



Rules and Regulations

FINA OPEN WATER SWIMMING GRAND PRIX 2008

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1 GENERAL CONCEPT AND RULES

- 1.1 The FINA Bureau approved the organisation of the FINA Open Water Swimming Grand Prix 2008.
- 1.2 The FINA Open Water Swimming Grand Prix 2008 will consist of competitions, staged by Organisers under the recognition of National Federations.
- 1.3 All Events in the FINA Open Water Swimming Grand Prix will be conducted according to the FINA Rules.
- 1.4 For each event in the FINA Open Water Swimming Grand Prix, FINA will nominate a Technical and Medical Delegate. Both Delegates travel expenses to and from a competition will be covered by FINA. Accommodation, meals and local transportation costs will be the responsibility of the Organising Committee.
- 1.5 The National Federation/ Organising Committee shall ensure that for each event (men and women) a Referee is present from a current FINA Open Water Swimming Officials List.
- 1.6 The Technical Officials for each Event will be appointed or approved by the National Federation.
- 1.7 All remaining officials shall be appointed by the Organising Committee.
- 1.8 In all competitions the doping control will be organised according to the FINA Rules, with a minimum of two male and two female tests per competition.
- 1.9 The Organising Committee will cover the cost of the doping control and the analysis will be made at the WADA recognised laboratory.

2 DATE AND VENUE OF COMPETITIONS

The following events form the FINA Open Water Swimming Grand Prix 2008:

1. MARATON ACUATICA RIO CORONDA (ARG)

Date: 3 February 2008
Location: Santa Fe, Argentina
Distance: 57 km
Prize Money: USD 11,000
Federation: Confederacion Argentina de Deportes Acuaticos
Organiser: Asociación Maratón Acuática Rio Coronda
Representative: Marcelo O. Micocci, Director (OC)

2. MARATON ACUATICO INTERNACIONAL CIUDAD ROSARIO (ARG)

Date: 10 February 2008
Location: Rosario, Argentina
Distance: 15 km
Prize Money: USD 10,000
Federation: Confederacion Argentina de Deportes Acuaticos
Representative: Cristián Fredes (Race Director)

3. MARATON PATAGONES VIEDMA (ARG)

Date: 16 February 2008
Location: Viedma, Argentina
Distance: 15 km
Prize Money: USD 10,000
Federation: Confederacion Argentina de Deportes Acuaticos
Representative: Mr. Claudio Plit (OC)

4. XVI SUMIDERO CANYON SWIMMING MARATHON (MEX)

Date: 1 March 2008
Location: Canon del Sumidero - Chiapas, Mexico
Distance: 15 km
Prize Money: USD 20,000
Federation: Federacion Mexicana de Natacion
Representative: Omar Díaz González (Fed)

5. MARATHON DEL GOLFO CAPRI-NAPOLI (ITA)

Date: 6 July 2008
Location: Capri-Napoli, Italy
Distance: 36 km
Prize Money: USD 20,000
Federation: Federazione Italiana Nuoto
Organiser: Eventualmente SAS
Representative: Luciano Cotena (OC)

6. SABAC SWIM MARATHON 2008 (SRB)

Date: 13 July 2008
Location: Sabac, Serbia
Distance: 19 km
Prize Money: USD 10,000
Federation: Serbian Swimming Federation
Organiser: Municipality of Sabac
Representative: Vojislav Mijic (OC), Sasa Mircetic (Gen. Sec. Fed)

7. OHRID LAKE SWIM MARATHON 2008 (MKD)

Date: 19 July 2008
Location: Ohrid Lake, Macedonia
Distance: 30 km
Prize Money: USD 25,000
Federation: Macedonian Swimming Federation
Representative: Stefan Pulejkovski (Gen. Sec. Fed)

8. TRAVERSEE INTERNATIONALE DU LAC ST- JEAN (CAN)

Date: 26 July 2008
Location: Lake St-Jean, Canada
Distance: 32 km
Prize Money: USD 40,000
Federation: Swimming/Natation Canada
Organiser: La Traversée Internationale du Lac St-Jean
Representative: Eric Juneau (OC)

9. TRAVERSEE INTERNATIONALE DU LAC MAGOG (CAN)

Date: 2 August 2008
Location: Lake Memphrémagog, Canada
Distance: 34 km
Prize Money: USD 25,000
Federation: Swimming/Natation Canada
Organiser: La Traversée Internationale du Lac Memphrémagog
Representative: Jean Guy Gingras (OC)

3 PARTICIPANTS AND POINTS SYSTEM

3.1 Registration

Registration will only be accepted from swimmers who are members of clubs or associations that are in membership of the National Federation affiliated to FINA.

3.2 Entries

- Entries will be accepted only from National Federations.
- Each National Federations is entitled to enter at least one man and one woman per National Federation.

The above mentioned entries are subject to the number of boats available.

COACHES: The swimmer(s) should be accompanied at the events by at least one coach appointed by the National Federation.

3.3 Points System:

In each event in the FINA Open Water Swimming Grand Prix points will be awarded depending upon overall finishing position.

Swimmers will accumulate points from all events they are competing in for the FINA Open Water Swimming Grand Prix 2008. For the final rankings see point **5. Prizes**.

The point distribution will be as follows: **Grand Prix Events Points**

Event Ranking	PRIZES 25'000 US\$ and above	PRIZES 20'000 - 24'999 US\$	PRIZES 10'000 - 19'999 US\$
1 st	25	20	15
2 nd	19	16	11
3 rd	16	14	9
4 th	13	12	7
5 th	11	10	6
6 th	9	8	5
7 th	7	6	4
8 th	5	4	3

***All other finishers of the race**

will receive: 4 3 2

*All other starters will receive zero (0) points.

Swimmers who have agreed to finish with a tie, will be disqualified.

4 ORGANISER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

In order to be accepted as an Event in the FINA Open Water Swimming Grand Prix **2008**, the Organiser of each Competition shall:

- 4.1 Be recognised by their National Federation, affiliated to FINA.
- 4.2 Conduct their event in accordance with FINA Rules and Grand Prix Regulations.
- 4.3 Organise the competition for a distance of and over 15km.
- 4.4 Accept only swimmers registered with the National Federations members of FINA.
- 4.5 Agree to meet the accommodation and food costs and provide local transport for the FINA Representatives. (one Technical Delegate and one Medical Delegate)
- 4.6 Use the standard entry form in their information bulletin as provided by the FINA Office
- 4.7 Agree to conduct doping control in accordance with the FINA Rules, including designating a qualified doping control/medical officer and ensuring that the samples are sent to an WADA Accredited Laboratory.
- 4.8 The Federation/OC shall provide the information bulletin (including entry form, accommodation, transportation, venue and guaranteed prize money distribution) to the FINA Member Federations (with a copy to the FINA Office) at least two (2) months prior to the race.
- 4.9 Each organiser has to inform the FINA Office at least one (1) month prior to the race what type of doping control kit will be used. (i.e. Bulinga, Versapak)
- 4.10 Pay a Open Water Swimming Grand Prix 2008 registration fee of 5'000 USD no later than 30th November 2007 in order to guarantee the prize money for the Grand Prix.

5 PRIZES

5.1 Individual events

The allocations of prizes at each event shall be the right of the Organising Committee for each Competition.

At least 80% of the total amount of prize money will be distributed equally between men and women and 20% of the total amount of prize money will be for the general rankings (men and women together). However, if men and women start separately the total amount of prize money will be equally distributed between men (50%) and women (50%).

Distribution of prize money to be announced at each marathon to the swimmers at the briefing or technical meeting.

The total amount of the prize money has to be paid without deductions to the swimmers and will be redistributed within a gender in case there are not sufficient swimmers who finished the race.

5.2 FINA Open Water Swimming Grand Prix

Prizes will be awarded to the first eight placed men and women. The swimmers are eligible for prize money, based on overall points achieved, providing that they took part and finished within the time limits, in a minimum of three (3) races before the final event of the season. **In addition** all prize money winners must participate at the last event of the FINA Open Water Swimming Grand Prix. This means that all prize money winners will have participated in a minimum of four events.

This is the prize money for the 2008 Grand Prix, to be awarded:

1st	- US\$ 15'000.--
2nd	- US\$ 10'000.--
3rd	- US\$ 5'000.--
4th	- US\$ 4'000.--
5th	- US\$ 3'000.--
6th	- US\$ 2'000.--
7th	- US\$ 1'000.--
8th	- US\$ 500.--

FINA will guarantee a minimum up to a total amount of US\$ 81'000.-- to be paid for prizes.

6 Accommodation

6.1 Swimmers and Coaches

The NF / OC to provide accommodation and board expenses for five (5) days and five (5) nights for:

- At least twenty (20) swimmers. In this number shall be included:
 - At least one (1) swimmer and one (1) coach from each participating Federation. The coach has to be appointed by the National Federation.

7 FINA DELEGATES RESPONSIBILITIES AT THE EVENT

7.1 Technical Delegates Responsibilities include:

- To ensure that the FINA Rules and Regulations are applied.
- Check entries to ensure the Federations have approved them.
- Advise the athletes at the pre-race technical meeting of the FINA rules to be applied in case of presenting a protest (FINA Rule GR 9.2) and jury of appeal (FINA Rule GR 9.3).
- Prepare a report and submit to the FINA Office according to contents specified by TOWSC Commission.
- Make sure the Organising Committee and Press Officer provide the official results list (Men & Women separately, to be sent to the FINA office as soon as possible following the completion of the event.) This is vital for the results to be published onto the FINA Website.
- Organise some photos to be sent to the FINA Office with a small text to be published into the FINA Aquatics World Magazine and FINA Website.

7.2 Doping Control Delegate Responsibilities include:

- Announce doping control arrangements at the pre-race technical briefing.
- Conduct Doping Control according to FINA DC Rules.

8 Organiser milestones

- Contract to be signed and returned to the FINA Office 30th August 2007
- Payment of 5,000 USD Registration fee 30th November 2007
- Send Information Bulletin including Prize Money Distribution List to FINA Office for approval At least 12 weeks prior to race
- Once Information Bulletin is approved send it to all federations At least 10 weeks prior to the race
- Closing date of Preliminary Entries 6 weeks prior to race
- Notification of acceptance for event 5 weeks prior to competition
- Notification to FINA Office what kind of Doping Kit will be used 4 weeks prior to competition
- Notification of details of coach 4 weeks prior to competition
- Closing date of Final Entries 2 weeks prior to event
- Send List of participating swimmers to FINA Office 1 week prior to event
- Send results to FINA Office Immediately after the race
- Send FINA Flag back to the FINA Office After the race