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**TO: ALL FINA MEMBER FEDERATIONS  
CONTINENTAL ORGANISATIONS**

**FROM: FINA Office – Lausanne**

**DATE: 24 November 2020**

**RE: Amendments of FINA Rules in Compliance with the 2021  
World Anti-Doping Code**

Dear President,  
Dear Secretary-General,  
Dear FINA Family,

Upon the adoption of the 2021 World Anti-Doping Code (“the Code”), taking into effect from 1 January 2021, FINA, as a Signatory to this Code, has amended its rules to make them compliant with the Code.

The amendments concern primarily the FINA Doping Control Rules but also to a much lesser extent, the FINA Constitution, the FINA By-Laws and the FINA Code of Conduct.

In normal times, most of these amendments would require the approval of the FINA General Congress. However, as no General Congress would be held in 2020, it was impossible for the amendments to be approved by the General Congress by the deadline of 1 January 2021. **Accordingly, the FINA Bureau have exceptionally considered and voted on these amendments based on FINA Rule C 17.13.9, which enables the FINA Bureau “to make decisions in case of emergency and in any situation in which no other FINA body may act”.**

An item will be included to the Agenda of the next FINA General Congress taking place on 5 June 2021 in Doha, Qatar, for this ad hoc decision of the FINA Bureau to be ratified by the General Congress.

Please find enclosed the following documents:

- 1) Summary of the main changes to the FINA Rules following the adoption of the new 2021 World Anti-Doping Code
- 2) FINA Doping Control Rules 2021 [LINK](#)
- 3) FINA Constitution amendments [LINK](#)
- 4) FINA By-Laws amendments [LINK](#)
- 5) FINA Code of Conduct amendments [LINK](#)

Particular attention is drawn to Article DC 18 of the FINA Doping Control Rules 2021 which details the roles and responsibilities of Member Federations regarding anti-doping.



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FINA would kindly request that you provide a copy of the FINA Doping Control Rules 2021 and the summary of major changes to all your members.

We thank you for your kind attention and remain at your disposal for any further information you may require.

Yours sincerely,

**Cornel Marculescu**  
FINA Executive Director

