

**SUMMONS FOR THE
12th FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
March 18 – April 1, 2007
Melbourne, Australia**

The “Fédération Internationale de Natation” (FINA) hereby notifies and invites all affiliated Federations to participate in the 12th FINA World Championships on the following basis:

1. HOST, PLACE AND DATE OF COMPETITIONS

The hosts for these Championships, the Victorian Government and Swimming Australia Ltd., have established an Organising Committee, which shall be in charge of the preparation and organisation of the competitions under the control and supervision of the FINA Bureau.

The events will be held in Melbourne (AUS) with the following schedule:

- **Opening ceremony – March 17, 2007**
- **Dates of competition – March 18 – April 1, 2007**
- **Closing ceremony – April 1, 2007**

2. ORGANISING COMMITTEE ADDRESS

Federations should communicate with the Organising Committee at the following address:

2007 World Swimming Championships Corporation
Locked Bag 2007
South Melbourne Vic 3205
Australia
Tel.: (61-3) 9864 0777
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The **officers of the Organising Committee** are:

Mr Tony Beddison AO – Chairman
Mr Neil Martin
Ms Belinda Rowe
Mr Roger Smith AM
Mr Glenn Tasker
Ms Nicole Livingstone OAM
Mr Mark Korda
Ms Alison Watkins

Observers/Advisors

Mr Peter Abraam - CEO, Victorian Major Events Company
Dr Peter Hertan - Director, Sport and Recreation Victoria

Executive Management

Mr Michael Scott – Chief Executive Officer (CEO), 2007 World Swimming Championships Corporation

Mrs Lynne Bates AM – Chief Operating Officer (COO), 2007 World Swimming Championships Corporation

3. REGISTRATION, NOTIFICATION AND ENTRY FORMS

There will be three successive entry forms to provide information to the Organising Committee and to enter the Championships. The entry forms are as follows:

3.1 – First provisional entry form due to be received by the Organising Committee by **November 17, 2006**.

The first provisional entry form is for the purpose of registering National Federations, and indicating to the Organising Committee the disciplines in which the Federation intends to enter teams. This provisional entry form will be mailed in the month of September 2006 to all FINA Member Federations, and must be returned, air mail, and received by the Organising Committee not later than **November 17, 2006**.

3.2 – Second preliminary entry form to be received by the Organising Committee by **January 10, 2007**.

The second preliminary entry form is for the purpose of indicating to the Organising Committee the maximum number of competitors, representatives, coaches, official delegates, chaperons, etc., which each Federation intends to register in each discipline. This form will be mailed to each Federation that submits a first provisional entry form by November 17, 2006 and must be returned and received by the Organising Committee by **January 10, 2007**. The number of competitors mentioned in the second preliminary entry form in each event shall not be increased. In addition, the second entry form will be the final entry form for open water swimmers, and must identify by name all swimmers who will compete in the open water swimming event.

3.3 – Final entry form to be received by the Organising Committee by **midnight on February 23, 2007**.

The final entry form will register each competitor (other than open water swimmers) by name, indicating the event or events in which that competitor will be participating, and providing any other information to the Organising Committee. The final entry form will be mailed to each National Federation that submits a second preliminary entry form by January 10, 2007. The final entry form must be returned and received by the Organising Committee not later than **midnight on February 23, 2007**. This date must be strictly enforced by the Organising Committee. Absolutely no late entries will be accepted.

3.4 – All entry forms must be signed by the President or General Secretary of the Federation holding FINA membership.

3.5 – All entry forms must be completed in quadruplicate. The original and two copies should be sent to the Organising Committee; the remaining copy to be retained by the sender. The Organising Committee will transmit the original form to the FINA Office and retain two copies. Faxed copies must be supported with original forms to the Organising Committee.

4. NUMBER OF COMPETITORS ALLOWED BY EACH FEDERATION

The maximum number of competitors allowed from each Federation for each discipline is:

| | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Swimming (men) | 26 |
| Swimming (women) | 26 |
| Diving (men) | 6+4 (Synchronised Diving) |
| Diving (women) | 6+4 (Synchronised Diving) |
| Synchronised Swimming | 12 |
| Water Polo (men) | 13 |
| Water Polo (women) | 13 |
| Open Water Swimming (men) | 2+2+2 (5+10+25 km) |
| Open Water Swimming (women) | 2+2+2 (5+10+25 km) |

A competitor must be a citizen by birth or naturalization of the country, which registers him/her (FINA Rule GR 2.5).

5. REGISTRATION AND QUALIFICATION OF COMPETITORS

5.1 – Swimming

Each Federation may enter no more than two competitors per individual event, regardless of standards. There is no limit on the number of events in which each competitor may enter (BL 8.3.6.1).

a. For each relay event, each Member may enter only one team. All swimmers entered in individual events can be used in relays (BL 8.3.6.3).

b. The composition of a relay team may be changed between heats and finals of an event. When preliminaries are swum, medals or diplomas shall be awarded to those swimmers who swam in the heats and the final race (BL 8.3.6.4).

c. 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 the swimmers in medley relay events must be listed for their respective strokes (BL 8.3.6.5).

d. Each Member may enter a maximum of 26 men and 26 women swimmers (BL 8.3.6.6).

5.2 – Open Water Swimming

Each Member may enter a maximum of two males and two females per event (BL 8.3.7.1).

5.3 – Diving

a. Each Member may enter a maximum of two (2) competitors per event, regardless of standards, for each individual event and one (1) team of two (2) competitors for each synchronised diving event (BL 8.3.8.2).

b. Each diver shall deliver to the Competition Manager a complete statement of the dives selected for the preliminary competition and for all following sessions of the competitions on the official form designated for the event (D 4.1).

5.4 – Men's Water Polo

5.4.1 - The competition shall be between a maximum of sixteen (16) teams selected in the following manner (BL 8.3.10.5.1):

a. The four (4) highest ranking teams from the World Cup 2006, two (2) highest ranking teams from the World League 2006, one (1) team from the host country (AUS) and nine (9) teams from the five continents to be selected through a qualifying tournament or continental championship. 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 8.3.10.5.2).

b. The highest qualifying team(s) from the continental qualifying 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. These continental tournaments must be completed by **November 15, 2006** (BL 8.3.10.5.3).

c. If anyone of the teams qualified from the World League 2006 are in the first four (4) of the World Cup 2006, the next ranked team from this World Cup qualifies (BL 8.3.10.5.4).

d. If the host country is already included in the four (4) highest ranking teams from the World Cup 2006, then the entry position shall be filled by the next highest placed team from this World Cup (BL 8.3.10.5.5).

e. If another of the four (4) highest ranking teams from the World Cup 2006 or one (1) of the two (2) highest ranking teams from the World League 2006 does not enter, then that position shall be filled from the next highest placed team from the World Cup 2006 (BL 8.3.10.5.6).

f. If no team enters from a continent or if there is an unfilled vacancy from among the teams qualifying from the World Cup 2006 or the World League 2006, then each vacancy for the World Championship shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or

continental championships with the following rotation: Americas, Europe, host Continent, Asia, Oceania and Africa (BL 8.3.10.5.7).

5.4.2 – Men's competitions shall be conducted in accordance with FINA Rule BL 8.4.3.2

5.4.3 – The list of players for any game must be in the hands of the referees not less than 30 minutes before the scheduled start of the game. Each player shall retain the same cap number through the whole tournament.

5.4.4 – The tournament scores shall be: 2 points for the winner, 0 points for the loser, and 1 point for each team for a tie.

5.5 – Women's Water Polo

5.5.1 The competition shall be between a maximum of sixteen (16) teams selected in the following manner (BL 8.3.10.6.1):

a. The four (4) highest ranking teams from the World Cup 2006, two (2) highest ranking teams from the World League 2006, one (1) team from the host country (AUS) and nine (9) teams from the five continents to be selected through a qualification tournament or continental championship. 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 8.3.10.6.2).

b. The highest qualifying team(s) from the continental qualifying tournament or continental championship 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. These continental tournaments must be completed by **November 15, 2006** (BL 8.3.10.6.3).

c. If anyone of the teams qualified from the World League 2006 are in the first four (4) of the World Cup 2006, the next ranked team from this World Cup qualifies (BL 8.3.10.6.4).

d. If the host country is already included in the four (4) highest ranking teams from the World Cup 2006, then that entry position shall be filled by the next highest placed team from this World Cup (BL 8.3.10.6.5).

e. If any other of the four (4) highest ranking teams from the World Cup 2006 does not enter, then that position shall be filled by the next highest placed team from this World Cup (BL 8.3.10.6.6).

f. If no team enters from a continent, or if there is an unfilled vacancy from among the teams qualifying from the World Cup 2006, then each vacancy for the World Championship shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualifying tournament or continental championship with the following rotation: Americas, Europe, Host Continent, Asia, Oceania and Africa (BL 8.3.10.6.7).

5.5.2 - Women's competitions shall be conducted in accordance with FINA Rule BL 8.4.3.2

5.5.3 – The list of players for any game must be in the hands of the referees not less than 30 minutes before the scheduled start of the game. Each player shall retain the same cap number through the whole tournament.

5.5.4 – The tournament scores shall be: 2 points for the winner, 0 points for the loser, and 1 point for each team for a tie.

5.6 – Synchronised Swimming

5.6.1 – The total number of swimmers entered by each Federation may not exceed twelve (12) competitors. Team routines shall consist of eight (8) competitors and ten (10) for Free Combination (BL 8.3.9.1 and SS 6.2.2).

5.6.2 – Each Member may enter one Technical Solo, one Free Solo, one Technical Duet, one Free Duet, one Technical Team, one Free Team and one Free Combination. A competitor may compete in all seven events (SS 6.1.1).

5.6.3 – The entry shall designate the name of the Technical Solo and the reserve, the name of the Free Solo and the reserve, the names of the Technical Duet competitors and a maximum of one reserve, the names of the Free Duet competitors and a maximum of one reserve, the names of the Technical Team competitors and the two reserves, the names of the Free Team competitors and the two reserves and the names of the athletes in the Free Combination (SS 6.3.1).

6. TECHNICAL MEET OFFICIALS

6.1 – Nominations

The FINA Office has mailed nomination forms to each Federation. Nominations must be submitted so they reach the FINA Office no later than **March 15, 2006**. All Technical Meet Officials, except the host officials, shall be selected by the FINA Bureau, on the recommendation of the relevant Technical Committee, from among those listed on the relevant FINA International List of Officials. Subject to FINA approval, the host Federation may select Deck Officials (officials other than those listed on the FINA International List of Officials). The final appointment of the Technical Meet Officials shall be made by the FINA Bureau.

6.2 – Number of Officials

Each National Federation is entitled to nominate the following number of Officials:

Swimming: One (1) Judge and one (1) Starter

Open Water Swimming: One (1) Official

Diving: Two (2) Judges

Water Polo: Participating Federations - two (2) Referees

Synchronised Swimming: Three (3) Judges

All Technical Meet Officials shall be nominated from among those listed on the relevant FINA International List of Officials, namely:

- **Swimming:** FINA Swimming Officials List N°13 & 14
- **Open Water Swimming:** FINA OWS Officials List N°5 & 6
- **Diving:** FINA Diving Judges List 2006 - "A" Category
- **Water Polo:** FINA Water Polo Referees List 2006
 - Water Polo Referees who have attended or will attend and have passed the exam of the FINA Water Polo School for Referees.
- **Synchronised Swimming:** FINA Synchronised Swimming Officials List 2006 – "A" Category

From the names submitted by the National Federations, FINA will select the following number of Officials:

Swimming

Host Federation: one (1) Starter & eight (8) Judges

Other Federations: one (1) Starter & twenty-five (25) Judges

Open Water Swimming

Host Federation:

three (3) Timekeepers

three (3) Finish Judges

one (1) Starter

one (1) Halfway Turn Judge

one (1) Escort Boat Judge per athlete (25km events)

Other Federations: twelve (12) Officials

Diving

Host Federation: one (1) Judge

Other Federations: two (2) Deck Officials & twenty (20) Judges

Water Polo

Participating Federations: one (1) Referee for each participating Federation regardless of whether the Federation is represented by a Men's team and/or Women's team.

Non-participating Federations: six (6) Neutral Referees for the Men's and Women's Competition from countries without teams (with a maximum of one (1) per country).

Synchronised Swimming

Host Federation: one (1) Judge

Other Federations: fifteen (15) Judges & one (1) Chief Recorder

6.3 – Required Days of Duty

Each official selected by the FINA Bureau must be available at the competition for the number of days of their relevant competition, plus three days before the start of the competition, and one day following the conclusion of the competition and duty, as follows:

| | <i>Number of days (arrival-departure)*</i> |
|------------------------------|--|
| Open Water Swimming | 12 days (15-26 March) |
| Synchronised Swimming | 11 days (15-25 March) |
| Diving | 12 days (15-26 March) |
| Water Polo | 18 days (16 March – 2 April) |
| Swimming | 12 days (22 March – 2 April) |
| Medical | 18 days (16 March – 2 April) |
| Jury of Appeal | 19 days (15 March – 2 April) |

** To be confirmed after FINA's approval of the definitive competition programme.*

If any changes will apply to the dates, the NF/officials will be informed immediately.

7. EXPENSES OF TRAVEL, LODGING AND FOOD

The accommodation and three meals per day, for a period determined in 6.3, will be provided for all the Technical Meet Officials from the National Federations selected by the FINA Technical Committees and FINA Bureau. ***Travel expenses shall be the responsibility of each National Federation except for the six neutral water polo referees to be appointed by FINA.***

8. TEAM OFFICIALS

8.1 – Individuals who are serving as Team Officials (coaches, managers, chaperons, etc.) cannot serve as Technical Meet Officials.

8.2 – Each Federation shall be allowed to include in its delegation Team Officials (coaches, managers, trainers, chaperons, etc.) in each discipline in a number dependent upon the number of competitors entering and participating in accordance with the following:

- **SWIMMING**

Competitors

Men 26

Women 26

Team Officials

1-2 competitor(s) 1

3-5 competitors 2

6-10 competitors 4

11-20 competitors 8

21-30 competitors 10

31-40 competitors 13

Over 41 competitors 16

- **DIVING**

Competitors (maximum)

Men 10

Women 10

Team Officials

1-2 competitor(s) 1

3-5 competitors 2

6-10 competitors 4

11-20 competitors 7

- **WATER POLO**

Competitors

Men 13

Women 13

Team Officials

5 Officials for each team entered

- **SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING**

Competitors (maximum) 12

Team Officials

1 competitor 1

2 competitors 2

8 competitors 3

10 competitors 4

12 competitors 5

- **OPEN WATER SWIMMING**

Competitors (maximum)

Men 2 + 2 + 2 (5 km, 10 km, 25 km)

Women 2 + 2 + 2 (5 km, 10 km, 25 km)

Team Officials

One (1) accompanying person for each 25 km swimmer

1 – 4 competitor(s): one (1) Team Official

5 – 8 competitors: three (3) Team Officials

9 – 12 competitors: five (5) Team Officials

8.3 ACCREDITATION

National Federations are to note the number of Team Officials (coaches, managers, chaperons, etc.) allowed by discipline, as detailed in section 8.2. A fee will be charged for approved additional accreditation passes.

9. AWARDS

9.1 – Gold, silver and bronze medals shall be awarded to the first three places in individual and team final events (GR 9.7.1).

9.2 – Diplomas shall be awarded to all eight finalists in individual events and to the first six finalists in team events (GR 9.7.1).

9.3 – Trophies for the highest scoring national teams, male and female, in swimming, and the highest scoring national team in swimming (GR 9.8.1). In Open Water Swimming, a special FINA Team Trophy will be given based upon the points achieved under rule GR 9.8.2 on the individual events.

9.4 – Commemorative medals for all those connected officially with the Championships.

10. SCORING

10.1 – Points are awarded to all finalists, according to the following points distribution for each discipline (GR 9.8).

10.2 – Swimming (GR 9.8.1)

Individual:

Places 1-8: 18, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10 points

Places 9-16: 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 points

Relays:

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

A special FINA Trophy shall be awarded to the individual competitor, either male or female, scoring the highest points in the swimming events upon the following:

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 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, performances will be compared with the World Records and a decision made by the Swimming Commission.

10.3 – Open Water Swimming (GR 9.8.2)

Scoring will be 18 points for first place, 16 points for second place, 14 for third, 12 for fourth, 10 for fifth, 8 for sixth, 6 for seventh, 5 for eighth, etc. and 1 point for twelfth place.

10.4 – Diving (GR 9.8.3)

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

10.5 – Synchronised Swimming (GR 9.8.5)

Solo, Technical Routine and Solo, Free Routine: 24 points for first place, 22 points for second place, etc. and 2 points for twelfth place.

Duet, Technical Routine and Duet, Free Routine: 36 points for first place, 33 points for second place, etc. and 3 points for twelfth place.

Team, Technical Routine, Team Free Routine and Free Combination: 72 points for first place, 66 points for second place, etc. and 6 points for twelfth place.

10.6 – Water Polo (GR 9.8.4)

First place to sixteenth place is determined by placing in the tournament. No assignment of points shall be done.

11. RULES

The Championships will be held under FINA Rules in force at the time of the Championships.

12. PENALTIES FOR WITHDRAWAL

FINA Rule GR 7 will govern in the event of withdrawals and the cumulative penalties provided therein shall be assessed. The Commissions shall be responsible for checking and keeping records of withdrawals in their disciplines, and reporting such to the Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Executive Director.

13. ADVERTISING

FINA Rule GR 6 should be applied as follows:

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

GR 6.2 – Body advertisement is not allowed in any way whatsoever.

GR 6.3 – Advertising for tobacco or alcohol is not allowed.

BL 7.1.4 - Athletes Bibs

The bibs must be worn fully visible during Athlete's introduction and award ceremonies.

14. APPLICATION OF VISAS

Participants must apply for visas before entering Australia. The Organising Committee will use best efforts to ensure all participants can obtain a visa for Australia. Information necessary for obtaining visas will be offered to member Federations by the Organising Committee at appropriate times. All people travelling to Australia are encouraged to apply for visas as early as possible.

15. DOPING CONTROL

15.1 – The actual conduct of doping control shall be the responsibility of a Doping Control Commission of one or more people appointed by the FINA Bureau (DC 5.2.2).

15.2 – Selection of competitors to be tested at FINA competitions shall be decided by the Doping Control Commission together with the Bureau Delegate at the competition. All participating competitors shall be considered (DC 5.3.1).

15.3 – Any swimmers establishing or breaking a World Record shall submit to doping control following the race. When a relay team breaks or equals a World Record all competitors swimming the relay shall be tested (DC 5.3.2).

16. CONTROL OF EVENTS

16.1 – Management Committee

The Management Committee shall consist of the Members of the Bureau (GR 9.4.2).

16.2 – Jury of Appeal

The Jury of Appeal shall be the Members of the Bureau and the Honorary Members of FINA (GR 9.3.1).

16.3 - Commissions

For each discipline a commission shall be appointed consisting of the respective Technical Delegate (Bureau liaison) and the Chairman and the Honorary Secretary of each respective FINA Technical Committee (GR 9.5.1).

16.4 – FINA Representatives and Technical Delegates

16.4.1 – FINA Representatives

The FINA Representatives to the Organising Committee are: the Executive and the Executive Director.

16.4.2 – Technical Delegates

Swimming: Dale Neuburger (USA)

Open Water Swimming: Nory Kruchten (LUX)

Diving: Eldon C. Godfrey (CAN)

Water Polo: Guillermo Martinez (CUB)

Synchronised Swimming: Gennady Aleshin (RUS)

17. ASSISTANCE TO THE NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

The FINA Bureau will determine the number of travel and accommodation full board assistance to be provided to each National Federation participating at these FINA World Championships.