



## FINA Open Water Swimming Schools for Officials Programme

### **Day 1** Welcome and Introduction (from 0900)

- Housekeeping matters – Bathrooms / Evacuation
- School Overview – outline of course content & structure
- Introduction of Participants
- School Objectives

#### Origins of Open Water Swimming

- History
- Definition
- Marathon Swimming
- Fina Events
- Olympic event

#### Organisation of FINA

- Structure
- General Rules
- Technical Rules
- By-laws

#### *Coffee Break (1030-1045)*

#### Introduction of Officials

- Roles proscribed by Fina
- Duties & Powers of Officials
  - Chief Referee
  - Referee
  - Starter
  - Chief Timekeeper
  - Timekeeper

#### *Lunch Break (1230-1330)*

- Duties & Powers of Officials... cont
  - Chief Finish Judge
  - Finish Judge
  - Race Judge (& feeding Pontoon responsibilities)
  - Turn Judge

#### *Coffee Break (1500-1515)*

- Safety Officer
- Course Officer
- Clerk of Course
- Reserves





## DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

### Timekeeping:

- Electronic Timing
- Using Stopwatches

### **End of Session (1700 Approx)**

### **Day 2** Race Rules

- The Start
- Venue
- The Race
  - Disqualification Procedure
  - Emergency Abandonment
  - Finish

### *Coffee Break (1030-1045)*

### Race Rules... cont

- Confirmation of Finish Placings & Times
  - Application of Rule SW 11
  - Use of Video recording/Slo-mo equipment

### Risk Management

- Safety Considerations
  - Planning for Risk minimisation
  - Assistance & Support
  - Relationship with Organising Committee
  - Boats/Escort Craft
  - Communications
  - Pre-Race briefings – Officials / Teams / Safety Support
  - Head count – in & out of the water

### *Lunch Break (1230-1330)*

### Competition Management:

- Local Standards
- FINA Standards – World Championships / Marathon World Cup / Grand Prix Series / Other events
- Event planning
  - Operational considerations & Permissions
  - Water Quality & temperature
  - Venue Planning & layout
  - Entry Information to Teams/Swimmers
  - Technical Officials Meeting
  - Team Leaders Meeting

### *Coffee Break (1500-1515)*





## DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

### Officials' Decision Making

- Protests

### FINA OW Swimming Officials Lists

- Criteria
- Selection of Officials for World Championships and Olympic Games

### The Professional Official

### Questions & clarifications

### Examination

### Summary & wrap-up

**End of FINA Open Water Swimming School for Officials**

