



FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
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KAZAN 2015

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16th FINA World Masters
Championships 2015
in Kazan



COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

Open Water Swimming

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MINIMUM AGE LIMIT: 25 years

AGE DETERMINING DATE: Competitor's age as of December 31, 2015

AGE GROUPS: 25–29, 30–34, 35–39, 40–44, 45–49, 50–54, 55–59, 60–64, 65–69, 70–74, 75–79, 80–84, 85–89, 90–94 ... (five year age groups as high as is necessary).

RACE INFORMATION: For safety reasons, swimmers will be seeded according to age groups from the youngest to oldest.

Race organisers, in consultation with the referee and subject to advice from FINA Open Water Swimming Technical Committee, are to designate in advance the cut off time for each Masters race. As a rough guide, a time of 30 minutes per kilometre will be applied.

It shall be compulsory for all swimmers to wear highly visible coloured numbered swim caps (provided by the Organising Committee). Transponders will be used during the competition.

TRAINING PROVISION: From August 4 to August 6, 2015, 7:00–22:00 training sessions by groups will be in the Burevestnik Swimming Pool. On Thursday, August 6, 2015 two training sessions will be available on part of the course of the Kazanka Venue: from 10:00 to 14:00 and from 16:00 to 18:00.

TECHNICAL MEETING: Thursday, August 6, 2015 at 15:00 at the Kazanka Venue. **It is mandatory** for all entered swimmers.

COMPETITION DATES: Friday, August 7, 2015 at 8:30.

If the number of entries is more than 1000 swimmers, the competition will be swum in two days. The starting time for each age group will be announced after the entries deadline at the official Championships website. More information will be available at the official Championships website after the entries deadline.

COMPETITION VENUE: Kazanka Venue

LENGTH OF COURSE: Three kilometres. The Organising Committee reserves the right to reduce the length of the event; based on medical advice or should adverse weather or water temperature conditions prevail, or otherwise, upon advice of the FINA Masters Commission.

WATER TEMPERATURE:

Year	Month °C	
	July	August
2011	24.2	22.1
2012	23.1	22.0
2013	23.6	22.4
2014	23.1	22.7

TIME LIMITS: Swimmers who cannot complete the 3km distance in 90 minutes are advised not to enter. Swimmers still on the course after this time may be stopped and ordered out and no time will be given.

CALL ROOM: All athletes must report to the registration area (Open Water Office) one hour before their starting time. At the call room all competitors shall be 30 minutes before their allotted wave. A map showing the course will be clearly visible in this area for all the swimmers. Athletes will be called with a microphone system or megaphone, starting with the first wave.

SAFETY: Full medical provision and appropriate safety craft will be provided during and at the end of competition.

CHANGING AREA: Competitors must leave their equipment/clothing in the designated area. The Organising Committee will provide a visible numbered coloured cap and timing chip to each swimmer. Each swimmer is required to always wear this cap/chip throughout the race. A second cap may be worn under the brightly coloured, numbered cap.

SUPPORT FACILITIES: Changing facilities will be available close to the start and the finish.

A food and beverage area as well as a medical room will be available on site.

MEDALS: Medals will be awarded from the 1st to 3rd place (gold, silver and bronze) and from 4th to 6th place in each age group. Awarding ceremonies will be held at the competition venue after each age group has finished their competition.

Medals from 4th place on to be collected by the athletes from the special desks at the competition venues.

TRANSPORTATION TO THE COMPETITION VENUE

Free transportation services from the Athletes' Village and official hotels to all competition and training venues will be provided for the athletes in accordance with the established route and schedule.

IMPORTANT: Smoking at the sports venues is prohibited by federal law of the Russian Federation.

All individual event entries must be submitted and paid by June 15, 2015. No entry times will be used for seeding the waves.