Dear Friends,

I have the pleasure to send you the following information related to the organisation of the **FINA Water Polo Certification School** scheduled to be held in Almaty, Kazakhstan, from 2nd to 4th May 2019.

The purpose of this course is to achieve the following objectives:

- Enlarge the number of referees and enhance the quality of the existing ones;
- Create a uniform pattern of interpretation and application of Water Polo rules, thus raising the quality of refereeing;
- Use the school as an instrument to develop and promote Water Polo worldwide.

Please note the following information related to the designation & courses for Water Polo referees:

- The FINA Water Polo Certification Schools prepare and certify candidates seeking to become FINA Water Polo Referees or wishing to update their FINA title.
- Candidates must be 18 years old at the point of registration and have at least two years of practical experience as a Water Polo referee,
- To receive certification, a candidate must attend a FINA Water Polo Certification School and pass the test with a minimum score of 70%.
• The certification is valid for a four-year period provided that the referee passes the FINA Water Polo Referees Online Exam every two years (available soon).
• Designation of FINA Water Polo Referees: only FINA certified candidates are eligible for the FINA Water Polo Referees List, subject to meeting the List criteria.

Further information concerning the FINA Water Polo Schools and the referees’ certification process will be available on the FINA Learning Platform.

Please find below the details related to the organisation of this course:

**DATE:**
**Arrival:** 1st May 2019
**Course:** 2nd – 4th May 2019
**Departure:** 4th May after the course completion

**PARTICIPANTS:**
Each National Member Federation may nominate Water Polo referees for this course.

**REGISTRATION:**
Please kindly note that the specific discipline of the school must be added to the attendee’s GMS profile as well as his/her personal email address in order to submit the registration.

All participants must be registered **by the 6th April 2019** in the FINA General Management System (GMS) using your federation login details. The link to the FINA GMS is [https://data.fina.org](https://data.fina.org).

If you require any assistance with the registration, please contact [aquaticsdb@fina.org](mailto:aquaticsdb@fina.org)

**NATIONALITY:**
Please take into consideration that when a competition official represents his/her country in a competition, he/she shall be a citizen, whether by birth or naturalisation, of the nation he/she represents, provided that
a naturalised citizen shall have lived in that country for at least one year prior to that competition (FINA Handbook - Edition 2017, General Rules 2.5).

PLACE:
Almaty, Kazakhstan

ARRIVAL AIRPORT:
Almaty International Airport (ALA)

TRAVEL:
Each National Federation is responsible for the travel expenses of the nominated referees.

We kindly ask you to not book any flight tickets until your participants have been approved.

VISA SUPPORT:
Please contact the Swimming Federation of the Republic of Kazakhstan if you require visa assistance.

ACCOMMODATION:
Each National Federation will cover the accommodation expenses of the nominated referees.

Rahat Palace Hotel
29 Satpaev Street
Almaty

Website: Click here

Single room: 145/160 USD per night*
Double room: 210/240 USD per night*

*Half/full board accommodation.

RESERVATIONS:
To make a reservation, please confirm with the Swimming Federation of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

LOCAL TRANSPORT:
Transfers from and to the airport will be provided by the OC for those referees accommodated at the official hotel.
In order to organise the local transportation, please provide the participants’ flight arrival and departure details to the Swimming Federation of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

MEETING VENUE: Rahat Palace Hotel

PROGRAMME: Please find attached the school programme.

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We strongly believe that the FINA Water Polo Schools for Referees will powerfully contribute to the improvement of our sport.

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We look forward to receiving your nominations through the FINA GMS by no later than the 8th April 2019.

Yours sincerely,

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