20, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2 points

**BL 9.11.7** In case of a tie, the highest points shall be awarded to each competitor or relay team.

**BL 9.11.8 Commemorative Medals:**

Commemorative medals may be given to all those connected officially with the Championships.

**BL 10 WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**BL 10.1 General**

**BL 10.1.1** For FINA World Masters Championships, the Management Committee shall consist of the Bureau Liaison, the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Honorary Secretary of the Masters Committee and other members of the Bureau and Masters Committee present.

**BL 10.1.2** Entry fees shall be decided upon by the country that is hosting the FINA World Masters Championships, but they shall be subject to approval by FINA.

**BL 10.1.3** For FINA World Masters Championships medals shall be awarded to competitors and teams placed first, second and third in each event and Age Group. In Synchronised Swimming the reserves will receive medals only if they actually swim in the technical and/or Free Routine.

With the recommendation by the FINA Masters Committee, the Organising Committee may present awards of lesser value for places from four on. Diplomas can be awarded to competitors and team members placed first to ten in each event and Age Group.

**BL 10.1.4** A participant can represent only one club in each discipline.

**BL 10.2 Swimming**

**BL 10.2.1** Qualifying standards for FINA World Masters Championships will be considered by FINA and the Organising Committee if deemed necessary.

**BL 10.2.2** At the FINA World Masters Championships it is not necessary to conduct all events mentioned in MSW 2.2. However, each age division should include shorter Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly events plus Individual Medley and Relays.

**BL 10.2.3** A swimmer can compete only once per relay event.

**BL 10.2.4** Events shall be pre-seeded with oldest age groups first, slowest heats swum first within each age group. Events 400 metres and over may be seeded from slowest to fastest regardless of age.

**BL 10.2.5** A swimmer may be entered for not more than five (5) individual events.

**BL 10.2.6** A swimmer entered for one club has to represent this club in all Swimming events at the Championships.

**BL 10.2.7** The composition of a relay team can be changed up to the dead line announced by the Organising Committee on the day prior to the relay event. The age of the substitute swimmer(s) cannot change the age group of the entered relay team. Substitute swimmer(s) must be registered for the Championships.

### **BL 10.3 Open Water Swimming**

**BL 10.3.1** A Masters Open Water Swimming event may be included in FINA World Masters Championships.

**BL 10.3.2** The Organising Committee shall follow the FINA Masters Open Water Safety Regulations.

**BL 10.3.3** Swimmers shall be seeded according to age groups from the youngest to the oldest. Swimmers may be selected irrespective of gender. The slowest entered swimmers of each age group may comprise and be seeded in special heat(s). By recommendation of the FINA Masters Commission and/or nominated Safety Officer this order may be changed.

**BL 10.3.4** If the number of entries is more than 1000 the competition may be swum in two or more days.

**BL 10.3.5** Race organisers, in consultation with the referee and subject to advice from FINA Technical Open Water Swimming Committee, are to designate in advance the cut off time for each Masters race. As a rough guide, a time of 30 minutes per kilometre could apply.

### **BL 10.4 Diving**

**BL 10.4.1** The programme at the FINA World Masters Championships shall be carried out according to the following schedule:

<b>Springboard</b>	<b>Event No.</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Age Group</b>
1	3 metre	Men	25-34
2	1 metre	Women	25-34
3	3 metre	Men	35-49
4	1 metre	Women	35-49
5	3 metre	Men	50-64
6	1 metre	Women	50-64
7	3 metre	Men	65-80+
8	1 metre	Women	65-80+
9	3 metre	Women	65-80+
10	1 metre	Men	65-80+
11	3 metre	Women	50-64
12	1 metre	Men	50-64
13	3 metre	Women	35-49
14	1 metre	Men	35-49
15	3 metre	Women	25-34
16	1 metre	Men	25-34



<b>Platform</b>	<b>5, 7.5, 10 metre</b>		
17		Women	65-80+
18		Men	65-80+
19		Women	50-64
20		Men	50-64
21		Women	35-49
22		Men	35-49
23		Women	25-35
24		Men	25-35
<b>Synchronised Diving</b>			
25	3 metre	Women	50-99 and 100+
26	3 metre	Men	50-99 and 100+
27	3 metre	Mixed Team	50-99 and 100+
28	Platform	Women	50-99 and 100+
29	Platform	Men	50-99 and 100+
30	Platform	Mixed Team	50-99 and 100+

**BL 10.4.2** The meet director may choose to run the events concurrently depending on the number of entries.

**BL 10.4.3** Diving sheets shall be delivered to the diving secretary 24 hours prior to the event. Late sheets and changed to an existing sheet will be fined USD 10,- per sheet between 24 hours and 3 hours prior to the event. 3 hours is the deadline. No changes or dive sheets can be accepted after the deadline of 3 hours.

**BL 10.4.4** At the FINA World Masters Championships at least 5 judges and in Synchronised Diving at least 7 judges shall officiate.

**BL 10.4.5** All divers shall perform a full series of dives in that age group and there shall be no preliminary of final contests.

**BL 10.4.6** A diver can compete in only one team per Synchronised Diving event.

## **BL 10.5 Water Polo**

### **BL 10.5.1 Composition of Teams**

**BL 10.5.1.1** A player may not represent more than one team at the FINA World Masters Championships.

**BL 10.5.1.2** The final composition of the team shall be announced latest at the Technical Meeting prior to the Championships. All players must be registered as a player according to the entry specifications.

**BL 10.5.1.3** A Water Polo team shall consist of players registered with the same club.

### **BL 10.5.2 Composition of groups for the preliminary round**

**BL 10.5.2.1** Before the draw for the FINA World Masters Championships the following exceptions of composing the groups for the preliminary rounds shall be approved.

**BL 10.5.2.2** With less than three teams entered in one Age Group this Age Group shall be combined with the next younger Age Group or alternatively combined to the next older Age Group. The concerned teams shall be consulted for approval and given the possibility to cancel their participation with return of paid fees.

**BL 10.5.2.3** An Age Group with three teams entered can be combined with the next younger or older Age Group if these groups do not have more than four teams entered and with the approval of all concerned teams. The playing schedule and the plan for rankings shall be decided by the FINA Masters Commission.

**BL 10.5.2.4** For the Women tournament the composition of groups is depending on the number of entries in each Age Group. The FINA Masters Commission can combine the groups including teams of more than two Age Groups. The approval by the entered teams shall be asked. A playing schedule and the plan for rankings for each Age Group shall be decided by the FINA Masters Commission.

### **BL 10.5.3 Draw**

**BL 10.5.3.1** The draw for the FINA World Masters Championships shall be made at least one month prior to start of the Water Polo competition. The seeding for the draw for the preliminary rounds shall be based on the placing at the previous FINA World Masters Championships as follows:

- a) With two groups in the age group:
  - First line, two of the teams placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at the previous Championships,
  - Second line, two of the teams placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at the previous Championships,
  - The rest of the entered teams shall be placed in groups by a random draw.
- b) With four groups in the age group:
  - First line, four of the teams placed 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> at the previous Championships,
  - The rest of the entered teams shall be placed in groups by a random draw.

**BL 10.5.3.2** Teams from the same country should not be drawn in the same group, if possible

**BL 10.5.3.3** The FINA Masters Commission can decide, if needed, on additional criteria as base for the draw.

### **BL 10.5.4 Classification**

**BL 10.5.4.1** The classification of teams in the preliminary rounds will be made based on FINA BL 9.6.

### **BL 10.5.5 Composition of groups for preliminary round for women**

**BL 10.5.5.1** The composition of groups for the preliminary round for women is dependent on the number of entries for each Age Group. The FINA Masters Commission can, based on the entries received, combine the groups including teams of different Age Groups. A playing schedule shall be decided by the FINA Masters Commission to decide the final ranking for the teams in each Age Group.

### **BL 10.6 Synchronised Swimming**

**BL 10.6.1** In FINA World Masters Championships a club may enter up to five (5) routines in solo, duo, mixed duo and team in each age group in each event, and one (1) Free Combination in each age group.

**BL 10.6.2** A competitor can take part in only one Duet, Mixed Duet, Team and one Free Combination.

**BL 10.6.3** A female competitor can take part in both Duo and Mixed Duo.

**BL 10.6.4** Changes in names of competitors for a routine must be received by the Chief Recorder at least 14 days prior to the first event of the Synchronised Swimming competition. The new competitor must have already registered for the competition with the organising committee.

**BL 10.6.5** The reserves listed in a routine must be of an age that any combination of the listed competitors would result in swimming in the same age group.

**BL 10.6.6** Any changes in reserves must be handed to the Chief Recorder in writing at least two hours prior to the listed start time for the age group routine. Changes after this can only be made in the case of sudden illness of or an accident to a competitor and if the reserve is ready to compete without delaying the competition.

**BL 10.6.7** A competitor may be listed as a reserve on more than one routine in an age group event. However, once a competitor swims in one routine, that competitor is ineligible to swim in another routine in the same age group event.

**BL 10.6.8** Failure to notify the Chief Recorder of substitution and/or scratches shall result in disqualification of the routine.

#### **BL 10.6.9. Order of Appearance**

**BL 10.6.9.1** For the FINA World Masters Championships, a computer draw for the Technical Routines shall be done by the Chief Recorder at least 24 hours before the Technical Meeting.

The order of the draw shall be Team, Free Combination, Duet and Solo.

**BL 10.6.9.2** When a competitor(s) draws start number one (1) in a Technical Routine, she (they) will be exempted from drawing start number one (1) in another Technical Routine in the same Age Group, if possible. Swimming number one (1) in a Technical Routine does not make a routine exempt from swimming number one (1) in the Free Routine in the same event.

**BL 10.6.9.3** The order of appearance for the Free Routines in each age group shall be determined by the results of the Technical Routines for that age group event and shall be swum in groups of 6 competitors.

- a) If the number of competitors is not divisible by 6, the smallest group shall start first.
- b) If there are fewer than 12 entries in an age group event, the draw will be in two equal groups, the smallest group start first.
- c) If there is a tie in the placement in an age group event which overlaps two groups, those competitors shall form a group of their own and swim between the original groups.

**BL 10.6.9.4** For each age group event, the lowest scoring competitors in the Technical Routine will swim in the first group and the highest scoring competitors will swim in the last group.

**BL 10.6.9.5** Within each age group in each event, the highest scoring competitor in the Technical Routine for that age group and event shall draw first, with the next competitors drawing in order of Technical Routine placement. In the case of ties, the order of draw shall be based on the Technical Routine start number, with the lowest start number drawing first.

### **BL 10.6.10 Judging and Scoring**

**BL 10.6.10.1** At the FINA World Masters Championships at least six (6) judges shall officiate in two panels.

## **BL 11 WORLD CUPS**

### **BL 11.1 General Rules**

FINA may conduct World Cups in each discipline in accordance with the Rules set forth hereafter.

**BL 11.1.1** All World Cups shall be conducted with doping control in accordance with FINA Doping Control Rules.

**BL 11.1.2** At all World Cups, the Management Committee shall be the members of the appropriate Technical Committee present at the competition, with the Bureau Liaison as Chairman who shall have a casting vote, if necessary.

**BL 11.1.3** Judging selections shall be determined by the appropriate Technical Committee, subject to approval by the Bureau or the Executive.

### **BL 11.2 Diving**

The Rules for the Diving World Cup are decided by the Bureau and based upon proposals from the Technical Diving Committee.

### **BL 11.3 Water Polo**

**BL 11.3.1** The competition shall be between a maximum of eight (8) selected in the following manner: automatically the first three (3) teams from the preceding World Championships and one (1) team from each of the five (5) continents selected through the continental qualification tournaments, continental championships or ranking at the preceding World Championships. The Host Country will be the representative of that continent. If a vacancy occurs it shall be filled by the next highest ranked teams from the continental qualification tournaments, continental championships or at the preceding World Championships with the following rotation: Asia, Americas, Africa, Oceania, and Europe.

**BL 11.3.2** Qualified Federations must declare their intention to send a team to the World Cup at least six months prior to the event. The draw shall be held approximately four months prior to the competition.

### **BL 11.4 Synchronised Swimming**

**BL 11.4.1** The Rules for the Synchronised Swimming Cup are decided by the Bureau and based upon proposals from the Technical Synchronised Swimming Committee.

**BL 11.4.2** The Rules for the FINA Synchronised Swimming World Trophy are decided by the Bureau and based upon proposals from the Technical Synchronised Swimming Committee six (6) months before competition.

### **BL 11.5 High Diving**

**BL 11.5.1** At the World Cup only dives prescribed by the FINA Rules for High Diving shall be executed.

**BL 11.5.2** The number of participants is decided by the Bureau and based upon proposals from the Technical High Diving Committee. From a Member not more than three (3) male divers and no more than four (4) female divers can be selected.

**BL 11.5.3** The selection process is decided by the Bureau and based upon proposals from the Technical High Diving Committee.

## **BL 12 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION AND THE FINA WORLD AQUATIC CALENDAR**

**BL 12.1** An International Competition shall refer to any competition organised or sanctioned by FINA, any Continental or Regional Organisation or any Member Federation in which other FINA recognised Federations, clubs or individuals participate.

**BL 12.2** International Competitions are divided into the following tiers:

1. Tier 1. Major World Aquatics Competitions - the Olympic Games, FINA World Championships, FINA World Swimming Championships (25m);
2. Tier 2. Other FINA World Competitions - World Junior and Youth Championships in each discipline, World Cups, World Leagues, World Series and other FINA competitions;
3. Tier 3. Continental and Regional Competitions - Continental or Regional Multi-Sport Games, Competitions organised by Continental or Regional Organisations;
4. Tier 4. - Member Federation' International Competitions - Events organised or sanctioned by a Member Federation in which other FINA recognised Federations, clubs or individuals participate;
5. Tier 5 – other competitions of major international importance as defined by FINA.

**BL 12.3** All Continental and Regional Organisations and Member Federations shall seek approval from FINA for any International Competition to be organised or sanctioned by them. Approval is however not necessary for national competitions in which foreign clubs or individuals not representing their Member Federation participate. The application for approval shall be submitted to FINA at least six months prior to the proposed date of the International Competition, and shall include the following information:

1. Proposed dates of the International Competition;
2. Competition Programme;
3. Doping Control Organization;
4. Any modification of the FINA Rules and requirements.

**BL 12.4** Any approval of the International Competition from FINA shall be subject to all conditions and requirements in accordance with the FINA Rules. All Competitors must comply with FINA eligibility rules.

**BL 12.5** FINA World Aquatic Calendar.

FINA shall compile and publish on its website the FINA World Aquatic Calendar in which all International Competitions approved by FINA shall be listed. When a new application for approval of an International Competition is received, FINA will compare the proposed dates of the new International Competition with the FINA World Aquatic Calendar to determine if the new dates conflict with a previously approved International Competition. If a conflict is deemed to exist by FINA (or any other issue arises in connection with the proposed International Competition) after considering the aquatic discipline, geographic region of the International Competition and/or age group of the Competitors and/or any other matter which FINA may in its discretion take into consideration, FINA will contact the new applicant and advise them that a conflict exists, and request that the dates be changed or competition is postponed to avoid the conflict. Applicants are advised to check the FINA World Aquatic Calendar for potential conflict in dates prior to applying for approval of a new International Competition. It is the policy of FINA that no International Competition of major international importance, with the exception of Masters competitions, should be held within 30 days prior to any Tier 1 Event, without FINA's prior consent.

**BL 12.6** Any cancellation or rescheduling of an International Competition that has been approved by FINA and published on the FINA World Aquatic Calendar shall be reported to FINA as soon as practicable, but in any case not later than 3 months prior to the commencement of that competition.



**BL 12.7 Competition Programme.**

For Tier 3 Continental or Regional Multi-Discipline Competitions or Multi-Sport Games, the Competition Programme should include all aquatic disciplines where possible. Any Tier 3 International Competition should include at a minimum the Competition Programme for the relevant discipline at the prior Olympic Games. For Tier 4 and Tier 5 International Competitions, applicants are asked to state in the application for approval the competition programme to be adopted and the reasons for the said programme (e.g., sprint events only or relay events only, etc).

**BL 12.8 Doping Control.**

All Tier 1, 2 and 3 events shall be held in compliance with FINA Doping Control Rules. Tier 4 and Tier 5 events shall be held in compliance with the Doping Control rules applicable in the jurisdiction where the event is being held provided that those rules are in accordance with the FINA Doping Control Rules and the World Anti-Doping Code. Any application for approval of any International Competition shall specify the Doping Control framework which will govern the event.

**BL 12.9 Modification of FINA Rules and Requirements.** Any application for approval of any International Competition shall indicate the modifications (if any) of the FINA Rules and Requirements applicable to the event.

**BL 12.10 Failure to comply with BL 12 may lead to possible sanctions in accordance with C 12.6.**

**BL 13 REQUIREMENTS WITH REGARD TO ORDER, SAFETY AND SECURITY AT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND FINA COMPETITIONS (AND CONTINENTAL AND REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS/GAMES)**

**PREAMBLE:** The requirements below have been established in order to safeguard order, safety and security at World Championships and FINA Competitions (and Continental and Regional Championships/Games).

The following rules are not exhaustive and cannot be regarded as a conclusive and all-embracing stipulation of the measures to be taken by, and the responsibilities of organisers of Championships and Competitions. Organisers are requested to do everything within their power to ensure that order, safety and security are maintained in and around the competition venue(s) before, during and after competition sessions.

These rules shall be complementary to instructions based on national and local legislation, as well as instructions issued by competent national administrative bodies.

**BL 13.1 Consultation with authorities**

Before bidding for championships/competitions the Bidding Federation must consult the appropriate authorities in order to ensure that the measures required in these rules will be fulfilled.

**BL 13.2 Inspection of Venue(s)**

The venue(s) in which competitions are to take place must have been approved by the competent authorities for this purpose.



### **BL 13.3 Organisation**

**BL 13.3.1** The Organising Federation, Organising Committee or Club in charge of the organisation of the championships/competition must in cooperation with the competent local authorities appoint a Security Officer, who will be in overall command of all order, safety and security matters related to the championships/competition. Persons individually in charge of order, safety, security, medical care and fire service must be similarly appointed.

**BL 13.3.2** In addition every Federation or Club entered into the championships/competition shall be requested to select one official with knowledge about the behaviour of supporters attending the competition venue(s), who shall inform the Security Officer about any special need of action in order to maintain order, safety and security at the competition venue(s).

### **BL 13.4 Security Meetings**

**BL 13.4.1** The Organiser shall provide office(s) for the Security Officer, in which Security Meetings will be held whenever needed. Persons attending regular Security Meetings shall be those responsible for order, safety, security, medical care and fire service. On special call also other persons such as the FINA Delegate(s), Federation or Club officials, venue authorities and the local police shall attend Security Meetings.

**BL 13.4.2** In the event of serious emergency situation all persons identified in BL 13.4.1 on a special signal broadcast over the public address system must immediately attend an Emergency Meeting.

**BL 13.4.3** Presentation of the Security Officer and persons in charge of order, safety and security, medical care and fire service shall be done at the Technical Meeting(s) before the opening of the championships/competition. At the same time information about order, safety, security, medical care and fire service at the venue(s) shall be given by the Security Officer.

### **BL 13.5 Checking and Guarding of the Venue(s)**

The venue(s) must be guarded against unauthorised intrusion for an adequate period before the beginning of the championships/competition, and an efficient security sweep of the venue(s), to search for unauthorised persons or dangerous objects, carried out before competitors, officials and spectators are admitted.

### **BL 13.6 Duration of Presence**

Police, safety, security stewarding, medical and fire-fighting personnel and the public address announcer(s) shall be in their allotted positions in and around the venue(s) before the venue(s) is opened to the public, and their presence maintained for the entire period that the public is in the venue(s) and until it has dispersed, in accordance with the instructions of the Security Officer.

### **BL 13.7 Screening of Spectators at Championships/Competitions**

Spectators shall be screened initially by control personnel at the outer perimeter fence, if there is one, or at the outer cordon established at venues which do not have an outer

perimeter fence, to ensure that only ticket-holders approach the turnstiles, and to make the first checks to prevent the introduction of dangerous objects, alcohol, fireworks etc. into the venue(s).

Final screening and search procedures shall be carried out by the control personnel outside the turnstiles entrances to ensure that:

- a) Spectators enter the correct part of the venue
- b) Spectators do not bring any objects into the venue that are likely to be used in acts of violence, nor alcohol or fireworks of any kind.
- c) Access is forbidden to known or potential troublemakers, or persons who are under influence of alcohol or drugs.
- d) Special alert must be given to possible acts of terrorism.

Screening and search processes shall be carried out sensibly and effectively to ensure that the spectators are not searched more than once and that the searchers themselves do not become the cause of undue delay or create unnecessary tension.

#### **BL 13.8 Stewards**

Sufficient stewards shall be on duty within the venue(s) to ensure that spectators are directed to their seats efficiently and smoothly without delay and confusion.

#### **BL 13.9 Segregation**

For Water Polo games where a system of spectator segregation is to be operated, the segregation should be drawn up jointly by the Security Officer and the police commander in charge at the match venue.

#### **BL 13.10 Doors and Gates**

All exit doors and gates in the venue(s) shall open outwards away from the spectators, and shall remain unlocked while spectators are in the venue. Each and every such door and gate shall be attended at all times by a specially appointed steward, to guard against abuse and ensure immediate escape routes in the event of an emergency evacuation. They shall not be locked under no circumstances.

#### **BL 13.11 Distribution of Alcohol**

The public sale, distribution or consumption of alcoholic beverages shall not be permitted within the spectators' areas, athlete areas or competition areas of the swimming venue.

#### **BL 13.12 Public Address system**

The venue(s) shall have a public address system, which is capable of being heard clearly, above the crowd noise. It is recommended that the announcer(s) should be selected from persons with voice(s) familiar to the spectators. The police authorities should be able to override the public address system to make emergency announcements on their own microphone.

#### **BL 13.13 Announcements**

Announcements over the public address system shall be of strict neutral character. The public address system shall not be used for the dissemination of political messages.

#### **BL 13.14 First Aid**

The venue(s) shall have adequate and fully equipped first-aid treatment facilities for competitors and officials and the public. These facilities together with the number and qualifications of assistants who will administer treatment, shall be approved by the local authorities concerned. Ambulance(s) shall be stationed on site during the whole championships/competition.

#### **BL 13.15 Political Action**

No political action shall take place inside or in the immediate vicinity of the venue(s). The promotion or announcement, by any means, of political messages or any other political actions inside or in the immediate vicinity of the venue(s) is strictly prohibited before, during and after the championships/competition.

#### **BL 13.16 Provocative Action, Racism**

The Organisers of championships/competition, together with the Security Officer, shall prevent any provocative action being taken by spectators inside or in the immediate vicinity of the venue(s) (unacceptable levels of verbal provocation from spectators towards competitors or opposing fans, racist behaviour, provocative banners or flags etc.). Should such action arise, the Security Officer shall intervene over the public address system or remove any offensive material, if necessary with assistance of the police. Stewards shall draw attention of the police to serious acts of misbehaviour, including racist insults; so that offenders may be removed from the venue should the police decide.

#### **BL 13.17 Sanctions**

Federations, Organising Committees or clubs may be sanctioned for not having fulfilled the requirements in this rule.

Sanctions may include any or all of the following:

- a) Warning
- b) Fine
- c) Suspension

Sanctions shall be imposed by the body competent to impose sanctions in accordance with the Constitution of the Organisation having the right to award the championships/competition.

### **BL 14 AUTONOMY OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATIONS MEMBERS OF FINA**

When the autonomy of a NF is being, or is, compromised the FINA Executive is entitled to take any appropriate decisions in order to protect the benefits of Aquatic Sports in the Country or the Sport Country of a NF. These measures include the suspension or the expulsion from the FINA membership if the constitution, law or other regulations in force in the Country or Sport Country of the NF concerned, or any act by any governmental or other body provokes the activity of the NF or the making or expression of its will to be hampered. The procedure shall be as established in FINA C 12.

## **BL 15 HIGH DIVING COMPETITION FORMAT**

**BL 15.1** The men's competition is divided into three (3) sessions, session one on day one and session two and three on day three. The women's competition is held in two (2) sessions on day two.

**BL 15.2** The competitions for women shall comprise three (3) dives. The competitions for men shall comprise five (5) dives. A dive of the same number shall be regarded as the same dive.

### **BL 15.3 Women 20m Platform**

**BL 15.3.1** The Women's competitions shall comprise three (3) dives from different groups. One (1) required dive with a maximum degree of difficulty (DD) of 2.6 and two (2) dives without limit of DD.

**BL 15.3.2** If the DD of the required dive is less than 2.6 the calculated DD following appendixes 1 / 2 will be used. If a diver performs a dive above 2.6 they will only receive 2.6.

**BL 15.3.3** If the last dive cannot be performed by safety reason, the diver can perform another easier dive as long as the diver has announced such an easier dive in the original statement of dives. This dive receives the calculated DD following appendixes 1 / 2 but no more than 2.6.

### **BL 15.4 Men 27m Platform**

**BL 15.4.1** The Men's competitions shall comprise five (5) dives from at least four (4) different groups. Two (2) required dives with a maximum DD of 3.8 per dive, one (1) intermediate dive with a maximum DD of 4.3 and two (2) dives without limit of DD.

**BL 15.4.2** The two (2) required dives must be from two (2) different take-off positions or a penalty of 1.0 will be applied.

**BL 15.4.3** If the DD of a required dive is less than 3.8 the calculated DD following appendixes 1 / 2 will be used. If a diver performs a dive above 3.8 they will only receive 3.8.

**BL 15.4.4** If the DD of the intermediate dive is less than 4.3 the calculated DD following appendixes 1 / 2 will be used. If a diver performs a dive above 4.3 they will only receive 4.3.

**BL 15.4.5** If the last dive cannot be performed by safety reason, the diver can perform another easier dive as long as the diver has announced such an easier dive in the original statement of dives. This dive receives the calculated DD following appendixes 1 / 2 but no more than 3.8.