

**SUBJECT: Regulations regarding the election of the FINA Bureau Members and election to designated positions**

e-mail of May 24, 2017

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Dear Friends,

As you may know through information that has circulated over the last few days, FINA Executive has approved the **"Regulations regarding the election of the FINA Bureau Members and election to designated positions"** (see attached document), which has now been forwarded to the FINA Bureau for further approval.

In order to enforce these **"Regulations"** FINA is also seeking to form an ad hoc **Electoral Commission** consisting of one representative from each Continental Organisation.

Objective of the **Electoral Commission** is to act as a "reviewer" of the candidates' activities during their campaigns for the 2017 FINA Elections.

To further confirm the "real" objective behind this move, please note that the **Electoral Commission** would have authority up to *the withdrawal of the Candidate from the electoral process and/or annulment of his or her results (article 14.3 of the "Regulations")*

In addition to the above, the **"Regulations"** also state that:

*"... Copies of any document used to support a candidature shall be provided by the Candidate to the FINA Electoral Commission for review" (article 5.1 of the "Regulations");*  
*"No public meeting or gathering of any kind may be organised in order to promote a candidature"(article 7.1 of the "Regulations");*  
*"Candidates may not take part in any public debate or engage in any public speeches promoting their candidature" (article 7.2 of the "Regulations").*

**LEN believes that both the proposed FINA Regulations and the role of the Electoral Commission do not respect the Constitution.**

I have already expressed to FINA my strong opposition (see attached e-mail to FINA).

Furthermore, regarding the request of FINA to provide the name of the LEN European member to be part of the new FINA Electoral Commission, the LEN Bureau informed FINA of its belief that the new proposed **"Regulations"** do not respect the Constitution and that FINA Bureau does not have the right to implement them.

For this reason, the **LEN Bureau voted and decided not to nominate any member from Europe to be part of the Electoral Commission** (see attached email).

Kind regards,

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