



MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL FINA MEMBER FEDERATIONS
FROM: FINA, Lausanne
DATE: 6 July 2020
RE: QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE SWIMMING COMPETITIONS OF THE TOKYO 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES, TO BE HELD IN 2021

Dear Sirs,

We have the pleasure to forward to you this correspondence related to the **Swimming Qualification System** for the **Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games**, to be held in 2021.

Please refer to the important information hereunder and attached:

- * The Qualification period for individual entries is: 1st March 2019 – 27th June 2021.
- * The Qualification period for relay entries is: 1st March 2019 – 31st May 2021.
- * Please note that only the swimming qualifying times achieved at competitions approved in advance by FINA can be accepted as entry times for these Games.
- * FINA will **ONLY** recognise the swimming competitions where referees and starters included on the FINA Swimming Officials Lists are officiating.
 - o Competitions held in 2019-2020: Officials on the List N° 19 and N° 20
 - o Competitions held in 2021: Officials on the List N° 20 and N° 21

In accordance with FINA Rule BL 12 ([link](#)), the following events are considered as qualifiers for the swimming competition of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games:

- Tier 1.** 18th FINA World Championships 2019, Gwangju (KOR)
- Tier 2.** 7th FINA World Junior Swimming Championships 2019, Budapest (HUN)
FINA Swimming World Cup (if conducted in 50 m pools)
- Tier 3.** Continental Championships
Continental Junior Championships
Regional Championships
Regional Games where Swimming is included

Every National Federation organising a Continental or Regional competition must apply to FINA for approval prior to the event being held for the results to be considered.



Tier 4. Member Federations' International Competitions

A maximum of four (4) competitions per year will be allowed per National Federation. The results will only be taken into consideration if the rankings show the participation of swimmers from other National Federations than the host federation.

**Tier 5. National Trials
National Championships**

A maximum of two (2) events per year will be approved per National Federation.

Please find attached the following documents:

- * FINA OQT / "A" & OST / "B" Qualifying times
- * Application Form for competitions from tiers 3, 4 & 5

The form must be returned to the FINA Office in accordance with the following deadlines:

- * For competitions in 2020 - **45 Days before the event**
- * For competitions in 2021 - **no later than 31st December 2020**

NO APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED AFTER THE ABOVE ESTABLISHED DEADLINES

The approved events will be automatically confirmed for the FINA World Calendar.

Please note that competitions taking place after 1st March 2019 and which have been previously approved as qualifying meets for the FINA World Championships Gwangju 2019 will be automatically considered for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. There is no need to re-apply.



Timing Systems:

- * It is very important to indicate on the “Application Form” the **INFORMATION ON THE TIMING SYSTEM. Electronic Timing is mandatory.**
- * The official results should be sent to FINA in pdf format **and** in an electronic file (either Lenex or Hy-Tek cl2/sdif) **IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE COMPETITION** to <mailto:rankings@fina.org>.
- * The full date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy) of each athlete must be included in the results file.

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 Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

Yours Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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