



FINSWIMMING HANDBOOK

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1. THE HISTORY OF FINSWIMMING IN FISU

Since 2014, CMAS has received the agreement from FISU to organise International Finswimming University competitions. From 2018, Finswimming is a FISU Recognised Sport and several endorsed events have been organised. The sport entered officially the FISU sport programme in 2020 and the first University World Cup Finswimming has been held in 2022 in the city of Lignano Sabbiadoro, Italy. The second edition, will be moved to the World University Championships format and hosted by Colombia in the city of Pereira in 2024.

EDITION	YEAR	COUNTRY	CITY	COUNTRIES	MEN	WOMEN	ATHLETES	OFFICIALS	TOTAL
1	2022	ITA	Lignano Sabbiadoro	15	48	42	90	23	113

2. SCHEDULE

ARRIVALS	ARRIVALS	OPENING GTM DAY 0	COMPETITION DAY 1	COMPETITION DAY 2 & CLOSING CEREMONY	DEPARTURES
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3. SPORT REGULATIONS (TECHNICAL REGULATIONS)

3.1. GENERAL TERMS

The Finswimming competitions shall be organised following the most recent Technical Regulations of the World Underwater Federation (CMAS). In any dispute, the English text shall be regarded as authoritative.

The programme and duration of competitions are fixed by FISU in agreement with the Organising Committee and the World University Championships ITC. The competitions shall last minimum 2 days and include the following events:

Individuals disciplines (men and women)

50m AP, 100m SF, 200m SF, 400m SF, 800m SF, 50m BF, 100m BF, 200m BF, 400m BF.

Relays (mixed)

4x50m SF mixed, 4x100m SF mixed, 4x50m BF mixed, 4x100m BF mixed.

A mixed team is composed of 4 athletes (2 men and 2 women).

Each athlete may participate to the individual and relay events.

Each country can register two athletes per Individual event in men and women category. The number of disciplines by athletes is not limited. A maximum of 36 athletes is allowed per country.

Each country can register two teams for each relay event. Each athlete can be entered in several relays. To encourage participation, FISU teams composed from different countries and composed randomly on-site can take part to the relay competition. The FISU teams are not included in the final ranking.

The delegation may include the following officials, according to the number of participants entered:

- up to nine participants: two officials
- up to 20 participants: four officials
- over 20 participants: five officials

At the Technical meeting, the Head of Delegation or his/her representative shall confirm and sign the official list of competitors accredited by the CIC.

3.2. PRE-COMPETITION PROCEDURE

Three months before the Championship, the Organising Committee has the right to collect 50% of the total cost of stay per athlete and official from participating countries.

3.3. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

Nomination and costs

International Technical Officials (ITOs) shall be appointed jointly by CMAS and FISU. The cost of the ITO's (travel and per diem) will be covered by CMAS while local transfers, transportation and full board will be covered by the OC.

Other costs are referenced in the FISU – CMAS Collaboration Convention.

Numbers of Technical Officials

A minimum of 7 ITO's and 20 NTO's are needed

This number of people does not consider the necessary number of volunteers in the OC staff.

4. SERVICES

The Organising Committee shall inform the participating countries through the bulletins and its website about the possible and potential services and their costs.

Wi-Fi shall be available for all delegations for free.

Technical Officials

Technical Officials (TO) Services is complex and must not be underestimated. The Sport functional area must set up an efficient team early in advance.

In coordination with other relevant functional areas, the Technical Officials Services team is responsible for:

- NTOs recruitment in coordination with the Competition Manager and NF;
- support services such as visa, invitation letters, flight tickets and accreditation;
- managing and delivering TO clothing / uniforms when requested;
- procuring suitable accommodation for the period required;
- providing daily catering and transportation;
- ensuring that all TOs are properly qualified (in close cooperation with FISU);
- hosting Technical Officials' meetings;
- per diem and allowance payment.

5. COMPETITION VENUE

The Organising Committee shall present during the inspection visit the layout of the competition venue(s). The complete layout must be sent to FISU Championship Department and FISU TCC for approval. This layout should include all competition and training areas as well as the different areas, accesses and services allocated for each client group taking part in the competition or involved in its delivery.

6. EQUIPMENT

Equipment must be CMAS approved.

Equipment needed is listed in the FISU Finswimming Venue Minimum Requirements.

7. TRAINING SESSION

The training sessions schedule should be drawn up by the FISU Technical Committee Chair together with the Organising Committee Competition Manager and provided to the participating teams as early as possible to make the planning as smooth as possible. Training must be provided from 2 days before the first day of competition until the final day.

8. COMPETITION PROGRAMME

The competition programme shall be approved by the FISU Technical Committee Chair during the inspection visit and published on the website as soon as approved. It must be in accordance with the tentative schedule.

9. SPECIFIC MEDICAL AND DOPING CONTROL REQUIREMENTS

The venue medical plan shall be presented by the OC and approved by the FISU TCC during the inspection visit.

Doping Control

TESTING DAY(S)	NUMBER OF TESTS	ESA	GHRF
2	8	1	0

10. SPORT PRESENTATION

Sport presentation is the audio-visual presentation of a sport in each competition venue of a FISU World University Championship.

Sport presentation has become a vital instrument of major sport events and is key to delivering the event successfully. It aims to attract, educate, and entertain live audiences at the competition sites and elevates the sport experience for all client groups.

Sport presentation comprises elements such as video clips, sounds, announcements, mascots, creation of fan teams, the involvement of cheerleaders and other innovative elements that increase the understanding of the sport and the attractiveness of the competitions.

It is complex and must be carefully planned to the second, as it can have a substantial impact on the operation of broadcasters and venue teams. Therefore, close collaboration and early communication with broadcasting, awarding ceremonies and the ICT is essential.

Sport presentation planning should ground on one common creative theme that fits with the specific Championship concept. Nonetheless, as every sport has its own unique characteristics, it is important that each sport presentation is tailored to the particular sport while still embracing the main theme.

Due to its complexity, FISU suggests the OC to consult expert advice for assisting the OC in developing their sport presentation strategy in an early stage of the event lifecycle.

Considering the importance of sport for the sport presentation planning, the OC is recommended to place sport presentation under the responsibility of the sport manager of the Organising Committee.

11. SPORT TIMELINE

DEADLINES	ACTIONS
Event -12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inspection Visit – Venue visit & equipment approval (FISU TCC) - Competition programme and venue medical plan approval (FISU TCC)
Event -6 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General entries (NUSFs)
Event -3 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quantitative entries (NUSFs) - 50% payment from the participating countries (NUSFs) - ITO & NTO's list (FISU- CMAS)
Event -1 month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individual entries (NUSFs) - Event Handbook (OC - FISU TCC)
Event -1 day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accreditation & teams' confirmation (NUSFs) - Technical Officials meeting (ITOs - NTOs - FISU TCC - OC) - General Technical Meeting (NUSFs - OC - FISU)
EVENT	
Event +1 month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final report to FISU

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