



8th DOWN SYNDROME WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FLORENCE – ITALY - 15-22nd JULY 2016



SWIMMING COMPETITION

Rules

- The Championships will be swum under FINA Rules and regulations, which fall under FINA rules.
- The FINA basic rules and regulations will be adhered. The one start rule shall apply. In the case of a dispute the referee's decision will be final.

Conditions of Entry

- All swimmers entering DSISO World Championships are required to comply with criteria as published in DSISO Handbook 2014-2016. (Rule BL2 & BL3)
- Swimmers wanting to partake in these Championships must be registered and in good standing with DSISO.
- Entries submitted by swimmers not registered on the DSISO master list by will not be accepted.
- Swimmers entering individual events must have achieved A or B Qualifying times. Only official times achieved after 1st June 2015 will be accepted. Athletes who fail to achieve the relevant qualifying time at any stage of the competition or championships may be fined by the organizing committee and barred from further participation until the fine has been paid.
- All Swimmers will compete in Open age group category.
- Age Group records will be recognized.
- Athletes must be 13 years or over on the first day of competition.
- A maximum of 8 individual events per swimmer.
- The age of the swimmer shall be determined by the swimmers age on the first day of the Championships (17th July 2016).
- The swimmer's age at the date of the swim will be the determining factor for the recognition of age group records.
- The Championships will be run as heats and finals for events up to and including 200m events.
- Heat medals will be given as previously without a Podium presentation; however, in the heats any swimmer who swims 15% faster than their entry time cannot medal, but can progress to a final if appropriate.
- In the case of Mosaic swimmers finals will be swam if there are 3 or more swimmers.
- All events exceeding 200m will be swum as timed finals.
- All relay events will be swim as timed finals.
- The Championships will be swum in 8 lanes.
- All competitors must report to the "Clerk of Course" prior to their events.

Trophies & Medals

- **Trophies** will be awarded to:
 - Top T21 Female & Male Swimmer
 - Top Mosaic Female & Male Swimmer
- **Medals:**
 - Top 3 T21 swimmers will be awarded a full podium presentation during the finals.
 - Mosaic Medals - as per DSISO document dated 8/06/2015
 - Heat medals will be handed to team managers daily.

Dress code

- Costume Protocol: Swimwear worn shall be according to FINA bye-law BL7
- Medal winners must be neatly attired in their relevant Country outfits.

Withdrawals and Objections (must be done via the Team Manager only)

- Only the accredited Team Manager of a country may withdraw a competitor, lodge an objection or lodge any complaints.
- Withdrawals from all timed finals must be submitted 45 minutes before the start of the morning session on the day of the event taking place or beforehand if possible.
- Withdrawals from finals must take place no later than 10 minutes after the completion of the morning session. Please note that it is important that the reserves for finals report in case of a finalist missing or not reporting for their race.
- Swimmers failing to scratch or partake in a final will be liable for a fine of €50 payable before they will be allowed to partake in their next event.

Relays

- Swimmers partaking in relays only, MUST be entered into the meet with the original entries. Relay team swimmers names plus reserves must be submitted with the Meet Entries for correct seeding and registration purposes.
- The final team members' names must be submitted in order of swim, no later than 30 minutes after the end of the evening session the day before the relay event takes place. Substitutions will only be allowed in the case of a medical emergency at the discretion of the referee.
- Failure to swim in the order listed will result in a disqualification.
- Countries may enter T21 and Mosaic swimmers in relay events but they will not be eligible for medals and points will not be awarded to the country.
- A country may only enter one relay team.

Protests

- Protests are possible if the rules for the conduct of the competition have not been observed or if the conditions endanger the competitor/s. Protests may be lodged against decisions of the referee, however no protests will be allowed against decisions of fact. Protests must be submitted to the referee in writing by the appointed Team Manager, together with a deposit of €100.00 within 30 minutes following the conclusion of the respective event.

Points

- Individual points – 12, 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2

Drug Testing

- Drug testing may take place. Any swimmer on medication must submit a drug declaration form with their entry or before the start of the championships. Drug declaration forms are available from the DSISO office.

Dates for Entries

- 30th January 2016 - Entry by numbers
- 30th April 2016 - Entry by name & events