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# FINA AWARDS RULING

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## 1. INTENT AND PURPOSE:

To establish a method of attributing awards to individuals or organisations within or outside FINA who have, through their interest, performance and influence, contributed to the activities and development of the FINA disciplines either in the national or international spheres.

## 2. CATEGORY OF HONOURS AND AWARDS:

- A) **FINA PRIZE**
- B) **FINA GOLD PIN \***
- C) **FINA SILVER PIN \***
- D) FINA Honour Plaque, Diploma or Certificate of Merit
- E) Special Honorary Members Dean Plaque (only one Plaque for the Dean)

## SPECIAL CATEGORY

- **FINA ORDER \***

\* These Honours are accompanied by a Certificate

## 3. SELECTION AND JURISDICTIONAL BODY:

The FINA Bureau, upon the proposals of the FINA Awards Commission.

## 4. APPLICANTS CAN BE PROPOSED BY:

- A) All Bureau Members
- B) National Member Federations of FINA
- C) The FINA Standing Committees

## 5. NOMINATIONS PROCEDURE:

- A) Nominations of applicants must be forwarded to the FINA Office
- B) The FINA Awards Commission shall study all proposals for nominations and present recommendations to the Bureau meeting.
- C) The Bureau will examine the proposals of the Commission, and will decide on the awards, and publish them in its minutes and official publications.

## 6. CRITERIA:

### A) FINA PRIZE:



Only one annual prize shall be awarded. It is the highest distinction that can be attributed to an individual, team or an organisation in recognition of their outstandingly positive actions in favour of our sport.

If no candidate is proposed, or his merit proves insufficient, the FINA Prize shall be declared void and will not be awarded that year.

### **Principles forming the basis of evaluation:**

- I) Communion of Endeavour: to inspire others through the dedication of the athlete, team, coach or administrator.
- II) Rules and Principles: to originate technical interpretation of rules and principles, which cultivate respect for aquatic sports.
- III) The Athlete, Team: For exceptional achievement, ethical and moral conduct that encourages emulation.
- IV) The Sport: To enhance patronage and participation in aquatic sport through encouragement of recreation, skills and safety.
- V) Science and Communication: research, publications, etc., regarding facility design, construction, and water-purification, etc. , for the well being of humanity.
- VI) Cultural endowment: collaboration amongst and within FINA member nations.

**B) FINA GOLD PIN:**



- I) Presidents and Secretaries of the FINA Bureau having served one term
- II) Honorary Treasurer or Vice Presidents who have served, as so, at least two (2) or more terms
- III) Any other Member of the Bureau who has served at least three (3) terms
- IV) Outstanding service on a Standing Committee for a minimum of four (4) terms, or combined Standing Committee plus Bureau terms(s).
- V) Any individual who has been given the title of Honorary Member of FINA.
- VI) In exceptional occasions and explaining clearly the merits, the Bureau may award the gold pin to the individuals who have significantly contributed to FINA activities.

**NOTE:** *Individuals who have received a FINA Gold Pin may not be granted a second pin. In the case of an awarding of a Pin when the last term is not yet finished, the presentation of it cannot be done until the term is finished.*

**C) FINA SILVER PIN**



- I) Any Honorary Treasurer who has served at least one (1) term.
- II) Any Bureau Member who has served at least two (2) terms.
- III) Any Member of a FINA Standing Committee who has given outstanding service on the Committee for a minimum of three (3) terms.
- IV) Any National Federation Administrator, any Official or Coach who has significantly contributed to FINA activities.
- V) Any TV, radio or press personnel related to the World Championships and Olympic Games who has made a significant contribution to FINA.

**NOTE:** *Individuals who have received a FINA Silver Pin may not be granted a second pin. In the case of an awarding of a Pin when the last term is not yet finished, the presentation of it cannot be done until the term is finished.*

**D) HONOUR PLAQUE or DIPLOMA (Certificate of Merit):**



- I) The host cities of the World Championships and Olympic Games.
- II) Senior members of the Organizing Committee of World Championships and Olympic Games.
- III) To the managers of the facilities used for the World Championships and Olympic Games.
- IV) The Referees, Judges, or Officials who served effectively and correctly in at least two Olympic Games, World Swimming Championships or World Cups, or mixed, and be recommended and certified by its respective Standing Committee.
- V) Other individuals who have significantly contributed to FINA activities.

***NOTE:*** All these cases are subject to the condition that they have not already been awarded a FINA Gold or Silver Pin.

**E) SPECIAL HONORARY MEMBERS DEAN PLAQUE**

## SPECIAL CATEGORY

- THE FINA ORDER



The FINA Order is the honour granted by FINA to individuals such as Heads of State, Ministers, Persons of high dignity, Presidents of OC's for FINA World Championships, Presidents of Companies or Networks, FINA Sponsors, etc. Only those who have illustrated the ideals, aims and objectives of FINA in the spirit of sport and with morals, ethics and/or fair play through his/her action, who have achieved remarkable merit in the world of swimming or have rendered an outstanding service to FINA's cause, either through his/her contribution to the development of swimming, may be admitted to the Order.

The FINA Order will consist of a golden chain in the form of a laurel wreath holding the FINA logo. A diploma and a gold lapel pin, which features a laurel wreath surrounding the FINA logo will accompany it.

## 7. RULING & LISTS

The Awards Ruling including the historical list of the Honoured Persons and Bodies is available through [www.fina.org](http://www.fina.org).