



Swimming Sports Technical Manual Version 1.0





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1.

**WELCOME AND
INTRODUCTION**

Talofa lava and welcome to Beautiful Samoa – home of the Samoa 2019 XVI Pacific Games.

We are excited to host the Pacific Region's largest quadrennial games here in our country, with more than 4000 Athletes and Team Officials from 24 countries competing in 27 sports.

Samoa is honoured to host you for the Games. We are proud of the work that has been accomplished to produce a world-class event for everyone in such a short period of time. Our motto from the beginning has been to "put our best foot forward" and we hope you will agree that we have done just that.

We put athletes and sport at the heart of our work and want to create a stage where you can excel. We are excited to provide an opportunity and platform for athletes to show their potential and create sporting memories at the Games here in Samoa. We admire your dedication to your sport and acknowledge and appreciate all your efforts in preparing your team to compete at the XVI Pacific Games from 7–20 July 2019. We are also eager to give you the best facilities, organisation and support that the people of Samoa can provide so your athletes can compete at their best.

As a nation, we know that to deliver a successful Games for our Pacific athletes, we will all need to be One in Spirit. Faafetai tele lava to each of the teams for the invaluable assistance provided to the Games Organising Committee. We could not have done this without your support.

We are delighted to present the Sport Technical Handbook for the Samoa 2019 XVI Pacific Games.

This publication contains details of the technical arrangements for your Sports and the various aspects of the Games that affect you. Please treat this as your source of reference during the Games.

Our dedicated Games staff and volunteers are here to assist you if you have any questions or issues. You can also seek further guidance from our Sport Information Centre located at the Games Village and Sport Information Desks at every venue.

We believe that the Pacific Games is not only about sports but also about building bonds between our Pacific nations. Therefore, we wish you a fantastic time at the Games. We hope you enjoy our warm Samoan hospitality as well as the camaraderie of the 24 nations from the Pacific that are participating in this year's Games.

One in Spirit!

Hon. Loau Solamalemalo Keneti Sio
Chairperson
Samoa 2019 Pacific Games

Falefata Hele-Ei Matatia
Chief Executive Officer
Samoa 2019 Pacific Games

2.

ORGANISATION

2.1 International Federation (IF) – (FINA)

President: Julio C. Maglione

2.2 Oceania Swimming Association (OSA)

President: Dennis Miller

Vice President: Matthew Dunn

Honorary Secretary: Ron Clarke

Honorary Treasurer: Elizabeth Wells MBE

Executive Member: Judy Otto

2.3 Samoa Swimming Federation Inc. (SSF)

President: Hon. Tuilaepa Sa'ilele Lufesoliai Malielegaoi

Vice President: Hon Afamasaga Rico Tupai

General Secretary/Treasurer: Kerrie Punivalu

2.4 Swimming Technical Committee

Sports Competition Manager: Kerrie Punivalu

IF Technical Delegate: Dennis Miller

2.5 Swimming Technical Committee – Games Time

International Federation (IF)

- FINA and Pacific Games Council (PGC)
- FINA Delegate: Dennis Miller

Organising Committee (OC)

- Sports Competition Manager (SCM): Kerrie Punivalu
- Assistant Manager: Kilisitina Best

2.6 Key Competition Management

FINA and Technical Delegate: Dennis Miller (Email: denni_smiller@hotmail.com)

Sports Competition Manager: Kerrie Punivalu

Meet Director: Lesley Huckins

2.7 Technical Officials

Meet Director: Lesley Huckins (New Zealand)

Trisa Cheer	(Fiji)	Amelia Naivalu	(Fiji)
Alison Browne	(Fiji)	Lovina Sabnani	(USA)
Bobby Dungan	(USA)	Dar Gerber	(USA)
Marcelle Arakai	(USA)	Marianne Gauchet	(New Caledonia)
Christine Heinrich	(New Caledonia)	Julien Monot	(New Caledonia)
Sue Babao	(Papua New Guinea)	Sarenah Pini	(Papua New Guinea)
Albert Vigil	(Papua New Guinea)	Gilbert Camillus	(Papua New Guinea)
John Agovai	(Papua New Guinea)	Alan Smith	(Australia)
Denise McLaughlin	(Australia)	Steve Carsley	(Australia)
Philip Jobling	(Australia)	Peter Shell	(Australia)
Peter Tindale	(Australia)	Christine Etter	(Australia)
Murray Smith	(Australia)	Sharon Wicking	(Australia)
Dorothy Harris	(Australia)	Kate Reynolds	(Australia)
Christine Cassin	(New Zealand)	Ron Clarke	(New Zealand)
Anthony Farmer	(New Zealand)	Dianne Farmer	(New Zealand)
Jacqui Forsythe	(New Zealand)	Carlrine Gillespie	(New Zealand)
Alan Hale	(New Zealand)	Brent Harris	(New Zealand)
Celia Honiss	(New Zealand)	Gavin Ion	(New Zealand)
Mary McFarlane	(New Zealand)	Sandra Sutcliffe	(New Zealand)
Karen Wilkinson	(New Zealand)	Les Huckins	(New Zealand)
Ross Gillespie	(New Zealand)	Yves Watt	(Vanuatu)
Ivan Oswald	(Vanuatu)	Kilisitina Best	(Samoa)
Jean Sakovich	(Samoa)	Ketese mane Tuumuli	(Samoa)
Junior Papalii	(Samoa)	London Leuma	(Samoa)
Brent Mc Carthy	(Samoa)	Tumua Leota	(Samoa)
Robert Jordan	(Samoa)		

2.8 Open Water Technical Committee

Sports Competition Manager: Kerrie Punivalu

FINA and Technical Delegate: Dennis Miller

FINA Safety Delegate (OWS): John West

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- Assistant Manager: Kilisitina Best
- Course Officer: Toesulusulu Cedric Schuster
- Safety Officer: Andrew Wheatly

2.10 Key Competition Management

FINA and Technical Delegate: Dennis Miller

Sports Competition Manager: Kerrie Punivalu
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FINA Safety Delegate (OWS): John West

2.11 Technical Officials

John West (New Zealand): Meet Director

Lori Chaplin (Australia): Chief Referee (M)

Gavin Ion (New Zealand): with CR Men

Ross Gillespie (New Zealand): Chief Referee (W)

Sarenah Pini (Papua New Guinea): With CR Women

Ivan Oswald (Vanuatu): Referee 1

Katherine Reynolds (Australia): Referee 2

Susan(Sue) Babao (Papua New Guinea): Chief Finish Judge

Trisa Cheer (Fiji): Finish Judge 1

Marianne Gauchet (New Caledonia): Finish Judge 2

Christine Heinrich (New Caledonia): Chief Timekeeper

Steve Carsely (Australia): Timekeeper

Celia Honiss (New Zealand): Timekeeper 2

Carlrine Gillespie (New Zealand): Clerk of Course

Sharion Wicking (Australia): Assistant Clerk

Tumua Leota (Samoa): Assistant Clerk

Dianne Farmer (New Zealand): Recorder

Julien Monot (New Caledonia): Turn Judge 1

Peter Tindale (Australia): Turn Judge 2

Alan Hale (New Zealand): Turn Judge 3

Philip Jobling (Australia): Turn Judge 4

Andrew Wheatley (Samoa): Course Officer

Cedric Schuster (Samoa): Assistant Course Officer

Anthony Kimmins (Samoa): Safety Officer

Yves Watt (Vanuatu): Assistant Safety Officer

Dr. Matalavea (Samoa): Medical Officer

Jacqui Forsythe (New Zealand): Starter

Ron Clarke (New Zealand): Reserve

2.12 Technical Meeting Date

The Technical Committee meeting will be held no more than 48 hours prior to the commencement of the competition. This meeting will provide the most current sport specific information.

The Technical Committee shall ensure that the Samoa 2019 XVI Pacific Games Swimming competition is conducted in accordance with the technical rules and regulations of FINA. Updated information will be distributed at this time.

The Swimming Technical Committee meeting has been scheduled as follows;

Date: 7 July, 2019

Venue: Aquatic Centre Faleata

Time: 1200hrs



3.

**COMPETITION
MANAGEMENT**

3.1 List of Events: Open Water Swimming

The Samoa 2019 XVI Pacific Games Open Water Swimming Competition shall consist of the following events.

Swimming will be contested in the following categories for both Men (M) and Women (W).

Open Water Event: 5km Open Water Swim

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded in both the open water swimming events.

3.1.1 Competition Schedule: Open Water Swimming

Day	Date	Session	Fixtures Time	Race	No. of Athletes	No. of Teams Officials	Technical Officials
1	8 July	Morning	TBA	5km	TBC	TBC	50

3.2 List of Events: Swimming

The Samoa 2019 XVI Pacific Games Swimming Competition shall consist of the following events:

Swimming will be contested in the following categories for both Men (M) & Women (W) at the Games:

Freestyle	50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m
Breaststroke	50m, 100m and 200m
Backstroke	50m, 100m and 200m
Butterfly	50m, 100m and 200m
Individual Medley	200m and 400m
Freestyle Relay	4x50m Free Mixed Relay 4x100m Freestyle Relay 4x200m Freestyle Relay
Medley Relay	4x100m Medley Relay 4x50m Medley Mixed Relay

3.2.1 Competition Schedule: Swimming

Tuesday 9 July	Wednesday 10 July	Thursday 11 July	Friday 12 July	Saturday 13 July
M 200m breast	W 50m back	M 200m free	W 200m IM	M 100m breast
W 200m breast	M 50m back	W 200m free	M 200m IM	W 100m breast
W 800m free	W 400m IM	M 100m back	M 1500m free	M 400m Free
M 50m fly	M 400m IM	W 100m back	W 100m free	W 400m free
W 50m fly	W 100m fly	M 50m breast	M 100m free	M 200m fly

M 200m back	M 100m fly	W 50m breast		W 200m fly
W 200m back				M 50m free
				W 50m free
M 400m (4x 100m) medley relay	W 800m (4 x 200m) free relay	M 400m (4 x 100m) free relay	Mixed 200m (4 x 50m) free relay	Mixed 400m (4 x 50m) medley relay
W 400m (4x 100m) medley relay	M 800m (4 x 200m) free relay	W 400m (4x100m) free relay		

Finals Day 1: 9 July, 2019

1745hrs	Warm up ends	
1755hrs	Introduction Programme	
1757hrs	Officials March in	
1800hrs	TV Introduction	
1801hrs	200m Breast, Men	Final
1808hrs	200m Breast, Women	Final
1819hrs	200m Breast, Men	Victory Ceremony
1829hrs	800m Free, Women	Final
1842hrs	200m Breast Women	Victory Ceremony
1852hrs	50m Fly, Men	Final
1857hrs	800m Free, Women	Victory Ceremony
1907hrs	50m Fly, Women	Final
1911hrs	50m Fly, Men	Victory Ceremony
1921hrs	200m Back, Men	Final
1928hrs	50m Fly Women	Victory Ceremony
1938hrs	200m Back Women	Final
1945hrs	200m Back Men	Victory Ceremony
1955hrs	4 x 100 m Medley Relay, Men	Final
2005hrs	200m Back Women	Victory Ceremony
2010hrs	4 x 100m Medley Relay Women	Final
2019hrs	4 x 100m Medley Relay Men	Victory Ceremony
2029hrs	4 x 100m Medley Relay Women	Victory Ceremony
2045hrs	End of session	

Finals Day 2: 10 July 2019

1745hrs	Warm up ends	
1755hrs	Introduction Programme	
1757hrs	Officials March in	
1800hrs	TV Introduction	
1801hrs	50m Back, Women	Final
1806hrs	50m Back, Back	Final

1812hrs	50m Back, Women	Victory Ceremony
1822hrs	400m IM ,Women	Final
1831hrs	50m Back, Men	Victory Ceremony
1841hrs	400m IM, Men	Final
1850hrs	400m IM, Women	Victory Ceremony
1900hrs	100m Fly, Women	Final
1906hrs	400m IM, Men	Victory Ceremony
1916hrs	100m Fly, Men	Final
1922hrs	100m Fly, Women	Victory Ceremony
1932hrs	100m Fly, Men	Victory Ceremony
1942hrs	4x 200m Free Relay Women	Final
1954hrs	4 x 200 m Free Relay, Men	Final
2004hrs	4 x 200m Free Relay, Women	Victory Ceremony
2014hrs	4 x 200m Free Relay, Men	Victory Ceremony
2030hrs	End of session	

Finals Day 3: 11 July, 2019

1745hrs	Warm up ends	
1755hrs	Introduction Programme	
1757hrs	Officials March in	
1800hrs	TV Introduction	
1801hrs	200m Free, Men	Final
1808hrs	200m Free, Women	Final
1816hrs	200m Free, Men	Victory Ceremony
1826hrs	100m Back, Men	Final
1832hrs	200m Free, Women	Victory Ceremony
1842hrs	100m Back, Women	Final
1859hrs	100m Back, Men	Victory Ceremony
1909 hrs	50m Breast, Men	Final
1914hrs	100m, Back Women	Victory Ceremony
1924hrs	50m Breast, Women	Final
1930hrs	50m Breast, Men	Victory Ceremony
1940hrs	50m Breast, Men	Victory Ceremony
1950hrs	4 x 100 Free Relay Men	Final
2010hrs	4 x 100 m Free Relay, Women	Final
2020hrs	4 x 100m Free Relay Men	Victory Ceremony
2030hrs	4 x 100m Free Relay Women	Victory Ceremony
2045hrs	End of session	

Finals Day 4: 12 July, 2019

1745hrs	Warm up ends	
1755hrs	Introduction Programme	
1757hrs	Officials March in	
1800hrs	TV Introduction	
1801hrs	200m IM, Women	Final
1808hrs	200m IM, Men	Final
1815hrs	200m IM, Women	Victory Ceremony
1825hrs	1500m Free, Men	Final
1845hrs	200m IM, Men	Victory Ceremony
1855hrs	100m Free Women	Final
1901hrs	1500m Free, Men	Victory Ceremony
1911hrs	100m Free, Men	Final
1916hrs	100m Free, Women	Victory Ceremony
1926hrs	100m Free Men	Victory Ceremony
1936hrs	Mixed 4 x 50m Free Relay	Final
1942hrs	Mixed 4 x 50m Free Relay	Victory Ceremony
2000hrs	End of session	

Finals Day 5: 13 July, 2019

1645hrs	Warm up ends	
1655hrs	Introduction Programme	
1657hrs	Officials March in	
1700hrs	TV Introduction	
1701hrs	100m Breast, Men	Final
1706hrs	100m Breast, Women	Final
1711hrs	100m Breast, Men	Victory Ceremony
1721hrs	400m Free, Men	Final
1731hrs	100m Breast Women	Victory Ceremony
1741hrs	400m Free Women	Final
1751hrs	400m Free, Men	Victory Ceremony
1801hrs	200m Fly, Men	Final
1809hrs	400m Free Women	Victory Ceremony
1819hrs	200m Fly, Women	Final
1826hrs	200m Fly, Men	Victory Ceremony
1836hrs	50m Free Men	Final
1841hrs	200m Fly Women	Victory Ceremony
1851hrs	50m Free Women	Final
1856hrs	50m Free ,Men	Victory Ceremony
1906hrs	50m Free, Women	Victory Ceremony

1916hrs	4 x 50m Mixed Medley Relay	Final
1923hrs	4 x 50m Mixed Medley Relay	Victory Ceremony
1945hrs	End of session	

3.3 Entries, Seeds and Draws

All athletes must comply with entry requirements as specified in the PGC Charter; Protocol 7, including FINA Constitutional Eligibility requirements for representing a country.

3.4 Entry by Name (Protocol 7.11 – 7.15)

Entries by name containing the names of competitors and the events in which they wish to compete, shall be forwarded electronically, to reach the Organising Committee at least forty-five (45) days before the date of the opening of the Games. Thirty percent of the Pacific Games Authority's estimated per diem obligation shall be payable at this time. A further confirmation of entries by name shall be required from PGAs no later than 30 days before the opening of the Games, from which the official and final per diem obligation will be calculated. A further 30% of this official per diem obligation shall be payable at this time. PGAs shall pay the remaining per diem obligation no later than the Delegation Registration Meeting (DRM) upon arrival and no Games Accreditations shall be issued to PGAs until the full per diem obligation is discharged. (Protocol 7.11)

A pre-DRM in person, or through the use of technology, shall occur within five days after the further confirmation of entries 30 days before the Games. (Protocol 7.11)

Each PGA shall pay at the DRM such sum as the Executive Board may prescribe for each competitor and official entered, which shall be paid into a separate account in the name of the Council. (Protocol 7.12)

Entries shall be completed electronically, and shall be forwarded to the OC via the Sporting Pulse provided Games Management System website. A PGA may also, simultaneously, submit a signed spreadsheet of athlete entries as an additional step to confirm its entries. The OC shall forward the entries to the Council and the relevant International Federations. (Protocol 7.13)

The OC shall send to PGAs copies of "Entry and Eligibility Conditions form" in English and French to be signed by each competitor and to be countersigned by the appropriate PGA and duly affiliated National Federation (NF). Completed forms for each athlete must be returned to the OC no later than the DRM. The Council shall approve the text to this form based upon the guidelines contained in Regulation 20. (Protocol 7.14)

As per Article 26 (5), late entries by name will not be accepted. (Protocol 7.15)

3.5 Final Entries (Protocol 7.16 – 7.21)

The names of those competitors finally entered for each event shall be confirmed to the OC at the Delegates Registration Meeting at least 48 hours prior to the official opening of the Games. With the exception of the provisions of Protocol 7.18, no amendments to a

PGA's delegation of athletes may be made after the DRM. (Protocol 7.16)

Only those competitors whose names appear on the individual entry Forms shall be eligible for final confirmation for participation. (Protocol 7.17)

When a competitor is injured after being included in the final entries forms, a substitute may be nominated on production of a medical certificate from the doctor designated by the OC provided this nomination is made before midnight preceding the opening event of the tournament in which the injured competitor would have taken part. The substitute's name must have been entered in the Individual Entries forms of that sport. (Protocol 7.18)

Each PGA shall be required to ensure that Article 8 is observed with regard to the selection and management of its team. (Protocol 7.19)

The Executive Board may require the OC to reject an entry, which does not comply with the requirements of the Charter, or for any other good or sufficient reason. (Protocol 7.20)

Penalties shall be imposed on the PGA for entries submitted that do not comply with the Council Charter. These penalties shall be payable to the PGC and shall include a minimum monetary fine of US\$1,000 or removal of the PGA's voting rights at the next Council annual meeting, or both. (Protocol 7.21)

3.6 Conditions of Entry

For Pacific Games and in respect of all activities of the Council and events under its control, there shall be no discrimination against any member country or persons on any grounds whatsoever, including race, gender, religion or politics.

The Executive Board may require the Organising Committee to reject an entry, which does not comply with the requirements of the Charter, or for any other good sufficient reason. (Protocol 7.20)

3.7 Maximum Entries

For the Samoa 2019 XVI Pacific Games Open Water Championships the following restrictions apply to all Federations in relation to the number of competitors in each event for the Open Water Competition as follows.

Number of competitors per event:

- Each PGA is allowed a maximum 3 competitors per event,
- A maximum of 2 competitors per PGA are allowed to proceed to finals.

The maximum number of players per Country who may compete in the Pacific Games Swimming competition is as follows:

Number of competitors per event:

- Each PGA is allowed a maximum 3 competitors per event,
- A maximum of 2 competitors per PGA are allowed to proceed to finals.
- For the relays each PGA is allowed 1 team per event.

3.8 Draws

The draw will be conducted in accordance with IF Rules. Further details will be provided at the Technical Committee Meeting.

3.9 Competition Rules and Regulations

This competition will be conducted under the rules of FINA as set out in the current 2017-2021 FINA Handbook.

The Swimming Competition will be conducted in Heats and Finals, if sport entries warrant:

- Heats will run with 4 or more athletes (except in the case of Men's sport entries warrant:ition Rules.below).
- Heats for 3 or less athletes will run at the discretion of the Referee or as determined at the Aquatics Technical Meeting.
- Men's 1500m Freestyle and Women's 800m Freestyle will be run as straight Finals should there be 8 or less athletes entered; if there are more than 8 athletes, slower Heat/s will be run in the morning with the fastest Heat run in the evening.
- Heats will be run as timed finals.
- If sport entries warrant and at the discretion of the Referee; Men and Womenals should there be 8 or less .
- Substitutions and withdrawals are subject to Pacific Games Sport Entries (Entries by Name) timeline (7 May, 2019) and FINA Rule GR7.1 and 7.2.

The Open Water Competition will be conducted as a Final

- If sport entries warrant and at the discretion of the Referee; Men and Womentries by Name) timeline (less a
- Substitutions and withdrawals are subject to Pacific Games Sport Entries (Entries by Name) timeline (7 May 2019) and FINA Rule GR7.1 and 7.2

3.10 Competition Format/Procedure

3.10.1 Changes of conditions

Any issues relating to changes of conditions that need to be made in order to ensure the smooth and fair running of the Event between Technical Meeting and the completion of the Competition Schedule shall be made by the FINA Delegate, Technical Delegate/ Competition Manager and Meet Director; their decisions shall be final.

3.10.2 Substitutions and withdrawals

Substitutions and withdrawals are subject to Pacific Games Sport Entries (Entries by Name) timeline (7 May, 2019) and FINA Rule GR7.1 and 7.2.

Please note:

- Athletes can withdraw from one event and remain in other registered events without penalty.
- Substitutions are only for Relay events.
- Withdrawals will be done at the Technical Meeting on 7 July, 2019; except in the case of Relays, withdrawals for Relays are done prior to the event.

3.10.3 Marshalling Room

- Athletes in the first event must report to the Marshalling Room 20 minutes prior to the official start time of that session.
- Athletes in subsequent events should report at least 20 minutes before their event is due to start.
- Athletes must report to the Marshalling Room with their accreditation and equipment.
- The Marshalling Room officials will verify the credentials of the athletes and cross-check against the start list.
- Competition swimwear will be checked to ensure that it is Pacific Games & FINA approved.
- The Final Call Room officials will hold the athleteal accreditation in safekeeping, and it will be returned to them in the Basket Collection Area following their swim.
- Once athletes have reported to the Marshalling Room, they will not be allowed to return to poolside until the completion of their event.
- For Finals, athletes must ensure they are wearing their Team tracksuits when reporting to the Marshalling Room.

- Athletes will only be allowed access to the Marshalling Room prior to their events.
- No other team officials may access the Call Room.

3.10.4 Field of Play (FOP) Protocol and Access Control

The professional presentation of the FOP during the competition is of the utmost importance. For this reason, only those staff and Officials integral to the operation of the event will be permitted on or around the FOP.

Similarly, no personal or non-essential equipment will be permitted on the pool deck during competition.

All athletes/teams' officials are asked to respect the need for a clear deck during competition by ensuring only competing athletes are on the FOP, and all marshalling requests are followed promptly. This will ensure events can be run in both a professional and organised manner.

Access to FOP will be strictly limited to those persons with the correct accreditation. FOP marshals will be placed around the venue to control access to the FOP and the athletes/team officials are required to wear their accreditation at all times where appropriate.

3.10.5 Athletes Parade

Prior to each race, the Marshalling Room Officials will lead the athletes from the Marshalling Room to the Final Call Room and then onto the FOP. For Heats, athletes will not have individual introductions. For Finals, athletes will be introduced to the spectators. It is requested that when athletes are being introduced, they stand near their allocated starting blocks and acknowledge the spectators.

3.10.6 Equipment Baskets

Once escorted onto the FOP, athletes will find equipment baskets allocated to each lane. Athletes should place all clothing and equipment in their designated basket prior to their race. These baskets will be removed from the FOP and will be placed in the Basket Collection Area, opposite the Marshalling area.

3.10.7 Leaving the Pool

Athletes must exit the pool at the sides and should leave the pool deck by the exit at the side of the pool.

3.11 Athlete Uniforms

Athlete's clothing and personal equipment must comply with the Pacific Games rules and regulations and the following FINA rules: BL7.1, BL7.1.1, BL7.1.4, BL7.1.5, BL7.1.6, BL7.1.7 available on:

http://www.fina.org/H2O/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=4161&Itemid=184

3.12 Dispute Resolution

Relevant disputes or protests, along with applicable appeals, will be dealt with in accordance with the Pacific Games Constitution and the rules or processes defined by FINA Rule GR 9.2.1 and GR 9.2.2.

3.13 Jury of Appeal

The Jury of Appeal will be composed of three people, none of which will be from the host nation, with the Technical Delegate (FINA Delegate), acting as Chair.

4.

**COMPETITION
VENUE**

The Swimming competition of the Samoa 2019 XVI Pacific Games will be held at the Aquatic Centre Faleata

The Open Water Swimming competition of the Samoa 2019 XVI Pacific Games will be held at the Sheraton Samoa Beach Resort, Mulifanua

4.1 Travel time

The Aquatic Centre Faleata is approximately 15 minutes journey time from the Games Village.

The Open Water Venue is approximately 45 minutes journey time from the Games Village.

4.2 Facilities

The venue will provide the following facilities:

- Technical Official Area
- Changing rooms, toilets and showers
- Medical Area
- Athletes Area

4.3 Technical Details

All competition and practice events will be played on the Aquatic Centre Faleata.

All open water swimming competition will be played on the Sheraton Samoa Beach Resort, Mulifanua.

4.4 Sport Information Desk

Each competition venue will have a Sport Information Desk (SID). This will be your main point of contact during your stay to provide you with additional information you may require, as well as being the main collection point of relevant competition information.

The main Sports Information Centre (SIC) will be located in the international zone at the Games Village, Faleula, Apia.

5.

TRAINING VENUE

Training for Swimming will take place at the Aquatic Centre Faleata.

Official training for Open Swimming will take place at Sheraton Samoa Beach Resort, Mulifanua on Sun 7th July 2019 time TBC.

5.1 Travel time

This venue is located approximately 15 minutes journey time from the Games Village.

5.2 Facilities

The venue will provide the following facilities:

- Technical Official Area
- Changing rooms, toilets and showers
- Medical Area
- Athletes Area

5.3 Availability

The training venue will be available from 4–7 July, 2019. A schedule will be drawn up for all teams.

5.4 Amendment and Booking of Training Venues

The pool will be open to all for training. There will be no allocated training times to countries.

Amendments to and the booking for additional training times should be done at the Sport Information Centre in the Games Village.

5.5 Media Access to Training Venues

Media will not be permitted at any Samoa 2019 XVI Pacific Games Non-Competition Training Venues.

However, nominated PGA team photographers will be permitted.

Media access at all XVI Pacific Games Competition Training Venues will be at the discretion of the Sports Competition Manager.



INFORMATION

6.1 Information before 4 July, 2019

PGAs requiring any information or clarification should contact the relevant Sports Competition Manager.

6.2 Information from 4 July, 2019

The main Sport Information Centre (SIC) is located in the Games Village in Faleula.. There will also be a Sport Information Desk (SID) at each of the Competition Venues.

6.3 Sport Information Centre at the Games Village

Sports Information Centre (SIC) at the Games Village will be open from 4 July, 2019. It will open from 0700hrs until 2200hrs and will provide Chefs de Mission, Team Managers and Team Officials with critical information relating to specifically to training and competition for each of the 27 Sports. Athletes will not have access to the Sports Information Centre.

The SIC will be staffed by personnel who can liaise directly with relevant Sports Competition Managers, to provide a one-stop sport, transport information and troubleshooting service to Team Officials and their technical staff.

The SIC will provide all sports information and results. Other general services offered by the information centre are:

- Distribution of technical information, such as results, start lists, competition schedules etc.
- Distribution of information regarding Technical meetings, seedings and draws, Technical Officials appointments, training sessions, transport arrangements, etc.
- Procedures for PGAs to book/amend training sessions.
- Procedure for PGAs to declare training sessions open to the media and for advising media on a daily basis of any "open" training sessions.
- Providing communication links between competition venue, Competition Management and Teams.
- Receipt and authorisation of requests for Athlete Venue Meals.
- Co-ordination of sports and other information for PGAs.

6.4 Results

Results will be available for publication and online between 30 and 60 minutes after the conclusion of competition.

7.

MEDICAL

7.1 Games Polyclinic

The Village Medical Centre at the Games Village will provide primary medical care services from 4–22 July, 2019 to all Athletes, Team Members and Officials.

The Games Polyclinic will be open daily between 0700hrs and 2200hrs. Emergency medical, dental and pharmacy advice and dispensing services will be provided on a 24-hour basis.

7.2 Technical Officials

Technical Officials will be able to use the facilities at the Games Polyclinic, during the stated times of operation. Technical officials can access all of the services provided, including the stated 24-hour emergency services.

7.3 Competition Venues

Medical services will be provided for athletes at each of the Competition Venues. The service will be available from one (1) hour prior to start of competition until all athletes have been treated. Where required by the sport, paramedic ambulances will also be on standby at the venue.

7.4 Training Venues

Medical services provided to the Training Venues shall be on an on-call basis. Referrals from team doctors requiring further attention can be attended to at the Polyclinic.

Where required by the sport, paramedic ambulances will also be on standby on an on-call basis.

7.5 Prosthesis Repair

Prosthesis repairs will be carried out at the Games Polyclinic, at the stated daily operating times of 0700hrs to 2200hrs.

7.6 Doping Control

The Athletes are informed that drug testing will be organised for the duration of the Pacific Games, in close collaboration with the World Anti-Doping Association, WADA.

It is the responsibility of supervisors and Athletes to refer to the list of prohibited substances and to abstain from consuming them.

This list can be downloaded from the World Anti-Doping Association website www.wada-ama.org

Any Athlete that tests positive to a prohibited substance will be disqualified from the Pacific Games.

8.

TRANSPORT

8.1 Athletes and Team Officials

Athletes and Team Officials from each country will use dedicated private vehicles for their movement through Games locations, including the Games Village, the competition venue, the training venue and the dining halls. These vehicles will come with a dedicated driver. Each team is responsible for the driver. The vehicles will be available from the date of arrival of the team to the end of competition.

8.2 Technical Officials

Technical Officials will use a Technical Official Shuttle Service for their movement to and from their accommodation to the Competition Venues. This service will run from date of arrival through the day after competition. As different sports are accommodated at different hotels, the service will be dedicated to each group of Technical Officials. Technical Officials will use a pool vehicle service to access the dining halls on an individual technical official basis.

8.3 Competition Venues

Shuttle Bus Services to Competition Venues will cease upon completion of that venue's competition. Note the shuttle bus service does not stop at every competition venue.

Bus services to all Sporting Venues cease by 1900hrs, on 20 July, 2019.

9.

GENERAL REFERENCE INFORMATION

9.1 Technical Committee

The Swimming Technical Committee will meet on 7 July, 2019 at the Aquatic Centre Faleata.

Please note that the date, time and place of the meeting will be confirmed on 25 June, 2019 at the latest.

Role of the Technical Committee

The Technical Committee will abide by the following rules enacted by the Pacific Games Council Charter amended on 17 June, 2018.

Protocol 15 of the Pacific Games Charter:

Organisation of the Different Sports Competition Committees.

15.1 The Council has complete control of the policy of the Games.

15.2 The OC shall set up its own sports division and also one such sports competition committee for each sport. Each National Federation of the Host PGA affiliated to the relevant International Federation whose sport is included in the programme of the Games shall appoint one of its representatives to serve on the sports competition committee. Each representative shall keep his /her governing body informed on progress made. The governing body shall maintain close liaison with the sports competition committee of its sport and be initially responsible, within the overall policy of the OC, for the arrangements of its sport.

15.3 Under the direction of the Council, the Organising Committee shall convene meetings of a PGC Technical Committee for each sport. The PGC Technical Committee will supervise and assume complete control of the technical arrangements for the sport, and ensure that the sport is conducted in accordance with the relevant International Federation's regulations unless as varied by the PGC Executive Board.

15.4 Membership of each PGC Technical Committee shall consist of two representatives from the Host country/territory, one representative from each of the other competing countries/territories and the International Federation representative (or their nominee), all with voting rights. Other members maybe co-opted, but without voting rights.

15.5 The date, time and place of the meeting of a PGC Technical Committee for each sport will be communicated to all PGAs at least one month prior to the opening of the Games. The meeting itself will be held not more than 48 hours prior to the commencement of the sport.

15.6 Each PGC Technical Committee shall elect its own Chairman and have an officer of the Council as an ex-officio member.

15.7 No PGC Technical Committee can validly meet without at least 50% of participating PGAs (excluding the Host) in that sport being present.

15.8 The PGC Technical Committee may alter the order and timing of events during and between each day of competition on the programme, but it may not alter the detailed programme and/or dates of sport competition without the approval of the PGC Executive Board.

9.2 International Rules

The events will be organised in conformity with the regulations of the international rules of FINA.

9.3 Medals

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded in the Pacific Games Swimming in accordance with the PGC Charter; Protocol 26.

- Four (4) or more contestants: Gold Silver and Bronze
- Three (3) contestants: Gold and Silver only
- Two (2) contestants: Gold only
- One (1) contestant: No Event, No Medal

9.4 Medal Ceremonies

In conformity with Protocol 23 of the Charter, the Medal Ceremonies will be held after the finals.

Each Athlete is requested to wear the official sports uniform of her/his delegation to attend the Medal Ceremony.

Athletes should attend all medal ceremonies in their official PGA team tracksuit and appropriate footwear, even where the medal ceremony is scheduled for a different day to the day of competition.

9.5 Personal Clothing and Personal Equipment

As per the Pacific Game Charter:

Regulation 17 Part II Rules Relating to Identification of Personal Clothing and Personal Equipment.

There shall be no advertising or publicity on personal equipment and competition clothing used or worn at the Games. Subject to the International Federations rules identification of the manufacturer (Name and/ or Logo) of the equipment and clothing may appear, if not marked conspicuously for advertising purpose as follows;

1. **Manufacturer's Identification:** The identification of the manufacturer shall not appear more than once per item of Clothing and equipment.
2. **Equipment:** Manufacturer's identification shall not exceed 10 percent of the surface area of the equipment that is exposed during competition and shall not be more than 60 square centimetres.
3. **Head gear (hats, helmets, sunglasses, goggles etc.) and gloves:** Any identification of the manufacturer shall not exceed 6 square centimetres.
4. **Clothing:** One identification of the manufacturer (Logo, Name or combination) may appear on each article of clothing worn by athletes, officials or judges (vest, shorts, track-suits, etc.) the maximum height of 4 centimetres. No other form advertising or sponsorship on clothing shall be permitted.
5. **Shoes:** The normal distinctive design pattern of the manufacturer is permitted. The manufacturer's name and/ or logo may also appear, up to a maximum of 6 square centimetres, either as part of the normal distinctive design pattern or independent of the normal distinctive design pattern.
6. Variation of the above rules shall be subject to approval of the Executive Board.

9.6 Eligibility

All athletes wishing to compete in the XVI Pacific Games must comply with current requirements for representing a Country and participating in the Games according to the PGC charter: Article 26.1

In the event of a challenge to a competitor's eligibility, the Executive Board shall immediately refer the challenge to the Disputes Tribunal in accordance with PGC Charter: Article 26.8

The Tribunal's decision shall be final. No further challenges shall be considered thereafter.

Pacific Games Association delegation entries are required to be finalised, confirmed and posted on the Pacific Games Council and Organising Committee websites 20 days prior to the commencement of the Games. PGC Charter: Article 26.10.

9.7 Mixed Zone

On each competition site a zone dedicated to exchanges between the Athletes and accredited journalists will be reserved near the exit from the competition area (mixed zone). Athletes and team supervisors are requested to cooperate with the media.

9.8 Charter of the Games

The events will be organised in conformity with the Pacific Games Council Charter which should be referred to whenever technical information which does not appear in the international regulations.

The Pacific Games Council Charter can be downloaded from the Samoa 2019 XVI Pacific Games' website (www.samoa2019.ws) in the "About Us" section

10.

MAPS AND PLANS

Detailed venue maps will be released in the next edition of the Technical Handbook in June.