



A. AIMS

- to improve officiating in swimming
- to unify the officiating procedures
- to prepare lists of qualified swimming officials who may be invited to officiate at FINA Championships and Competitions and other international competitions. Only Referees and Starters from these lists will officiate as Referees and Starters in international competitions.

B. BASIC REGULATIONS

1. Two (2) international swimming officials' categories will be recognised and certified: **Referees** and **Starters**.
2. Certifications are for a **four-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 during the last four (4) years.
4. There shall be a maximum number of new applications and renewals of existing certifications, which a National Federation ("NF") may submit every two years. **This is maximum three (3) Referees and two (2) Starters.**

Present and former FINA Bureau and TSC Members are certified in **addition** to the maximum quota allowed per NF if they are recognised Referees or Starters within their NF. They must also file an application for certification or renewal of certification on the official FINA form and process it through their NF which must attest that the applicant does qualify for the position applied for.

5. A Swimming Official can only be nominated for one list in a particular category: they cannot be a Referee on two lists at the same time, but may be a Referee on one list and a Starter on another List.
6. At Olympic Games, World Championships, and all other FINA 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 FINA working language with regard to the "field of play" and technical aspects of the Aquatics discipline of swimming is English. The nominated Officials must therefore be able to communicate in English (spoken and written).
8. All applications (new applications and applications for renewal) must be submitted on the official FINA Form with the official seal of the respective NF. These forms can be obtained from the FINA Office.
9. FINA Rules on sport nationality shall be complied with. In particular, the Swimming Official must be a citizen, whether by birth or naturalisation, of the NF nominating



them, provided that naturalised Swimming Officials shall have lived on the territory of the NF nominating them for at least one year prior to their first representation.

10. In accordance with FINA By-Law 6, the maximum age of the Swimming Official shall be sixty-five (65) years when application is made for this List 22. For the sake of clarity, it is specified that Swimming Officials shall not be aged more than sixty five (65) years on 30 September 2022, i.e. the closing date to submit an application.

C. PROCEDURE REGARDING THE TIMES AND PERIODS FOR APPLICATIONS (NEW AND RENEWALS)

- **List N° 19 is no longer valid**
- **List N° 20 is valid from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2022**

Certifications can be renewed for List N° 22 for another four (4) years starting on 1 January 2023. Please note the age criteria detailed in paragraph 10 above.

- **List N° 21 is valid from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2024**
- **List N° 22 is valid from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2026**

Applications for certifications (new and renewals) for the period of List N° 22 must be notified to the FINA Office in Lausanne by 30 September 2022.

 **Please note:**

- **FINA Office will send a maximum of two (2) official reminders to the NFs before the due date of the application, 30 September 2022.**
- **ONLY applications that have been duly completed with the nomination of their swimming officials in the FINA GMS by the due date will be considered and forwarded to the FINA TSC for approval.**