



ARTISTIC SWIMMING

VIRTUAL CHALLENGE

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**INFORMATION
BULLETIN**

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FINA AS Virtual Challenge

Viewing Dates: December 18, 19 & 20, 2020

Judging Dates: December 4, 5 & 6, 2020

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EVENT CONCEPT

As the sport of Artistic Swimming has been adjusting to the restrictions during these uncertain pandemic times, the TASC has chosen to move to a virtual platform. This provides us the opportunity to connect with our athletes, coaches, judges and audience amid varying degrees of training restrictions imposed by COVID-19.

The Virtual Challenge Committee has enlisted expert coaches to create a forty-five second dryland routine challenge to engage athletes across the globe. All routines will be filmed using an Instagram water effect application to give the illusion of athletes performing in the water.

In an effort to give all athletes and coaches an opportunity to utilize the latest development in artistic swimming judging, a declared Degree of Difficulty for each routine will be calculated by the Innovation Committee. Each routine element has been created with three levels of difficulty for coaches to select from, and coaches may choose the level of difficulty which is best suited to the skill level of their athlete.

COMPETITION RULES

Entries:	Each Federation may submit one entry for each age group and each event.
Age Categories:	13-15/Youth, Junior, Senior
Solo Events (6): Routines	Female, Male 13-15/Youth, Junior, Senior
Difficulty Categories: Solo Routines	Level 1,2 & 3 for Solo events. Coaches will choose the level of difficulty category. The athlete will perform the chosen elements, with the option of using different levels for each element.
Solo Elements:	Solo Female Elements can be found here . Sample Solo Female Routine can be found here . Written Descriptions for Solo Female Routine can be found here .

COMPETITION RULES (CONT.)

Solo Elements: (Cont.)

Solo Male Elements can be found **here**.

Sample Solo Male Routine can be found **here**.

Written Descriptions for Solo Male Routine can be found **here**.

Mixed Duet:

Mixed Duet requirements can be found **here**.

Sample Mixed Duet Routine can be found **here**.

Written Descriptions for Mixed Duet Routine can be found **here**.

Mixed Duet Events (3): Routines

Female & Male
13-15/Youth, Junior, Senior

Competition Format:

There will be no preliminary events. Finals will be held for all events. The events are to be held separately and the results will not be combined.

Time Limits:

45 seconds +/- 5 seconds per routine

Draws:

Draws will be done electronically and posted on the FINA website.

Penalties:

All routines shall be subject to a 0.5 penalty from the routine score if there is a deviation from the required-time limit.

Any Mixed Duet routine omitting an element shall receive a 0.5 penalty for each element missed.

For Solo routines, if the DD submitted for any of the three elements on the athlete's registration form does not match the performance demonstrated on the official video, the athlete will receive a 0 DD for that element.

COMPETITION RULES (CONT.)

Penalties (Cont.):

If copyright music is chosen, the athlete will be disqualified.

Uniform:

Athletes competing should wear swimwear and hair should be pulled back off the face.

Videos:

Videos submitted must be of good viewing quality. If the video is deemed to be of poor quality, the athlete will be required to re-submit within a 24 hour period.

Application:

A video tutorial of the water application to be used can be found **here**.

Music:

Each athlete is to select their music which must be copyright free. Suggested links can be found **here** and **here**.

If copyright music is chosen, the athlete will be disqualified.

Registration:

The athlete registration form can be found **here**. All athletes are also required to submit a liability release form.

Results:

Results for all athletes will be released after the broadcast.

TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

Technical Official Organizer

FINA TASC Vice Chair

Ginny Jasontek

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Judge Panel Selection Committee Members

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Eligibility:

Participating Federations may nominate one FINA A or G certified judge for consideration by the Judge Selection Committee. Neutral FINA A or G certified judges will also be considered. There will be no practice judges for this event.

Please note that no judge evaluations will be done. Judges nominated **must**:

Additional

Considerations:

(1) Have a strong working knowledge of English

(2) Use a tablet/laptop for judging of all videos

(3) Use a mobile phone during the Challenge as directed by the Organizing Committee for communication purposes.

Please note that mobile phones are NOT permitted for judging videos.

TECHNICAL OFFICIALS (CONT.)

Additional Considerations (Cont.):

(4) Be technically proficient and able to work efficiently in a virtual platform using applications such as WhatsApp, Google Forms, etc.

Nominations:

Judge Nomination and Conflict of Interest Forms must be submitted no later than November 13, 2020. Late submissions **will NOT** be accepted.

The Conflict of Interest form can be found in the Official Forms and Key Dates Section.

Judging Dates:

Compulsory Judge Meeting
Monday, November 30, 2020

(the Judges Meeting and the three judging days will each begin at 10:00AM EST/Miami Time)

Judging Day #1: Friday, December 4, 2020
Judging Day #2: Saturday, December 5, 2020
Judging Day #3: Sunday, December 6, 2020

Judges must attend the Compulsory November 30th Judge Meeting.

Judges must indicate availability for each of the judging days.

Judges will be asked to use the FINA virtual background which will be provided.

DIFFICULTY COMMITTEE REVIEW PANEL

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Innovation Committee Member
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Innovation Committee Member
Ana Montero

COACH INFORMATION SESSIONS

The OC will hold two coach information sessions on Monday October 26, and Tuesday, October 27 at 10:00AM EST (Miami Time). Federations and clubs must ensure that a coach is present at one of the meetings. A FINA TASC Delegate will also attend.

COMPETITION FORMAT

The FINA AS Virtual Challenge will be a Land Routine competition with all routines performed to music using an Instagram water effect application.

The water effect application can be found **here**.

SOLO EVENT

For the Solo event, there will be three elements performed with a prescribed Degree of Difficulty per element.

All athletes/coaches will design their land routine to include the 3 required elements in the prescribed order. Each element has 3 Degree of Difficulty options to choose from - Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3. It is important for the athletes/coaches to pick a level of difficulty that the athlete is capable of performing.

Entry forms will require each solo athlete to provide the DD for each of the three elements in their routine.

The DD Committee will assess the DD of all elements ensuring that the DD is correct. If the listed DD does not match the performance, the athlete will receive a 0 DD for that element.

Each solo routine will also be assessed by a panel of 5 Elements Judges and 5 Artistic Impression Judges.

The **Elements** Score will be worth **65%** and the **Artistic Impression** Score will be worth **35%** of the total score.

FINA TD and the Evaluators will review any requests/complaints received.

Individual scores will be given to all athletes.

MIXED DUET EVENT

For the Mixed Duet event, the routine is free but must include the 3 required supplementary actions in any order:

(1) Must include one lift.

*Lifts may not contain a loss of contact throw

(2) Must contain a Paired Connected Action, involving a minimum of two positions and contact between persons. Positions may mirror or face the same direction.

(3) Must include a synchronized leg sequence in a Vertical Position.

Each Mixed Duet routine will be assessed by a panel of 5 Execution Judges and 5 Artistic Impression Judges.

The **Execution** Score will be worth **40%** and the **Artistic Impression** Score will be worth **60%** of the total score.

FINA TD and the Evaluators will review any requests/complaints received.

Individual scores will be given to all athletes.

Special thanks to Bill May and Andrea Fuentes for creating the routines for this virtual challenge.

VIRTUAL CHALLENGE SCHEDULE

October 26	Coach Information Session #1
October 27	Coach Information Session #2
November 13	Entries & Judge Nominations Due
November 30	Judges Meeting
December 4 (Day 1)	13-15/Youth Female Solo (Judges Only)
December 5 (Day 2)	Junior Female Solo Senior Female Solo (Judges Only)
December 6 (Day 3)	13-15/Youth Male Solo Junior Male Solo Senior Male Solo Mixed Duet- All Age Groups (Judges Only)
December 18, 19 & 20	FINAAS Virtual Challenge YouTube Broadcast

All meetings and events will start at 10:00AM EST (Miami Time)

AWARDS

Awards Certificate Coordinator

FINA TASC Member

Esther Croes

Awards will be given to the first three places in all age groups and events as follows:

13-15/Youth Female Routine
Junior Female Routine
Senior Female Routine

13-15/Youth Male Routine
Junior Male Routine
Senior Male Routine

13-15/Youth Mixed Duet Routine
Junior Mixed Duet Routine
Senior Mixed Duet Routine

Participation certificates will be sent electronically to all competitors and officials.

START LISTS AND RESULTS

Start lists and results of the competition will be posted on the FINA website.

ATHLETE PICTURE

Each athlete is asked to submit an athlete photo showing their country flag. Link for submission can be found in the Official forms and Key Dates section.

SPORT PRESENTATION FORM

Each athlete is asked to complete the Sport Presentation Form which can be found **here**. This will help give our announcers information about each athlete.

Completed forms can be placed in the Dropbox link provided in the Official Forms and Key Dates section.

ATHLETE MASK VIDEO INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) Start in club/country uniform wearing your decorated mask (masks can be sequinned, colourful and unique to each athlete)
- (2) Press record and stand so the camera can see you
- (3) Take off your mask and walk towards the camera and cover with your mask
- (4) Change outfit into Solo or Mixed Duet suit
- (5) Start the video again with the mask on the camera

ATHLETE GALA INSTRUCTIONS

Each federation is asked to submit a 10 second creative demonstration of movements of each athlete. No music is required.

The OC will create the world's largest artistic swimming routine from videos submitted. We encourage all participating athletes to submit a video.

OFFICIAL FORMS AND KEY DATES

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
October 26, 2020	Coach Information Session	See Below
October 27, 2020	Coach Information Session	See Below
November 13, 2020	Final Athlete Entry Form	Form
November 13, 2020	Athlete Liability Form	Submit Here
November 13, 2020	Judges Nomination	Form
November 13, 2020	Judge Conflict of Interest Form	Form
November 13, 2020	Judges Video	Submit Here
November 13, 2020	Athlete Video	Submit Here
November 13, 2020	Sport Presentation Form	Form Submit
November 13, 2020	Athlete Picture	Here Submit
November 13, 2020	Athlete Mask Video	Here Submit
November 13, 2020	Athlete Gala Video	Here

SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

The official hashtag to be used for the event is **#FINAASVirtualChallenge**.

Alternate/additional hashtags that will also be included in promotional posts are **#FINAAS**, **#ASVirtualChallenge**, **#RisetothChallenge**, and **#NoWaterNoProblems**.

FINA Instagram: @fina1908

FINA Facebook: FINA

COACH INFORMATION SESSION ZOOM LINKS

Coach information sessions will be held on Monday, October 26th and Tuesday, October 27th at 10:00AM EST (Miami Time.) The Zoom links to connect to each meeting are listed below:

Coach Information Session #1: Monday, October 26th, 10:00AM EST

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81208239024?pwd=SXo1T3pBVWJxZTFQeS8rZzJkQllkUT09>

Meeting ID: 812 0823 9024

Passcode: 104788

One tap mobile

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Dial by your location

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kzSAYvCnr>

Coach Information Session #2: Tuesday, October 27th, 10:00AM EST

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85969991517?pwd=ZDNKRHZlek51QlFSbSthN2hsRzl3dz09>

Meeting ID: 859 6999 1517

Passcode: 903389

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