

## **A. BASIC REGULATION**

As per the FINA Rule BL – 12, all Continental and Regional Organisations and Member Federations shall seek approval from FINA for any International Competition to be organised or sanctioned by them.

An “International Competition” refers to any competition organised or sanctioned by FINA, any Continental or Regional Organisation or any Member Federation in which other FINA recognised Federations, clubs or individuals participate.

## **B. PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION**

The procedure to have an event approved by FINA as an International Competition is to submit the Approval Form to FINA at least six (6) months prior to the proposed date of the International Competition. Please note that the form shall also include the following information:

1. Competition Programme;
2. The modifications (if any) of the FINA Rules and requirements;
3. Doping Control Organization which may conduct testing during the competition;
4. Names of the FINA listed officials that will be working at the event

You can click on the following link and download the Approval Form from the FINA website:

<https://www.fina.org/calendar>

All Approval Forms shall be sent to the FINA Office in Lausanne (SUI): [worldcalendar@fina.org](mailto:worldcalendar@fina.org)

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### **BL 12 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION AND THE FINA WORLD AQUATIC CALENDAR**

**BL 12.1** An International Competition shall refer to any competition organised or sanctioned by FINA, any Continental or Regional Organisation or any Member Federation in which other FINA recognised Federations, clubs or individuals participate.

**BL 12.2** International Competitions are divided into the following tiers:

1. Tier 1. Major World Aquatics Competitions - the Olympic Games, FINA World Championships, FINA World Swimming Championships (25m);
2. Tier 2. Other FINA World Competitions - World Junior and Youth Championships in each discipline, World Cups, World Leagues, World Series and other FINA competitions;

3. Tier 3. Continental and Regional Competitions - Continental or Regional Multi-Sport Games, Competitions organised by Continental or Regional Organisations;
4. Tier 4. - Member Federation' International Competitions - Events organised or sanctioned by a Member Federation in which other FINA recognised Federations, clubs or individuals participate:
5. Tier 5. – other competitions of major international importance as defined by FINA.

**BL 12.3** All Continental and Regional Organisations and Member Federations shall seek approval from FINA for any International Competition to be organised or sanctioned by them. Approval is however not necessary for national competitions in which foreign clubs or individuals not representing their Member Federation participate. The application for approval shall be submitted to FINA at least six months prior to the proposed date of the International Competition, and shall include the following information:

1. Proposed dates of the International Competition;
2. Competition Programme;
3. Doping Control Organization;
4. Any modification of the FINA Rules and requirements.

**BL 12.4** Any approval of the International Competition from FINA shall be subject to all conditions and requirements in accordance with the FINA Rules. All Competitors must comply with FINA eligibility rules.

**BL 12.5** FINA World Aquatic Calendar.

FINA shall compile and publish on its website the FINA World Aquatic Calendar in which all International Competitions approved by FINA shall be listed. When a new application for approval of an International Competition is received, FINA will compare the proposed dates of the new International Competition with the FINA World Aquatic Calendar to determine if the new dates conflict with a previously approved International Competition. If a conflict is deemed to exist by FINA (or any other issue arises in connection with the proposed International Competition) after considering the aquatic discipline, geographic region of the International Competition and/or age group of the Competitors and/or any other matter which FINA may in its discretion take into consideration, FINA will contact the new applicant and advise them that a conflict exists, and request that the dates be changed or competition is postponed to avoid the conflict. Applicants are advised to check the FINA World Aquatic Calendar for potential conflict in dates prior to applying for approval of a new International Competition. It is the policy of FINA that no International Competition of major international importance, with the exception of Masters competitions, should be held within 30 days prior to any Tier 1 Event, without FINA's prior consent.

**BL 12.6** Any cancellation or rescheduling of an International Competition that has been approved by FINA and published on the FINA World Aquatic Calendar shall be reported to FINA as soon as practicable, but in any case not later than 3 months prior to the commencement of that competition.

**BL 12.7** Competition Programme.

For Tier 3 Continental or Regional Multi-Discipline Competitions or Multi-Sport Games, the Competition Programme should include all aquatic disciplines where possible. Any Tier 3 International Competition should include at a minimum the Competition Programme for the relevant discipline at the prior Olympic Games. For Tier 4 and Tier 5 International Competitions, applicants are asked to state in the application for approval the competition programme to be adopted and the reasons for the said programme (e.g., sprint events only or relay events only, etc).

**BL 12.8** Doping Control.

All Tier 1, 2 and 3 events shall be held in compliance with FINA Doping Control Rules. Tier 4 and Tier 5 events shall be held in compliance with the Doping Control rules applicable in the jurisdiction where the event is being held provided that those rules are in accordance with the FINA Doping Control Rules and the World Anti-Doping Code. Any application for approval of any International Competition shall specify the Doping Control framework which will govern the event.

**BL 12.9** Modification of FINA Rules and Requirements. Any application for approval of any International Competition shall indicate the modifications (if any) of the FINA Rules and Requirements applicable to the event.

**BL 12.10** Failure to comply with BL 12 may lead to possible sanctions in accordance with C 12.6.