

MULTINATION TOURNAMENTS

Contest Rules

Updated after LEN Congres 2017 in Marseille, France

1. DEFINITION

a) Participating countries

Bulgaria, Brazil, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Greece, Israel, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Switzerland, Turkey and Ukraine (12)

These traditional Federations have to be present with at least one (1) relays team in each category, Men and/or Women.

The Tournaments are open to additional countries. If a Federation want to participate in one or in both Multination Tournaments, she has to send the request to the Co-ordinator at least three (3) months before the date of the Tournaments. The Co-Ordinator shall decide after having consulted the respective organiser. Only full teams (Men and/or Women) will be accepted.

b) Tournaments' Age Groups

Multination **Junior**: **Boys 17 & 18 years old – Girls 16 & 17 years old.**

Multination **Youth**: **Boys 15 & 16 years old – Girls 14 & 15 years old.**

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2. ELIGIBILITY

Eligible to participate in the meets **are Boys 15 - 18** years of age and **Girls 14 – 17** years of age at the beginning of the year in which the event takes place.

On arrival, passports, identity cards or certificates of birth of all swimmers, even local, shall be handed to the Jury of Appeal for any age-check. This shall be completed prior to the Technical Meeting, which is empowered to discuss any age irregularities.

3. FINA RULES

The competitions shall be held under FINA Rules. The starting commands shall be in English.

4. ROTATION OF ORGANISERS

The competitions shall be held in the countries of the participating countries, except Brazil, according to a common decision.

The countries willing to organise the tournaments have to bring to the Official Meeting at the LEN Congress the necessary information about Hotel's standard, costs of room and board and also a possible offer of a small cultural program.

5. DATE OF TOURNAMENTS

The tournaments will be conducted over a period of two full days (Saturday and Sunday).

Both tournaments (Junior and Youth) will take place on Easter period.

Regardless of the date, if Easter is in April, the Tournaments will take place the week-end before; if Easter is in March, the Tournaments will take place the week-end after.

6. SUBSCRIPTION

a) Participation

Federations shall confirm their participation at the Multination Meeting, which will take place during the LEN Congress of the year before.

The final subscription must reach the organising Federation on Monday before the competition with mention of:

- . Names of swimmers, with the year of birth;
- . List of records (national and age group);
- . Names of the coaches and officials.

The organising Federation may ask for a preliminary subscription concerning the number of swimmers, delegates etc.

b) Entries of swimmers

Entries for each individual event must reach the organising Federation at the latest on Monday before the competition.

Additional individual entries, retirements and other modifications shall be made at the latest before the Team Leaders Meeting.

After the Team Leaders Meeting, but at the latest on hour before the respective session, a swimmer entered "in competition" (scoring of points) may be replaced by another swimmer entered in the same event.

The composition of replays and the order of departure shall be communicated at the latest one hour before the respective session.

In case of unexpected situations after the above mentioned deadlines, the Referee shall take the necessary decisions relative to the circumstances.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

A Federation withdrawing of the competition within a month has to pay 350.00 Euro to the organiser.

If a Tournament has to be cancelled because of unaccountable reasons, the deposit paid in advance by the Federations has to be refund. The participating Federations shall pay 300.00 Euro to the organiser as a symbolic financial contribution.

8. TRAVELS AND LODGING

Each country shall pay its own travel and lodging expenses. The organising countries shall help the other nations with information about hotels, travel, local transport, etc.

If the tournament takes place in a city other than in which the airport is located, interurban travel shall be at the expenses of the hosting country.

The organising countries shall also take care of transport between the hotels and the pool, but not if one of the countries make their hotel reservation themselves and not on the list of recommended hotels by the organising countries.

9. PROGRAM

There will be 15 minutes rest immediately after the last individual event before the relay events.

Once participant and one relay team shall represent each country.

Every Federation is allowed to announce a second swimmer. If necessary, the organiser has to add an extra heat to host the second swimmers not scoring for points.

If there are free lanes left, Federations may enter a third swimmer not scoring for points. In case of more third swimmers entered than lanes available, the criteria to select who will swim will be the draw.

Separate time trials may be held if the majority of the delegates agree.

10. HOURS

The hosting Federation shall decide the hours of starting the competition, but between the two sessions of each day there shall be a rest of four hours at least.

The first event of each day shall not start before 09.30 am. Because of the different time zones, if possible, the morning session should start at 10.00 am.

11. LANES

The placement of the swimmers in the lanes shall be decided according to the times announced by the Federations. These times have to be swum in a 50m pool in the period which starts from the precedent Multination Tournaments and they have to figure in the LEN Statistics. If not, the Delegate of the team has to prove the times by presenting the results of the meeting where the times have been swum.

12. SWIMMING POOL

The swimming pool must be 50 meters in length.

The competition pool must be available to the participating countries for two training sessions the day before the tournament.

If one participating country wishes to hold a training camp, the organising country shall help as much as possible for training facilities.

During the two days of competition exclusively the swimmers of teams of the participating countries shall use the pool.

13. AUTOMATIC ELECTRONIC TIMEKEEPING

The competition shall be controlled by an official electronic timekeeping, which is recognized by FINA.

14. OPENING CEREMONY

The opening ceremony shall be held on the first day before the start of the afternoon events. Only the national anthem of the organising country will be played.

15. VICTORY CEREMONY

The victory ceremony shall involve the first, second and third swimmer of each event and shall take place after the following event (victory ceremony for boys event after the girls event, etc.)

The national anthem of the winner shall be played only during the Final Ceremony and the flag of the country shall be hoisted.

16. AWARDS

The first three swimmers of each event shall receive a medal. Gifts are allowed. The boys winning team shall receive a cup, the same for girls; the first country in the overall ranking shall receive the Multination Youth Trophy or the Multination Junior Trophy.

17. MULTI-NATIONS TROPHIES

The organisers shall present the Multination Junior Trophy and the Multination Youth Trophy after the last victory ceremony for the winning team of boys and girls.

Point 18. POINTS

The first 10 swimmers or teams will receive points as follows:

For Individual events:

- . 1st place: 10 +1
- . 2nd place: 10 -1
- . 3rd place: 10 -2 and following

For relays:

- . The relays score double points.

In case of disqualification no points.

In case of dead heat in the overall points, the winner shall be decided according to the number of first places. If a dead heat still remains, the winner shall be decided according to the number of second places.

19. JURY

The organising country shall be responsible for the officials.

If any of the participating countries brings an official, he should be a qualified one in order to officiate. Member countries must inform in advance of the participation of qualified officials.

20. JURY OF APPEAL

One member of each country should compose the jury of appeal.

The chairman of this jury will be the member of the organizing country and shall have casting vote in case of equal voting.

21. CONTEST RECORDS

A swimmer taking part "out of competition" in a discipline cannot establish a MEET record in this discipline.

The organizing Federations shall send the lists of the results to the Co-ordinator, who will update and publish the new lists of records for both Tournaments.

22. DOPING CONTROL

Doping control is possible; it has to be announced at the Technical Meeting prior to the competition.

23. PRESENCE OF THE CO-ORDINATOR

The coordinator of the Multination Tournaments **will** be present at least at one of the Tournaments, all costs of the following (Travel, Room and Board) to be met by the organizing Federation.

24. CHANGING OF RULES

This can only be done by the official delegates of the participating countries at the Multination Meeting during the LEN Congress.