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# MASTERS

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ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT  
THE MASTERS PROGRAMME

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# WHAT IS FINA?

**FINA IS THE WORLD GOVERNING  
BODY FOR AQUATICS.**

**FINA COMPRISES NOW**  
**209** NATIONAL MEMBER  
FEDERATIONS IN THE  
FIVE CONTINENTS.



**FOUNDED IN LONDON**  
**JULY 19, 1908**



**DURING THE OLYMPIC GAMES IN LONDON (GBR).**

**8** **NATIONAL FEDERATIONS**  
WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS FORMATION:  
Belgium | Denmark | Finland | France  
Germany | Great Britain | Hungary | Sweden

**WATER IS OUR WORLD**

# AQUATICS MEANS

SWIMMING, OPEN WATER SWIMMING,  
DIVING, HIGH DIVING, WATER POLO,  
ARTISTIC SWIMMING AND MASTERS.

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THERE ARE A COUNTLESS VARIETY OF VALUES  
AND PRINCIPLES ASSOCIATED WITH  
EACH OF OUR DISCIPLINES:



## **SWIMMING**

STRENGTH AND SPEED



## **OPEN WATER SWIMMING**

CHALLENGE AND PERSEVERANCE



## **DIVING**

BALANCE AND AGILITY



## **HIGH DIVING \***

COURAGE AND PERFECTION



## **WATER POLO**

TEAM SPIRIT AND MENTAL TOUGHNESS



## **ARTISTIC SWIMMING**

FLEXIBILITY AND GRACE

\* HIGH DIVING ISN'T INCLUDED IN THE MASTERS PROGRAMME



## DESCRIPTION

**THE MASTERS PROGRAMME INCLUDES:  
SWIMMING, DIVING, ARTISTIC SWIMMING, WATER POLO  
AND OPEN WATER SWIMMING.**

FINA MASTERS EVENTS ARE OPEN TO ATHLETES AGED 25  
AND ABOVE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF WATER POLO WITH A  
MINIMUM PARTICIPATION AGE OF 30.

**MASTERS PROGRAMME SHALL PROMOTE**

***fitness, friendship,  
understanding and competition***

# A BIT OF HISTORY

## 70-80's

FIRST FORMAL MASTERS COMPETITIONS WERE HELD IN THE ANGLO-SAXON WORLD (AUSTRALIA, CANADA, GREAT BRITAIN, NEW ZEALAND AND USA), BUT ALSO IN JAPAN, GERMANY AND ITALY.

## 1984

UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF ROBERT HELMICK (USA), THE MASTERS MOVEMENT BECAME PART OF THE FINA WORLD.

## 1985

A MASTERS COMMISSION WAS FORMED.

## 1986

THE WORLD MASTERS MOVEMENT HAS SEEN CONSISTENT STRONG GROWTH EVER SINCE.

# A BIT OF HISTORY

## FINA WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1st 1986 TOKYO (JPN)
- 2nd 1988 BRISBANE (AUS)
- 3rd 1990 RIO DE JANEIRO (BRA)
- 4th 1992 INDIANAPOLIS (USA)
- 5th 1994 MONTREAL (CAN)
- 6th 1996 SHEFFIELD (GBR)
- 7th 1998 CASABLANCA (MAR)
- 8th 2000 MUNICH (GER)
- 9th 2002 CHRISTCHURCH (NZL)
- 10th 2004 RICCIONE (ITA)/SAN MARINO (SMR)
- 11th 2006 STANFORD (USA)
- 12th 2008 PERTH (AUS)
- 13th 2010 GOTHENBURG & BORÅS (SWE)
- 14th 2012 RICCIONE (ITA)
- 15th 2014 MONTREAL (CAN)

- 16th 2015 KAZAN (RUS)

*1st EDITION TOGETHER WITH THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS*

- 17th 2017 BUDAPEST (HUN)
- 18th 2019 GWANGJU (KOR)
- 19th 2021 FUKUOKA (JPN)
- 20th 2023 DOHA (QAT)
- 21st 2025 KAZAN (RUS)
- 22nd 2027 BUDAPEST (HUN)

# TOGETHER WITH THE FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SINCE 2015

Since 2015,  
the FINA World Masters Championships are held  
immediately after the FINA World Championships, in  
the same host city.

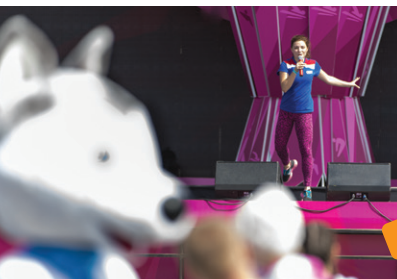
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Creating the largest celebration of the Aquatic sports

**Strengthening the profile of FINA's  
most important event**

**Demonstrating the ability of FINA  
and the Host City to stage an event  
of this magnitude and reach.**

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FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS  
MASTERS  
KAZAN 2015

**FINA**

WORLD MASTERS  
CHAMPIONSHIPS



## KAZAN BECAME THE FIRST CITY TO JOINTLY HOST THE FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND THE WORLD MASTERS.

The competitions were held in  
**14 age categories, from 25 to 100 years old.**



**Open Water  
Swimming**  
August  
Kazanka venue



**Synchronised  
Swimming**  
from 5 to 7 August  
Akchariak swimming pool



**Diving**  
from 12 to 14 August  
Aquatics Palace



**Water Polo**  
from 10 to 16 August  
Burevestnik and Olymp  
swimming pools



**Swimming**  
from 10 to 16 August  
Aquatics Palace

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM KAZAN 2015

+50,000 spectators visited the opening/closing ceremonies

930 persons from 64 countries lived  
in the Athletes' Village + 235 in city hotels

**2'638** ATHLETES  
REPRESENTING  
727 CLUBS

**70**  
COUNTRIES

**7'504** ACCREDITED  
PERSONS

**30**  
MASTERS  
WORLD  
RECORDS

**82**  
CHAMPIONSHIPS  
RECORDS

**6'196**  
MEDALS  
AWARDED

**397'078**  
WEBSITE VIEWS  
TOGETHER WITH THE  
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

**281'098**  
UNIQUE VIEWS

# WORLD RECORDS

FINA IS THE ONLY INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION TO  
RECOGNISE WORLD RECORDS IN MASTERS EVENTS  
**(SWIMMING ONLY).**

MASTERS WORLD RECORDS FOR ALL FINA EVENTS IN BOTH  
GENDERS IN EACH AGE GROUP SHALL BE RECOGNISED AND  
MAINTAINED IN 1/100 SECOND TIME (2 DECIMAL PLACES).

**RECORDS CAN BE SET BY REGISTERED  
MASTERS COMPETITORS.**



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## **FINA CURRENTLY RECOGNISES WORLD RECORDS IN THE FOLLOWING EVENTS FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN**

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### **FREESTYLE**

50 m, 100 m, 200 m, 400 m, 800 m, 1500 m

### **BACKSTROKE**

50 m, 100 m, 200 m

### **BREASTSTROKE**

50 m, 100 m, 200 m

### **BUTTERFLY**

50 m, 100 m, 200 m

### **INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY**

100 m (short course only), 200 m, 400 m

### **RELAYS**

4×50 m freestyle relay

4×100 m freestyle

4×200 m freestyle

4×50 m medley relay

4×100 m medley

### **MIXED RELAYS (teams of two men and two women)**

4×50 m mixed freestyle

4×100 m mixed freestyle

4×200 m mixed freestyle

4×50 m mixed medley

4×100 m mixed medley

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# PARTICIPATION OVER THE YEARS

2006

USA

2008






AUS

2010

SWE

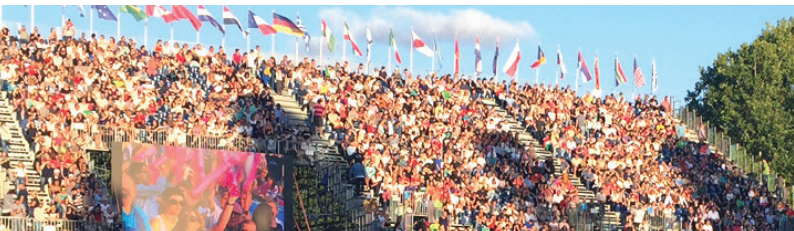
2012

ITA

TOTAL COMPETITORS	7'325	5'061	6'778	12'671
 SWIMMING	5'535	3'256	5'233	9'675
 DIVING	200	82	198	238
 ARTISTIC SWIMMING	319	132	407	579
 WATER POLO	996 NO TEAM INFO	818 (71 TEAMS)	710 (57 TEAMS)	1'380 (101 TEAMS)
 OPEN WATER SWIMMING	922	768	980	2'316
FEDERATIONS ENTERED	74	74	73	77

## TOTAL FIGURES

Note that some participants entered more than one Aquatic discipline



2014

CAN

2015






RUS

2017

HUN

2019

KOR

TOTAL COMPETITORS	7'853	2'640	9'031	4'013
 SWIMMING	5'893	2'002	6'209	2'848
 DIVING	230	72	304	174
 ARTISTIC SWIMMING	487	35	520	140
 WATER POLO	949 (70 TEAMS)	429 (33 TEAMS)	1595 (120 TEAMS)	499 (39 TEAMS)
 OPEN WATER SWIMMING	1'357	366	1'128	546
FEDERATIONS ENTERED	97	68	96	84

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# AGE GROUP



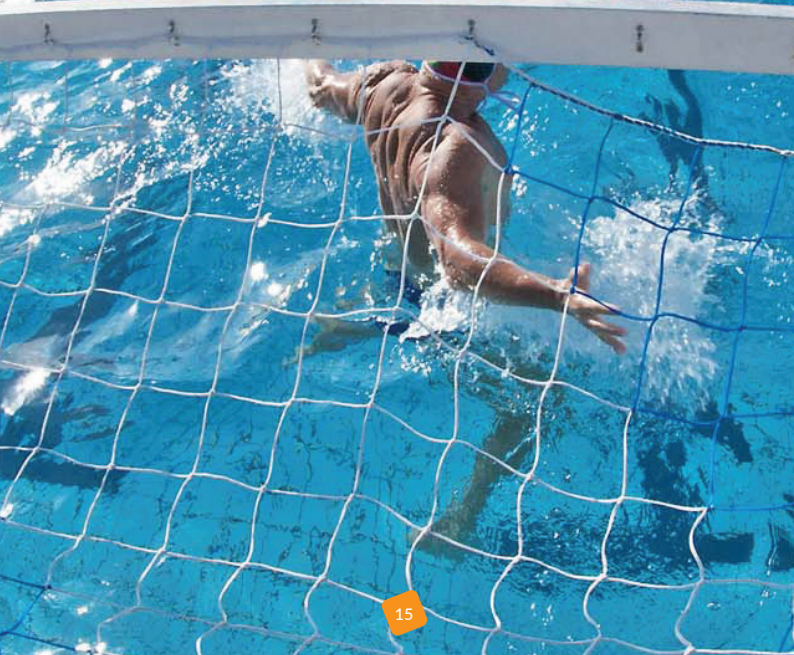
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**THE MASTERS COMPETITIONS ARE  
ORGANISED BY AGE GROUPS, NORMALLY  
WITH A FIVE-YEAR INTERVAL  
(25-29, 30-34, 35-39, AND SO ON).**

**IN WATER POLO, THE YOUNGEST PLAYER  
IN A TEAM DETERMINES THE AGE GROUP  
OF THAT TEAM.**

**MASTERS OPEN WATER EVENTS  
ARE UP TO 5KM IN DISTANCE.**





# COMPETITION SCHEDULE

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THE FINA WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS  
SCHEDULE DEPENDS UPON THE NUMBER AND  
AVAILABILITY OF VENUES AND FACILITIES TO  
STAGE THE PROPOSED PROGRAMMES:

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11 DAYS

**SWIMMING**

7 day programme

**DIVING**

5-6 day programme

**ARTISTIC SWIMMING**

6-7 day programme

**WATER POLO**

7 day programme

**OPEN WATER SWIMMING**

1-3 day programme

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# FACTS & FIGURES

THE WORLD MASTERS MOVEMENT HAS SEEN  
CONSISTENT STRONG GROWTH SINCE 1986

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THE HIGHEST INTEREST AND PARTICIPATION WERE RECORDED IN

**BUDAPEST (HUN)** (7-20 AUG 2017)

WITH

**9'031 ATHLETES**

**RICCIONE (ITA)** (1-17 JUNE 2012)

WITH

**12'671 ATHLETES**





**120**  
WATER POLO  
TEAMS



**304**  
DIVERS

# 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

ACROSS 4 VENUES AND  
8 COMPETITION POOLS.



**1'128**  
OPEN WATER  
SWIMMERS



**520**  
ARTISTIC  
SWIMMERS

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**MASTERS  
WORLD  
RECORDS**  
IN THE 2017 EDITION

# IN BUDAPEST 2017, THE OLDEST ATHLETES WERE TWO SWIMMERS



ON THE MEN'S SIDE,

***Bela Horvath (HUN)***

WAS A PROUD 97-YEAR-OLD COMPETITOR

IN THE DUNA ARENA,  
WHILE AMONG WOMEN

***Maurine Kornfeld (USA)***

WAS ALSO IN EXCELLENT SHAPE AT 96.





**BELA  
HORVATH**  
(HUN)



**MAURINE  
KORNFELD**  
(USA)





FINIS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS  
**MASTERS**  
**KAZAN 2015**

**199**

FINIS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS  
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**KAZAN 2015**



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