



FINA Open Water Swimming Schools Programme:

Day 1

Welcome and Introduction (from 09.00)

- Housekeeping matters – Bathrooms / Evacuation
- School Overview – outline of course content & structure
- Introduction of Participants
- School Objectives

Origins of Open Water Swimming

- History
- Definition
- Marathon Swimming
- FINA Events
- Olympic event

Organisation of FINA

- Structure
- General Rules
- Technical Rules
- By-laws

Coffee Break (10.30-10.45)

Introduction of Officials

- Roles proscribed by FINA
- Duties & Powers of Officials
 - Chief Referee
 - Referee
 - Starter
 - Chief Timekeeper
 - Timekeeper

Lunch Break (12.30-13.30)

- Duties & Powers of Officials...cont
 - Chief Finish Judge
 - Finish Judge
 - Race Judge (& feeding Pontoon responsibilities)
 - Turn Judge

Coffee Break (15.00-15.15)

- Safety Officer
- Course Officer
- Clerk of Course
- Reserves

Timekeeping:

- Electronic Timing
- Using Stopwatches

Day 2

Race Rules

- The Start
- Venue
- The Race
 - Disqualification Procedure
 - Emergency Abandonment
 - Finish

Coffee Break (10.30-10.45)

Race Rules... cont

- Confirmation of Finish Placings & Times
 - Application of Rule SW 11
 - Use of Video recording/Slo-mo equipment

Risk Management

- Safety Considerations
 - Planning for Risk minimisation
 - Assistance & Support
 - Relationship with Organising Committee
 - Boats/Escort Craft
 - Communications
 - Pre-Race briefings – Officials / Teams / Safety Support
 - Head count – in & out of the water

Lunch Break (12.30-13.30)

Competition Management:

- Local Standards
- FINA Standards – World Championships / Marathon World Cup / Grand Prix Series / Other events
- Event planning
 - Operational considerations & Permissions
 - Water Quality & temperature
 - Venue Planning & layout
 - Entry Information to Teams/Swimmers
 - Technical Officials Meeting
 - Team Leaders Meeting

Coffee Break (15.00-15.15)

Officials' Decision Making

- Protests

FINA OW Swimming Officials Lists

- Criteria
- Selection of Officials for World Championships and Olympic Games
- The Professional Official

Questions & clarifications

Examination

Summary & wrap-up