

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: ALL FINA MEMBER FEDERATIONS IN AMERICAS**

**FROM: FINA Office, Lausanne**

**DATE: 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019**

**RE: FINA WATER POLO DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL FOR REFEREES  
Christ Church, Barbados (BAR) / 15 – 16 March 2019**

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Dear Friends,

I have the pleasure to send you the following information related to the organisation of the ***FINA Water Polo Development School for Referees*** scheduled to be held in Christ Church, Barbados (BAR), from 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

The purpose of this course is to achieve the following objectives:

- Build a bigger group of qualified Water Polo referees, raising the level of the existing ones
- Create world-wide uniformity in the interpretation and the application of Water Polo rules, raising the quality of officiating
- Establish a point of reference for the FINA National Member Federations and the Continental Organisations' education programmes

Please note the following information related to the designation & development courses for Water Polo referees:

- This school caters for starting referees, interested and willing to officiate at a National level and having ambition to continue at an International level
- Candidates must be at least 16 years old at the start of the FINA Development School programme
- No previous officiating experience is required

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Further information concerning the FINA Water Polo Schools and the referees' certification process will be available on the [FINA Learning Platform](#).

Please find below the details related to the organisation of this course:

**DATE:** **Arrival:** 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
**Course:** 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
**Departure:** 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019 after the course completion

**PARTICIPANTS:** Each National Member Federation may nominate Water Polo referees for this course.

**REGISTRATION:** Please kindly note that the specific discipline of the school must be added to the attendee's GMS profile as well as his/her personal email address in order to submit the registration.

All participants must be registered ***by the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019*** in the FINA General Management System (GMS) using your federation login details. The link to the FINA GMS is <https://data.fina.org>.

If you require any assistance with the registration, please contact [aquaticsdb@fina.org](mailto:aquaticsdb@fina.org)

**NATIONALITY:** Please take into consideration that when a competition official represents his/her country in a competition, he/she shall be a citizen, whether by birth or naturalisation, of the nation he/she represents, provided that a naturalised citizen shall have lived in that country for at least one year prior to that competition (FINA Handbook - Edition 2017, General Rules 2.5).



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**PLACE:**

Christ Church, Barbados

**ARRIVAL AIRPORT:**

**Grantley Adams International Airport (BGI)**

**TRAVEL:**

Each National Federation is responsible for the travel expenses of the nominated referees.

We kindly ask you to not book any flight tickets until your participants have been approved.

**VISA SUPPORT:**

Please contact the Barbados Aquatic Sports Association if you require visa assistance.

**ACCOMMODATION:**

Each National Federation will cover the accommodation expenses of the nominated referees.

**Dover Beach**

St Lawrence Gap  
Christ Church, Barbados

**Website:** [Click here](#)

**Single Room:** 172.50 USD/night (full board)

**RESERVATIONS:**

To make a reservation, please confirm with the Barbados Aquatic Sports Association.

**LOCAL TRANSPORT:**

Transfers from and to the airport will be provided by the OC for those referees accommodated at the official hotel.

In order to organise the local transportation, please provide the participants' flight arrival and departure details to the Barbados Aquatic Sports Association.

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**MEETING VENUE:**

**Aquatic Centre**  
Christ Church, Barbados

**PROGRAMME:**

Please note that the school programme will be provided shortly.

**OC CONTACT:**

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We strongly believe that the FINA Water Polo Schools for Referees will powerfully contribute to the improvement of our sport.

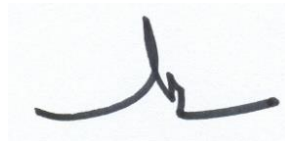
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We look forward to receiving your nominations through the FINA GMS ***by no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019.***

Yours sincerely,



**Cornel Marculescu**  
**Executive Director**

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