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TO: ALL FINA MEMBER FEDERATIONS

FROM: FINA, Lausanne

DATE: 2 May 2016

**RE: QUALIFYING PROCEDURE FOR THE
17th FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – BUDAPEST 2017**

Dear Sirs,

We have the pleasure to forward to you this correspondence relating to the *athletes' participation in SWIMMING competitions* at the **17th FINA World Championships** to be held in **Budapest (HUN)**. The swimming events will take place from 23rd to 30th July 2017.

As done for previous FINA World Championships, a qualifying procedure with "A" and "B" standard times will be implemented for Budapest 2017.

Please see the information below:

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

| Men's Standard | | Women's Standard | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| A – 2 Entries | B – 1 Entry | | A – 2 Entries | B – 1 Entry |
| 0.22.47 | 0.23.26 | 50 m Freestyle | 0.25.18 | 0.26.06 |
| 0.48.93 | 0.50.64 | 100 m Freestyle | 0.54.90 | 0.56.82 |
| 1.47.73 | 1.51.50 | 200 m Freestyle | 1.58.68 | 2.02.83 |
| 3.48.15 | 3.56.14 | 400 m Freestyle | 4.10.57 | 4.19.34 |
| 7.54.31 | 8.10.91 | 800 m Freestyle | 8.38.56 | 8.56.71 |
| 15.12.79 | 15.44.74 | 1500 m Freestyle | 16.32.04 | 17.06.76 |
| 0.25.29 | 0.26.18 | 50 m Backstroke | 0.28.52 | 0.29.52 |
| 0.54.06 | 0.55.95 | 100 m Backstroke | 1.00.61 | 1.02.73 |

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|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1.58.55 | 2.02.70 | 200 m Backstroke | 2.11.53 | 2.16.13 |
| 0.27.51 | 0.28.47 | 50 m Breaststroke | 0.31.22 | 0.32.31 |
| 1.00.35 | 1.02.46 | 100 m Breaststroke | 1.07.58 | 1.09.95 |
| 2.11.11 | 2.15.70 | 200 m Breaststroke | 2.25.91 | 2.31.02 |
| 0.23.67 | 0.24.50 | 50 m Butterfly | 0.26.49 | 0.27.42 |
| 0.52.29 | 0.54.12 | 100 m Butterfly | 0.58.48 | 1.00.53 |
| 1.57.28 | 2.01.38 | 200 m Butterfly | 2.09.77 | 2.14.31 |
| 2.00.22 | 2.04.43 | 200 m Ind. Med. | 2.13.41 | 2.18.08 |
| 4.17.90 | 4.26.93 | 400 m Ind. Med. | 4.43.06 | 4.52.97 |

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

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| 4 x 100 m Freestyle Mix | 1 Team |
| 4 x 100 m Medley Mix | 1 Team |

Please note:

- *If a National Federation enters only one (1) swimmer per event all swimmers entered must meet the qualifying "B" standard time;*
- *If two (2) swimmers are entered in the same event, both of them must meet the qualifying "A" standard time;*
- *Federations may enter swimmers regardless of standard time as follows (FINA Rule BL 9.3.6.2):*
 - # *having no swimmer qualified: two (2) men and two (2) women;*
 - # *having one (1) or two (2) swimmers qualified, additional swimmers up to a maximum of four (4) swimmers (two (2) men and two (2) women);*
 - # *having three (3) swimmers qualified one (1) additional swimmer provided that both genders are represented.*

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Swimmers entered without qualifying time must have participated in the National Championships of the Federation or in a FINA approved qualifying event. These swimmers will be allowed to enter in two (2) different events each, but they cannot swim in the same event, p.a. 50 m Freestyle.

• **Gender Relays:**

Men & Women: 4x100m Freestyle, 4x200m Freestyle, 4x100m Medley – One (1) Relay per Federation;

Mixed Relays: 4x100 m Freestyle, 4x100m Medley – One (1) Relay per Federation.

2. QUALIFYING PERIOD

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

1st March 2016 – 13th July 2017

3. QUALIFYING EVENTS

Continental Championships 2016 and 2017

International Competitions, *to be approved in advance by FINA*

National Competitions, *to be approved in advance by FINA*

FINA will only accept entry times achieved at competitions officially approved by FINA. Please refer also to FINA Rule BL 12.

4. APPLICATION FOR QUALIFYING EVENTS

If your Federation will organise an International Competition or a National Qualifying Meet where the swimmers could achieve the FINA “A” and “B” Qualifying Standard Times, please fill out the attached “Application Form” and return it to the FINA Office in Lausanne (SUI) **as soon as possible** taking into account the following:

- Competitions held between 1st March 2016 and 13th July 2017 should be approved *before* they take place;

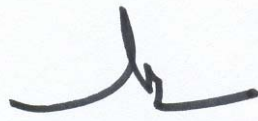
- **NO APPLICATION FOR A NATIONAL AND/OR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION WILL BE CONSIDERED AFTER 31st DECEMBER 2016.**

We would like to draw your attention to the following:

- It is very important to indicate on the “Application Form” the **INFORMATION ON THE TIMING SYSTEM** to be used at the competitions to be organised by the National Federations where the swimmers could achieve the FINA “A” and “B” Qualifying Standard Times.
- FINA will only recognise swimming competitions where Referees and Starters included on the FINA Swimming Officials Lists No. 17 and No. 18 are officiating for competitions held in 2016 and FINA Swimming Officials Lists No. 18 and No. 19 for competitions held in 2017.
- In order for FINA to endorse the Swimming Qualifying Time Standards achieved at approved competitions, the National Federation / Organiser must send to the FINA Office in Lausanne (SUI) the official results in an electronic file (either Lenex or Hy-Tek cl2/sdif) **IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE COMPETITION.**

We look forward to hearing from you and please do not hesitate to contact the FINA Office for any additional information or assistance you may need concerning the qualification procedure for the 17th FINA World Championships – Budapest 2017.

Sincerely yours,



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