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# FINA SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAMME

ARTISTIC SWIMMING

FINA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME | 2022 - 2023



In line with the FINA Development Programme, FINA aims to identify and support highly skilled athletes in Artistic Swimming.

The main goal of the FINA Scholarships Programme is to assist National Federations with increased resources in developing Junior and Youth elite artistic swimmers.

As part of the development of the National Federations, contributing to the athletes' preparation for international competitions is crucial to their progress and to the future of the National teams.

## 1. Description

The FINA Scholarships Programme offers the opportunity to obtain financial and technical assistance for six Artistic Swimming teams, contributing to their qualification and preparation for the 19<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championships Budapest 2022 (HUN) and the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris (FRA):

- National Federations are invited to propose their team to benefit from this programme
- Focus is given to those National Federations with the greatest needs

The National Federation must ensure that the following conditions are available for the athletes' preparation:

- Access to appropriate training facilities
- A specialised coach
- Regular medical and scientific assistance and control
- Necessary accommodation
- A balanced nutritional plan
- Participation at competitions

Please note that the items to be covered by the FINA Scholarship and the budget distribution must be agreed upon by FINA and the National Federation. Funds can be applied towards covering travel and accommodation expenses.

## 2. Eligibility criteria

National Federations are invited to apply with one team per year.

- National Federations that did not participate in the team event at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games are eligible
- National Federations shall have participated in a team event at a FINA competition in the past four years

- Athletes shall be at least 16 years old and not over 23 years of age at the time of the application. At least 6 athletes of the team must comply with this age requirement
- Only the teams to whom a scholarship will make a significant difference to their training and who do not have access to alternative means of paying for their preparation may be put forward by their National Federation for a FINA Scholarship.

## 2.1 Other requirements

All the following requirements must be fulfilled by any athlete benefiting from the FINA Scholarships Programme:

- The team members must not have competed in a FINA sanctioned event for a country other than the one submitting the candidature
- A National Federation may not put forward any team members convicted of a doping offence or sanctioned for actions contrary to the FINA Rules
- The athletes have no current commitments that will prevent them from training with the team for the agreed duration of the programme
- The athletes accept to participate in any survey that FINA may send in relation to the FINA Scholarships Programme.

## 3. Application Procedure

National Federations complying with the eligibility criteria may apply with one team per year:

- The application of interest must include a high-performance plan that demonstrates a long-term vision towards preparing their team to Senior level competitions
- FINA may directly approach a National Federation with enough potential to qualify for the 19th FINA World Championships Budapest 2022 (HUN) and the 2024 Olympic Games (FRA)
- At the end of the selection process, National Federations will be informed about the outcome of the application and the necessary future steps to be taken.
- FINA reserves the right to select a National Federation at its sole discretion

## 4. Analysis and Approval

FINA will carefully assess each application, if needed, in collaboration with the relevant National Federation:

- FINA is responsible for the final approval of the FINA Scholarship
- Each party involved in the FINA Scholarships Programme will be required to sign a contract. The contract will list the responsibilities of each party and the distribution of the team grant support.



## 5. Financial Conditions

A team support grant will be provided to each approved team:

- A detailed budget breakdown must be submitted by the National Federation for approval
- The team support grant will be transferred in four instalments, upon receipt of the relevant report and invoice
- FINA reserves the right to request the specific details of any of the budgeted costs and to verify any payments to third parties. All the payments to third parties must be settled by traceable means
- All the payments will be made to the National Federation's bank account upon receipt of the required documents

## 6. Follow up and Control

As of the FINA Scholarship approval, the relevant National Federation must submit a report at the end of each term (every three months):

- This document allows to monitor the teams progress towards the 19<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championships Budapest 2022 (HUN) and the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris (FRA)
- The form includes a financial statement to be signed by the relevant National Federation, confirming the distribution of the scholarship funds as agreed in the contract

## 7. Termination of a FINA Scholarship

FINA reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship from any team in the following cases:

- Non-qualification for the 19<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championships Budapest 2022 (HUN) and the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris (FRA)
- Decrease of technical level
- Medical reason that prevents the athletes from training
- Unethical behaviour such as doping offence, lack of discipline, etc.
- Breach of the FINA Rules on the Protection from harassment or abuse
- Breach of the team/National Federation's contract or of the FINA Rules
- Any other reason in mutual agreement with the relevant National Federation

