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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.

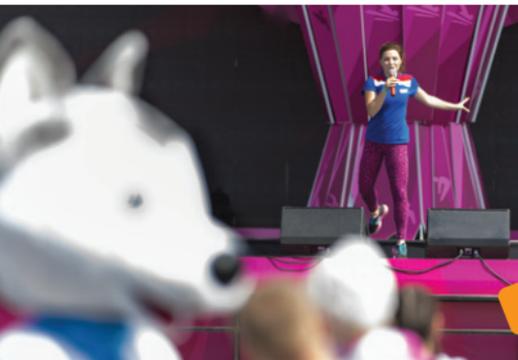
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Creating the largest celebration of the Aquatic sports

**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 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

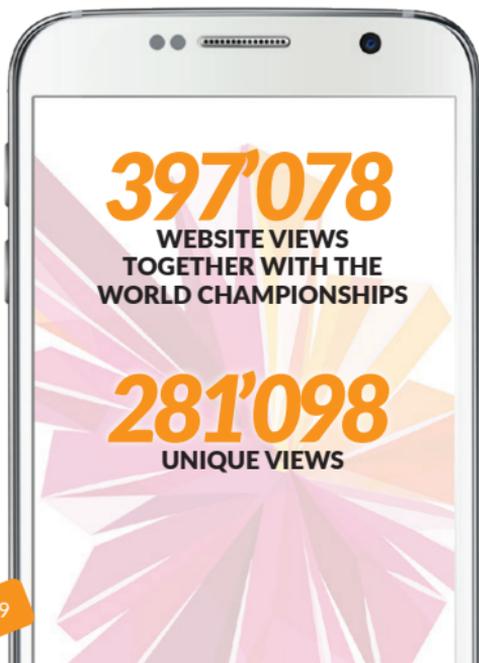
**30**  
MASTERS  
WORLD  
RECORDS

**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

|  | 2006<br>USA                | 2008<br>AUS              | 2010<br>SWE              | 2012<br>ITA                 |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>TOTAL COMPETITORS</b>   | <b>7'325</b>               | <b>5'061</b>             | <b>6'778</b>             | <b>12'671</b>               |
|  <b>SWIMMING</b>             | <b>5'535</b>               | <b>3'256</b>             | <b>5'233</b>             | <b>9'675</b>                |
|  <b>DIVING</b>               | <b>200</b>                 | <b>82</b>                | <b>198</b>               | <b>238</b>                  |
|  <b>ARTISTIC SWIMMING</b>    | <b>319</b>                 | <b>132</b>               | <b>407</b>               | <b>579</b>                  |
|  <b>WATER POLO</b>           | <b>996</b><br>NO TEAM INFO | <b>818</b><br>(71 TEAMS) | <b>710</b><br>(57 TEAMS) | <b>1'380</b><br>(101 TEAMS) |
|  <b>OPEN WATER SWIMMING</b> | <b>922</b>                 | <b>768</b>               | <b>980</b>               | <b>2'316</b>                |
| <b>FEDERATIONS ENTERED</b>   | <b>74</b>                  | <b>74</b>                | <b>73</b>                | <b>77</b>                   |

## 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<br>(70 TEAMS) | 429<br>(33 TEAMS) | 1595<br>(120 TEAMS) | 499<br>(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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**37** **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)

97  
96





FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS  
**MASTERS**  
**KAZAN 2015**

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FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS  
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