

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL FINA MEMBER FEDERATIONS IN AMERICAS

FROM: FINA Office, Lausanne

DATE: 8th January 2019

**RE: FINA WATER POLO CERTIFICATION SCHOOL FOR REFEREES
Miami, United States of America (USA) / 8 – 10 February 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 Certification School*** scheduled to be held in Miami, United States of America (USA), from 8th to 10th February 2019.

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

- Enlarge the number of referees and enhance the quality of the existing ones;
- Create a uniform pattern of interpretation and application of Water Polo rules, thus raising the quality of refereeing;
- Use the school as an instrument to develop and promote Water Polo worldwide.

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

- The FINA Water Polo Certification Schools prepare and certify candidates seeking to become FINA Water Polo Referees or wishing to update their FINA title.
- Candidates must be 18 years old at the point of registration and have at least two years of practical experience as a Water Polo referee,
- To receive certification, a candidate must attend a FINA Water Polo Certification School and pass the test with a minimum score of 70%.

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- The certification is valid for a four-year period provided that the referee passes the FINA Water Polo Referees Online Exam every two years (available soon).
- Designation of FINA Water Polo Referees: only FINA certified candidates are eligible for the FINA Water Polo Referees List, subject to meeting the List criteria.

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:** 7th February 2019
Course: 8th – 10th February 2019
Departure: 10th February 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 25th January 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 aquaticsd@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

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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).

PLACE: Miami, United States of America

ARRIVAL AIRPORT: **Miami International Airport (MIA)**

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 US Water Polo Inc. if you require visa assistance.

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

Regency Hotel
Regency Hotel, 1000 NW 42nd Ave
Miami, FL 33126

Website: [Click here](#)

Single Room: 200 USD per night*
Double Room: 100 USD per night*

*Breakfast included

RESERVATIONS: To make a reservation, please confirm with the US Water Polo Inc.

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 US Water Polo Inc.

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MEETING VENUE:

Regency Hotel – Gables Meeting Room

PROGRAMME:

Please note that the school programme will be provided shortly.

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

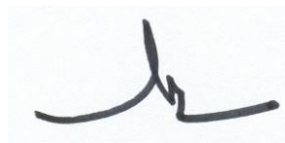
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We look forward to receiving your nominations through the FINA GMS **by no later than the 25th January 2019.**

Yours sincerely,



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