



FINA Open Water Swimming Schools for Officials Programme

Day 1 Welcome and Introduction (*from 09.00*)

- Housekeeping matters – Health & Safety
- School Objectives
- School Overview – outline of course content & structure
- Introduction of Participants

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 (10.30 – 10.45)

Introduction of Officials

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

Timekeeping

- Electronic Timing
- Using Stopwatches

Lunch Break (12.30 – 13.30)

- Duties & Powers of Officials... cont.
 - Chief Finish Judge
 - Finish Judge

Finish placings

- How to determine the manual result
 - Race Judge (& feeding Pontoon responsibilities)
 - Turn Judge



DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Coffee Break (15.00 – 15.15)

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

End of Session (17.00 Approx.)

Day 2 Race Rules

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

Coffee Break (10.30 – 10.45)

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 (12.30 – 13.30)

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





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Coffee Break (15.00 – 15.15)

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

