



RATIFICATION BY THE FINA GENERAL CONGRESS

OF THE EXCEPTIONAL DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE FINA BUREAU

The COVID-19 pandemic has triggered major postponements and changes in the Aquatics and Olympic Games' calendars.

According to Rule C 17.13.9, the FINA Bureau has the right to make decisions in case of emergency and in any situation in which no other FINA body may act. Based on this emergency power, the FINA Bureau took the decisions listed under, deviating from the FINA Constitution only to the extent necessary to take into account the COVID-19 pandemic.

These decisions are submitted to the FINA Congress for a formal approval/ratification.

1/ Deadline for the Continental Organisations to inform about their respective designated candidates to the FINA Bureau

According to Rule C 17.5.2, the Continental Organisations shall inform the Executive Director in writing of the names of their potential respective candidates prior their nomination at least four (4) months before their respective General Congress of the Continental Organisation at which the candidates must be designated. As a condition the candidates must be supported by their own National Federation. The candidates shall be subject to eligibility checks by the FINA Ethics Panel prior to their appointment by the General Congress of their Continental Organisation. The designated candidates must then be nominated in writing to FINA through the Executive Director at least 4 (four) months before the FINA General Congress. Only candidates nominated by the respective Continental Organisations can be nominated for election by the FINA General Congress.

As the COVID-19 pandemic also impacted the organization by the Continental Organisations of their respective general assemblies, the FINA Bureau decided that the



Continental Organisations shall inform in writing the FINA Executive Director about the names of their respective nominated candidates to be elected as FINA Bureau Members – 17 members in total designated in accordance with the elections of their respective Continental Organisations – at least four (4) months prior to the FINA General Congress.

2/ *Deadline for FINA Members to submit motions, applications and proposals for alteration of or addition to the FINA Rules*

According to Rule C 15.11, all motions, applications, and proposals to be considered by the Ordinary General Congress must reach the Executive Director at least eight (8) months prior to the Congress and must appear on the agenda given to the Members in accordance with Rule C 15.2.1.

FINA Bureau decided, in order to grant more time to its Members, that all motions, applications and proposals for alteration of or addition to the FINA Rules (Constitution, General Rules, Code of Ethics, Facilities Rules, Medical Rules and Doping Control Rules) shall be received at least five (5) months prior to the General Congress.

3/ *Deadline for a FINA Member to appoint delegates to participate and vote in a General Congress*

According to FINA Rule C 15.4.2, a FINA Member may appoint delegates to participate and vote in a General Congress provided that during the preceding twelve (12) months it has participated in at least one International Aquatics Competition (the FINA World Championships, other FINA Competitions, continental Competitions, regional Competitions or other international Competitions).

FINA Bureau took note that FINA events' postponements and/or cancellations has rendered more difficult for the FINA Members to comply with this participation requisite. The FINA Bureau therefore decided to exceptionally derogate, due to the COVID-19



pandemic and the significant number of events' postponements and cancellations, to FINA Rule C 15.4.2 and to provide that FINA Member may appoint delegates to participate and vote in a General Congress provided that it has participated in at least one International Aquatics Competition (the FINA World Championships, other FINA Competitions, continental Competitions, regional Competitions or other international Competitions) since 12 July 2019. The 12 July 2019 was the opening day of the FINA World Championships 2019.

4/ Entry into office of the individuals who will be elected at the occasion of the 2021 FINA General Congress

In principle, according to Rule C 17.4, the newly elected Bureau shall take office at the conclusion of the FINA World Championships (50m).

As this provision cannot be applied due to the postponement of FINA World Championships (50m) in 2022, the FINA Bureau decided that the individuals, who will be elected at the occasion of the 2021 FINA General Congress, will take office immediately after their election, i.e. on 5 June 2021.

5/ FINA Technical Congresses and Elections of the FINA Committees & Election of the FINA Athletes' Committee

According to Rule C 16.2, the Technical Congress shall be convened every four (4) years, preferably on the occasion of the FINA World Championships.

According to Rule C 19.4, At its first meeting following a full Bureau election, the Bureau shall review the composition of all Technical Committees and Specialised Committees and either reconfirm their existing members and/or appoint new members, subject to the approval of the Member Federation to which each appointee is affiliated. Members appointed for a committee shall be from different Member Federations. The Bureau,



may appoint to the Specialised Committees additional members who are experts in the area for which this committee has been established irrespective of the foregoing rule.

In order to notably ensure the continuity of the Technical Committees and Specialised Committees until the next FINA World Championships, the FINA Bureau decided:

- I. All Technical Congresses will be held in Fukuoka on the occasion of the 19th FINA World Championships 2022 Fukuoka (JPN);
- II. The Technical Committees and Specialised Committees, except the Audit Committee and the Ethics Panel – which are elected by the FINA Congress – will have the duration of their office extended until the conclusion of the FINA World Championships in 2022 in Fukuoka, Japan, i.e. on 29 May 2022;
- III. The duration of the office of the Technical Committees and Specialised Committees, except the Audit Committee and the Ethics Panel will be shortened (from 2022 to 2025) in order to recover the ordinary duration of the cycles/terms.