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President's Message

FINA Marathon Swim World Series 2022



It is with great pleasure that I get to welcome the world's best open water swimmers and their respective National Federations to the FINA Marathon Swim World Series 2022.

This year we get to see the class of open water athletes compete across four events: 28-29 May, Setubal (POR), 9-10 July, Paris (FRA), 26-28 August, Lac Mégantic (CAN), , 11-12 November, Eilat (ISR).

Since the first FINA Marathon World Series in 2007, the competition has cemented itself as an important international competition on the aquatics calendar. Over the years, we have routinely seen incredible performances and competitive races on the world stage. With established champions raising their level while new talents emerge on the global stage, the quality of the competition has never been higher

Reserved for the best open water swimming in the world, this prestigious event series in 2022 will see more than 300 athletes from over 45 countries compete in one of FINA's most demanding and exciting competitions.

I have no doubt that our fantastic host cities will provide our athletes and spectators with great entertainment and hospitality. And thanks to the support of the Local Organising Committees, local authorities, volunteers and international media, the FINA Marathon Swim World Series 2022 will represent another milestone in the history of this spectacular competition.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the host cities and sponsors for hosting what is set to be a captivating series. To all the athletes competing, I wish you the best of luck!



Captain Husain Al-Musallam
FINA President

Welcome to Israel!

Israel has been blessed with one of the world's pearls for open water Swimming, the Red Sea and the Gulf of Eilat. This enables us to hold International open water competitions at the highest level. We are happy to welcome one and all to enjoy the perfect conditions offered by Eilat for the last stage of the **FINA Marathon Swim World Series 2022**.

The Israeli Swimming Association hopes to make this final leg of the FINA MSWS 2022 an unforgettable event for all participants.

The best Open Water swimmers in the world will compete in Eilat. This is the final event of the Series with a total leg prize money of 30,000\$ for the 10km event and 9,000\$ for team relay event. Furthermore, the overall series winners will be decided in Eilat, which will define the winners of the overall prize money of the FINA MSWS 2022. Fantastic TV broadcast to all the world is also guaranteed.

We extend our sincere thanks to our devoted Open Water squad for their top world level of voluntary work.

See you in Eilat!

Noam Zwi
President of the Organizing Committee

Miki Halika
Israel Swimming Ass. President

Calendar

2022

CALENDAR

LEG	DATE	LOCATION
#1	MAY 28-29	SETUBAL (POR)
#2	JULY 9-10	PARIS (FRA)
#3	AUGUST 25-27	LAC MEGANTIC (CAN)
#4	OCTOBER 7-9	FAJARDO (PUR) - CANCELLED
#5	NOVEMBER 11-12	EILAT (ISR)

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Event Key Dates

Oct. 5th	VISA INFORMATION DEADLINE IN FINA GMS
Oct. 17rd	FINAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE – Final Nomination, Travel Details
Oct. 17rd	SPORT ENTRIES DEADLINE
Oct. 23th	ACCOMMODATION DEADLINE - Submission of accommodation forms
Nov. 9th-11th	OFFICIAL TRAINING
Nov. 9th	TECHNICAL MEETING – 3km National Open event and Elite Mixed Relay (18:00)
Nov. 10th	COMPETITION – 3km National Open event
Nov. 11th	TECHNICAL MEETING – Elite 10km (18:00)
Nov. 11th	COMPETITION – 6km Elite Mixed Relay
Nov. 12th	COMPETITION – 10km Elite Individual



Official Schedule & Competition Programme

Training pool is located 5-10 minutes drive from the official hotel. Eilat Public swimming pool (25m, 6 lanes), Derekh Yotam st., Eilat.

Training Schedule:

November, 9th-11th – 07:00-10:00, 16:00-19:00 (pool)

November, 9th – 16:00-17:00 (venue)

November, 10th-11th – 10:00-11:00 (venue)

Shuttles service to/from the training pool/hotel will be provided by the LOC. Schedules will be shared closer to the competition.

Competition Schedule:

November, 10th – Registration: 06:00-07:40

08:00 – 3km National Open - Men Start

08:05 – 3km National Open - Women Start

November, 11th – Registration: 06:30-07:40

08:00 – 6km Elite Mixed Relay

November, 12th – Registration: 06:00-07:40

08:00 – 10km Elite Men Start

10:30 – 10km Elite Women Start

13:00 – Victory Ceremony

Award ceremonies will take place at the competition venue, immediately after the race.
All Announcements, instructions, and commands during the event will be in English.

*Please note that the schedule may be modified closer to the competition depending on the weather/sea conditions.

Participants

Entries will be accepted only from National FINA Member Federations. **All participating National Federations MUST register at least 1 team official who represents the team during the competition and at the Team Leaders Meeting. Please be reminded that a coach can be responsible for up to two (2) swimmers only.** The coach is responsible for representing his/her swimmers at the Technical Meeting, and feeding the swimmer during the event. The FINA Technical Delegate together with the Chief Referee will accept entries and register only swimmers accompanied by the respective coach who is in charge of swimmer recognition during the race. A swimmer without a coach present will not be allowed to start the race. Each National Federation that has entered one or more swimmers in an Event must also have at least one representative (e.g. team leader, coach) present.

Entry Process & Protocol

Registration: All National Federation registrations and sport entries must be done through the FINA General Management System (GMS) via <https://data.fina.org> Each national federation must complete their registrations before the designated deadlines.

Relay Event:

FINA is encouraging all participating National Federations to bring their relays to this fantastic event. As part of the promotion of the Mixed Relay, FINA will allow National Federations to participate with more than one team at the 6km Mixed Team Relay (Note: only ONE team per NF will be entitled to the relay prize money provided by the LOC)

Swimwear Protocol: Swimwear worn shall be according to FINA by-laws BL 7 and BL 8.

Technical & Team Leaders Meeting

The Team Leaders Meeting will take place at Vert Hotel, on **November 10th at 18:00 (for the 3km National Open event and the Elite Mixed Relay) & November 11th at 18:00 (for the Elite 10km event).** One representative from each National Federation must attend these meetings.

Venue & Course Information

The competition of the 10km Elite event will be organized on a 1666 m lap course, at the Religious Beach, Eilat (Ha'Datiyim Beach). The swimmers must swim six (6) laps in total. The venue is located on the Red Sea known for its crystal water.

<https://goo.gl/maps/ZqXJ9jwp4AmRRZuHA>

Weather information: Weather data for the month of November in Eilat: an average air temperature ranging between 26-30 degrees celsius at the hours of the competition, with clear blue skies. Water temperature ranges between 22-24 degrees celsius.

Further details will be provided at the Team Leaders Meeting.



Rules

Please note that all the events in the series will be conducted according to latest FINA Rules, in force at the time event.

Fina OWS Rules and Fina by Laws can be found at www.fina.org

Accreditations

The Organizing Committee will provide all Swimmers and Team Staff with an official Accreditation card. Only accredited people will be allowed to access certain venue areas. All accredited people are requested to carry their Accreditation Cards with them at all times and to show them upon request.

Where to collect:

Accreditation can be collected at the Event Information Desk in the official hotel. Team managers will be required to present photographic identification for all team members.

Event Information Desk

Event Information Desk will be located in the **conference room of the Vert hotel** and will be occupied by ISA members.

Point System and Prize Money

Points Distribution: The points awarded for both the men's and women's races at each Event will be as follows:

Race Finish Position	Points*
1 st	800
2 nd	700
3 rd	600
4 th	550
5 th	500
6 th	450
7 th	400
8 th	350
9 th	300
10 th	250
All other race finishers:	As per Appendix 1 in R&R

Any swimmers who do not finish the race or who are disqualified will receive zero (0) points.

Any swimmers who the Technical Officials have reason to believe have colluded and/or agreed to finish with a tie, will be subject to disqualification.

Prize Money

10km Event: Each HMF/OC shall pay a minimum net total amount of thirty thousand United States dollars (US\$30'000) in elite prize money at the Event, equally distributed between men and women, as follows:

- 1st US\$ 3'500
- 2nd US\$ 3'000
- 3rd US\$ 2'500
- 4th US\$ 1'700
- 5th US\$ 1'500
- 6th US\$ 1'200
- 7th US\$ 950
- 8th US\$ 650

Overall: The overall annual winners will be decided by the male and female swimmers respectively, who have accumulated the most points at Events in that year, provided that they have participated in a minimum of seventy-five per cent (75%) of Events in that year.

The annual prize money to be awarded for both the Men's and Women's Series overall winners is as follows*:

- 1st US\$ 50'000
- 2nd US\$ 35'000
- 3rd US\$ 25'000
- 4th US\$ 20'000
- 5th US\$ 15'000
- 6th US\$ 12'000
- 7th US\$ 8'000
- 8th US\$ 5'000
- 9th US\$ 3'500
- 10th US\$ 1'500

*Should there be less than 10 events, the amounts in the chart will be paid on a pro rata basis.

Mixed Relay: Additional prize money will be given for the 3 first qualified National Federations in the mixed relay event that will be distributed as follows:

- 1st US\$ 4'000
- 2nd US\$ 3'000
- 3rd US\$ 2'000

*Note:

- Prizes will only be awarded if there are at least 5 National Federation competing in the relay.
- National Federations are allowed to register more than one team but only ONE team per National Federation is entitled to the relay prize money.

Covid-19 Protocol

IMPORTANT: All visitors to Israel must complete the following entry form 10 DAYS PRIOR to the entry to Israel – <https://corona.health.gov.il/en/flights/>

Covid-19 Protocol guidelines will be provided closer to the competition, following the FINA Regulations, but mostly the local health authorities rules at the time of the event.

As of March 1, 2022, tourists of all ages are permitted to enter Israel, vaccinated and unvaccinated alike, subject to the regulations of the Population Authority.

Medical

All Medical Support will be delivered by the local health authorities and in articulation with the FINA Medical and Safety Officers, as well as FINA Rules and Procedures.

Visa Information

Members of some National Federations will need a visa to enter Israel.

ISA will provide a formal invitation to all those teams who have completed their registration in the FINA GMS **no later than the 5th October 2022**

You can check the countries that require visa to enter to Israel here:

https://www.gov.il/BlobFolder/reports/tourist-visa-table/en/2022_Foreign_Visa_to_Israel.pdf

Transportation

The Israel Swimming Association (ISA) will welcome all members of the participating National Federations at the welcome desk in **Ramon International Airport** (<http://www.iaa.gov.il/en/airports/ramon>), providing transportation services only between the Airport, the Official Team hotel and the Competition / Training pool.

The Israel Swimming Association (ISA) will ONLY facilitate Airport Welcome and Transportation services upon receipt of the Travel Information in the FINA GMS.

IMPORTANT: If travel information is not entered in the FINA GMS by the specified deadline, the LOC will not be able to ensure transportation from/to the official hotel.

* Transportation will be provided only for teams that stay at the official event hotel.

Accommodation and meals information

The Official Event Hotel for the FINA Marathon Swim World Series in Eilat is the **VERT Eilat Hotel** <https://www.vert-hotels.co.il/vert-eilat-hotel>

Room rates for 4 days' stay full board (with all the Covid-tests costs while in Eilat which may apply according to FINA protocol and Israel health department regulations) are:

Single:	350 \$ (full board) per night / per room
Double:	390 \$ (full board) per night / per room (195 \$ per person)

In order to book your accommodation, please complete the accommodation form [here](#) and send it to the Local Organising Committee at timna@isr.org.il by the **23rd October 2022**.





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