

## Basic Regulations

- i. Rules on sport nationality shall be complied with the World Aquatics Competition Regulations. In particular, Part One, 11. Technical Officials.
- ii. The Officials shall not be older than sixty-five (65) years when the application is made for the respective World Aquatics List.
- iii. The working language of World Aquatics for "Field of Play (FOP)" and technical aspects of the Aquatics discipline of Open Water Swimming is English. Therefore, the nominated officials must be able to communicate effectively in English, both spoken and written.
- iv. Application for OWS International Technical Officials nominations will be open and evaluations of existing officials are made every **two years**.
- v. Each National Federation may submit applications for **a maximum of four (4) Officials every two years**. Organisers of the World Aquatics events (World Aquatics Championships and World Aquatics Junior Open Water Swimming Championships) and the Olympic Games held in the year and the year after the opening of the application are allowed to nominate extra officials with a total number of officials not exceeding eight (8). Current World Aquatics Technical Open Water Swimming Committee Members may be included in addition to the maximum quota allowed per NF, provided all the requirements are met.
- vi. Former *OWS Officials List #15* that is currently active until Dec 2026 will be re-opened in the GMS under the name "*Open Water Swimming Officials 2025*", where:
  - i. Officials within the list will remain.
  - ii. National Federations not reaching the quota of four (4 Officials) per NF within the nomination will be able to nominate extra officials until reaching the quota.
- vii. All applications must be submitted via the World Aquatics GMS together with the official World Aquatics application form with a complete set of supporting documents.
- viii. New World Aquatics officials' pathway for international Open Water Swimming officials will be established in 2025.
- ix. Officials will be classified based on the criteria and requirements of the relevant category in the new pathway.
- x. Certifications remain valid provided that the officials meet the criteria and requirements of the new pathway.