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ASA Circular 20/2020

REVISED CRITERIA FOR SELECTION FOR GAMES OF THE XXXII OLYMPIAD – TOKYO 2020

On the 15th July 2020, FINA has once again revised the **QUALIFICATION SYSTEM** for the **GAMES OF THE XXXII OLYMPIAD – TOKYO 2020** - Full details are available online at the following link: <https://www.fina.org/event/swimming-qualification-events>

In view of this, the ASA has to regretfully cancel the Criteria which was issued on the 9th July 2020 via Circular 19/2020 and to revise the Criteria according to this Circular.

The change in the FINA Criteria is found on Page 5 in Section D Qualification Pathway, sub-section 3 Universality Places. The second paragraph has been modified to:

Because of the exceptional circumstances related to COVID-19 crisis, the consequent postponement of the Tokyo Olympics, and taking into account the unprecedented two-year period between the FINA World Championships Gwangju 2019 and the new date of the Games in 2021, NOC/NFs with no men or women with an “A” or “B” time standard will be allowed to enter their highest ranked men athlete or highest ranked women athlete in one individual event, based upon the FINA Points Table (2021 edition), through a performance in an approved FINA Olympic qualifying event (including the FINA World Championships Gwangju 2019);

This therefore simplifies the selection Criteria as follows:

1. Selection for the **GAMES OF THE XXXII OLYMPIAD – TOKYO 2020** will be according to the best FINA points 2021 (separately for men and women) in any one Olympic event achieved in an approved FINA Qualifying event between the 21st July 2019, the starting date of the FINA World Championships 2019 held in Gwangju, and the 17th June 2021

2. Athletes eligibility:

- be a Maltese citizen
- be a registered ASA swimmer during the 2019-2020 & 2020-2021 seasons
- be available to fulfil National Team commitments

Thanks & Regards,



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