

## REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION CERTIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING OFFICIALS

### A. Aims

- to improve officiating in swimming.
- to unify the officiating procedures.
- to achieve a list of qualified swimming officials. Only referees and starters from this list will officiate as referees and starters in major international competitions.

### B. Basic Regulations

1. Only two international swimming officials' categories will be recognised and certified: **Referees** and **Starters**.
2. Certifications are for a **4-year period** and must be renewed at the end of this period.
3. The application form must show that the applicant has officiated as a referee and/or starter in at least two (2) National Championships or as a referee, judge and/or starter in at least two (2) major International Competitions between Federations or Continental Championships within the three years preceding the dates of the application.

The TSC may, at its own discretion, also certify swimming officials that are not personally known to its members provided that all other criteria are met.

4. There shall be a maximum number of new applications and renewals of existing certifications, which a federation may file every two years. **This is maximum 3 referees and 2 starters.**

Present and former FINA Bureau and TSC members are certified in **addition** to the maximum quota allowed per federation. They must also file an application for certification or renewal of certification on the official FINA form and process it through their federation which must attest that the applicant does qualify for the position he or she applies for.

5. A Swimming Official can only be on one list in a particular category: he cannot be a Referee on two lists at the same time, but may be a Referee on one list and a Starter on the other List.
6. At Olympic Games, World Championships, and all other competitions organised by FINA, only certified officials on the FINA list may officiate on the deck as referees, starters, stroke judges and inspectors of turns.
7. The nominated Officials must be able to communicate in English or French.
8. All applications (new applications and applications for renewal) must be filed on the official FINA Form. These forms can be obtained from the FINA Office.

**C. Procedure Regarding the Times and Periods for Applications (New and Renewals)**

**Lists N° 1 to 11:** are no longer valid.

**List N° 12:** **Valid from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2003 through 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006**  
Certifications can be renewed for List N° 14 for another four (4) years starting on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007.

**List N° 13:** **Valid from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005 through 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008**

**List N° 14:** **Valid from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007 through 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010**

Applications for certifications (new and renewals) for the period of List N° 14 must be received in the FINA Office in Lausanne by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2006. The FINA TSC will consider these applications for renewal at its meeting to be held in Shanghai (CHN) in April 2006.