



**DOWN SYNDROME INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING  
ORGANISATION**

**PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER**

**March 2019**



**INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES TO DSISO  
COMPETITIONS**

Dear Members,

The following letter is confirmation that the DSISO Executive Board has addressed the issue of Individual Entries. They have thoroughly discussed this issue at much length. What follows is a logical conclusion to this issue. Although the problem has thus far been confined to one Member Country it is important that DSISO has a clear rule to cover any potential future issues of this kind.

*It has always been a rule of DSISO that it incorporates Fina Rules 4.2. DSISO has adopted the Fina Technical Rules of Swimming; therefore, all International Competitions and World Championships will be run in accordance with Fina Technical Rules with the following exceptions, amendments and clarifications*

Fina Rules do not allow Individual Entries without permission of the Member (in DSISO this would be the National Swimming Organisation – NSO)

*GR 3.2 All competitions must have received sanction by the Member where the competition takes place, and all competitors or clubs must have permission from their respective Member. FINA General Rules, valid as of 22.09.2017.*

As a result, DSISO has now revised its Rules. The NEW RULES are as follows:

- 3.2.1. Where there is a Team Entry from a recognised NSO, no independent individual swimmers from that country will be allowed.*
- 3.2.2. Where there is no Team Entry from a recognised NSO, Individual Swimmers from that NSO may Enter subject to them having written permission from their NSO to do so. <sup>1</sup>*

The Rules have now been revised to include this change and will come into force from October 1st 2019 (that is after the Open European Championships in Sardinia)

Attached you will find

1. A reprint of the full section of the Fina Rules that apply
2. An extract of the DSISO Rules 2017-2020 (Revised March 2019) that apply here

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<sup>1</sup> Changed February 2019 to meet Fina Rules

Sincere Best wishes,



Geoff Smedley  
DSISO President



## **FINA RULE**

### **GR 3 TOURS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES**

**GR 3.1** A competitor competing at a competition in a foreign country shall be a member of an affiliated Member<sup>2</sup> or of a club affiliated thereto. This section shall apply equally to judges, officials, trainers, and coaches.

**GR 3.2** All competitions must have received sanction by the Member where the competition takes place, and all competitors or clubs must have permission from their respective Member.

*FINA General Rules, valid as of 22.09.2017* <sup>3</sup>

### **DSISO NEW RULE (showing the amended section on Individual Entries)**

#### **INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES** <sup>3 4</sup>

- 3.2.1. The DSISO Championships are open to NSOs.
- 3.2.2. Individual Swimmers without a recognised NSO must comply with the following:
  - 3.2.2.1. They must be Registered Members of DSISO
  - 3.2.2.2. They must meet the competition entry standards
  - 3.2.2.3. Individual entries will be allowed 1 support member only.
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  - 3.2.2.6. Individual entries will be allowed 1 support member only.
- 3.2.3. Where there is a Team Entry from a recognised NSO, no independent individual swimmers from that country will be allowed.
- 3.2.4. Where there is no Team Entry from a recognised NSO, Individual Swimmers from that NSO may Enter subject to them having written permission from their NSO

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<sup>2</sup> For DSISO a Member is a recognised NSO

<sup>3</sup> Under the rules for the 2012 Championships the Executive Committee changed the entry conditions for Individual Swimmers

<sup>4</sup> Amended at the Sports Assembly 2012 Italy

to do so. <sup>5</sup>

- 3.2.5. Individual Swimmers with permission to Enter from a recognised NSO must comply with the following:
  - 3.2.5.1. They must be Registered Members of DSISO
  - 3.2.5.2. They must meet the competition entry standards
  - 3.2.5.3. Individual entries will be allowed 1 support member only.
  - 3.2.5.4. They must include with their Entry a clear statement from the NSO that it gives its permission for a named swimmer as an individual entry.
- 3.2.6. Individual Entries will not be eligible to swim as part of an NSO Relay Team, nor shall they gain any Points towards a National or Country total.
- 3.2.7. Individuals will be recognised as IND (Country).
- 3.2.8. The NSO is free to impose certain restrictions on that swimmer.
  - 3.2.8.1. Adherence to the NSO Code of Conduct.
  - 3.2.8.2. Limitations on the wearing of National kit or emblems openly on competition sportswear and equipment.
  - 3.2.8.3. Have to be DSISO members and meet the qualifying standard.
- 3.2.9. IND members will only be allowed 1 staff member in support.