

## Composition

The Technical Open Water Swimming Committee is composed of a Chair and a Vice Chair, both appointed and dismissed by the Bureau as well as members. The number of Vice Chairs and of members is determined by the Bureau.

## Responsibilities

The Technical Open Water Swimming Committee has the following responsibilities:

- a) to analyze the requirement for improvements of the Technical Rules for Open Water Swimming, as applicable, and to consider corresponding amendments of the Technical Rules as well as proposals for such amendments received from Members. A recommendation to amend of the Technical Rules shall be submitted to the Bureau, provided it is supported by a two third (2/3) majority of a Committee;
- b) to investigate, study, and recommend on matters dealing with standard equipment and specifications of competitive pools for Olympic Games or any World Aquatics competitions and events;
- c) to evaluate and make recommendations to the Bureau in relation with candidates, proposed by National Federations, for the title of international referee, starter or judge;
- d) to appoint one or more of their members to report to the Bureau in relation with the qualifications of any person recommended as an international referee, judge, or starter and to report periodically on the continued qualifications of referees, judges, or starters on the existing list;
- e) to receive and report to the Bureau any complaint made by referees regarding misconduct of individuals in World Aquatics competitions and events or other international competitions and to make recommendation thereon;
- f) to take part in the technical preparations and in the conduct of the competitions in their discipline at the Olympic Games, World Championships and other World Aquatics competitions and events;
- g) to oversee the installations of all technical equipment prior to and during a World Aquatics competition or event in consultation with the office of World Aquatics;
- h) to propose rosters for officials, subject to the approval of the Bureau;
- i) to investigate cases of protest as preparation for the Jury of Appeal or as otherwise needed. to propose to the Congress for election the members of the Supervisory Council, Adjudicatory Body, Investigatory Body, Anti-Doping Advisory Body, the Audit Committee and the External Auditors;

## Remuneration

Members of the Technical Open Water Swimming Committee are not remunerated. Their expenses are reimbursed pursuant to the [World Aquatics Travel and Expenses Policy](#).

## Term of office

Members of the Technical Open Water Swimming Committee may be appointed for such number of successive terms as considered appropriate by the Bureau, with a maximum of three (3) terms for each position, with normally four (4) years per each term. Terms served are calculated cumulatively, irrespective of any interruption of the service. The Bureau can terminate and replace a Committee Member and/or fill any vacancy at any time.

## Requirements

- a) The Technical Open Water Swimming Committee meets around one (1) time per year, in person or remotely.
- b) Members may be requested to travel to World Aquatics competitions.