

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL FINA MEMBER FEDERATIONS

FROM: FINA Office, Lausanne

DATE: 28th July 2022

**RE: FINA Open Water Swimming Officials List 15
Period: 1st January 2023 – 31st December 2026**

Dear Friends,

In accordance with the FINA procedure, a new **FINA Open Water Swimming Officials List No.15** will be established. This list will cover the period starting from **1st January 2023 to 31st December 2026**.

In accordance with the regulations, each FINA Member Federation is entitled to nominate up to **four (4)** International Open Water Swimming Officials. Present and Former FINA TOWSC Members are not included in this number and are therefore certified in addition to the maximum quota allowed per Federation, subject to meeting the certification requirements.

We would also like to highlight FINA Rule BL 6: *“The maximum age of Technical Officials (Judges, Starters and Referees) when officiating at FINA Championships or FINA Competitions, except Masters and Water Polo, shall be sixty five (65) years during the year of competition. [...] Technical Officials on the FINA Lists of International Referees, Starters or Judges above that age shall be entitled to officiate until the end of their appointment.”*
Accordingly, only applicants born 1957 or later can be accepted.

Technical Officials Nomination:

In order to nominate their Technical Officials for the FINA Open Water Swimming Officials List 15, each National Federation will have to proceed as follows:

Each Technical Official must be nominated by the National Federation through the FINA GMS at <https://data.fina.org> using the NF login details **no later than 31st October 2022**

You can nominate your Technical Officials directly by [clicking here](#).

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IMPORTANT: Please make sure you register each Technical Official with their **personal email address** and contact details.

For the existing profiles, please check carefully that all entered data is still up to date, that the passport is still valid and the photo has good quality.

If there is a new official who does not have a profile in the FINA GMS, please create a new profile in “People” module. Once the profile is created with all necessary information, you will be able to register him/her to the list.

After finishing the nomination process in the FINA GMS, please do not forget to “submit” the nomination. **Please note that this action is mandatory.** FINA will consider ONLY Technical Officials whose registrations have been duly submitted in the FINA GMS by the deadline. Older forms are not valid anymore and pending nominations will not be considered.

Should you need further assistance with the FINA GMS, please contact ignasi.vendrell@fina.org

The FINA TOWSC will consider these applications for final approval by the FINA Bureau.

We look forward to receiving the completed Nominations no later than 31st October 2022.

We remain at your disposal for any further assistance you may need.

Yours sincerely,



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