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## FINSWIMMING

### Appendix #5

## Organisation of Elimination Races

In force as from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2023

**(BoD222 - November 26<sup>th</sup> 2022)**

## 1. DESCRIPTION

The competition area consists of a pontoon of a 25 m width (which can accommodate up to 8 swimmers) and a line of buoys situated at  $75\pm 5$  m and parallel to the pontoon. The buoys must have alternating colours for instance yellow and red.

The swimmers start in the water keeping touch with the pontoon up to the start signal.

The starting procedure is the following: the Judge announces 1 minute, 30 seconds and then, at the end of the minute, he issues the command "take your marks", whereupon the swimmers start in the water keeping their hand in touch with the pontoon up to the start signal. Once they are stationary, the starting signal is given.

The athletes swim to the buoys where they turn letting the buoy at their left and come back to the pontoon where they must touch the electronic pad. Each swimmer must turn at the buoy that corresponds to him. If they do not they are disqualified. (The flag at the swimmer's snorkel must be in the same colour as the buoy at which he must turn). The swimmers swim several successive rounds (not more than 4). At the end of each round a number of swimmers which arrive at the last positions are eliminated. There is a time of rest of 1 minute (after the arrival of the last swimmer) at each round. In the case of the relays, the swimmer receiving the relay must keep contact with the pontoon up to the moment of the touch by the swimmer passing the relay.

If a participant has already been qualified for a position that leads to a medal, he does not lose it in case of elimination or disqualification.

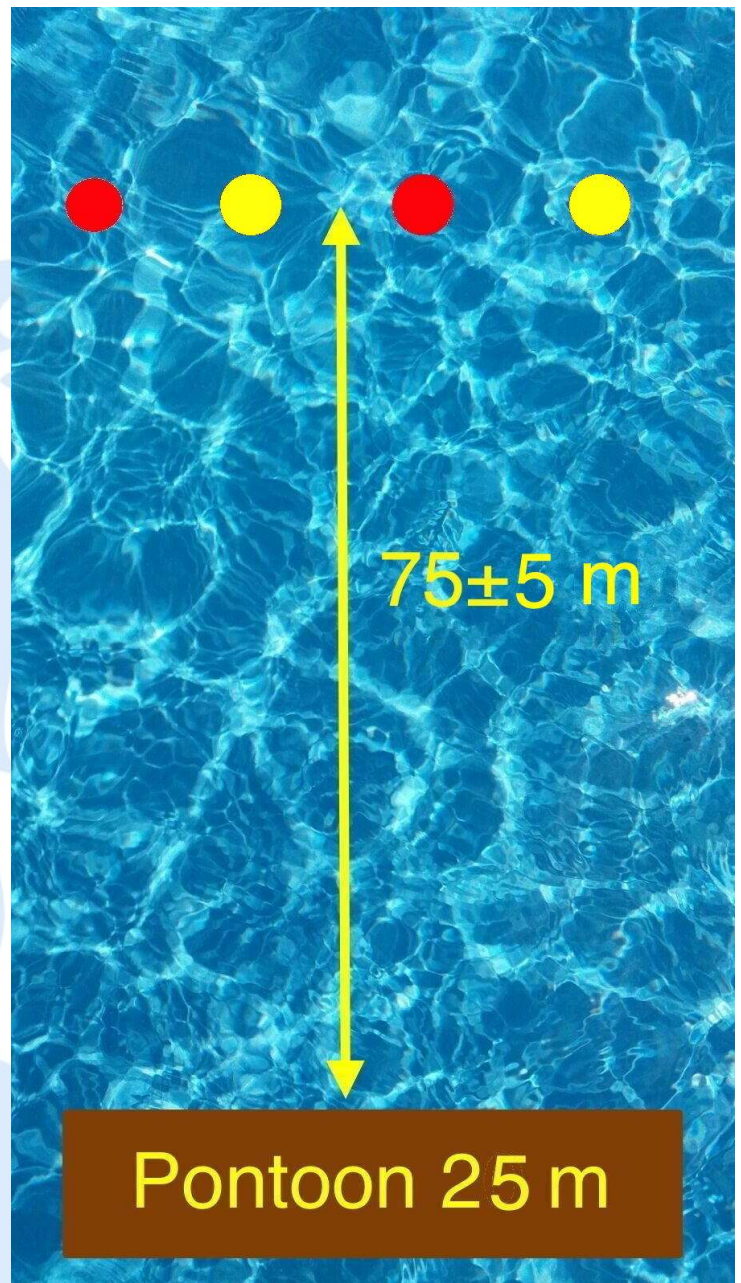
In the case of a final with 4, a participant eliminated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round wins the bronze medal. A participant disqualified in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round wins the silver medal.

In the case of a final with 5, a participant disqualified in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round wins the bronze medal. If two participants are disqualified, both win a bronze medal.

In the case of a final with 6, a participant disqualified in the 4<sup>th</sup> round wins the bronze medal. If two participants are disqualified, both win a bronze medal.

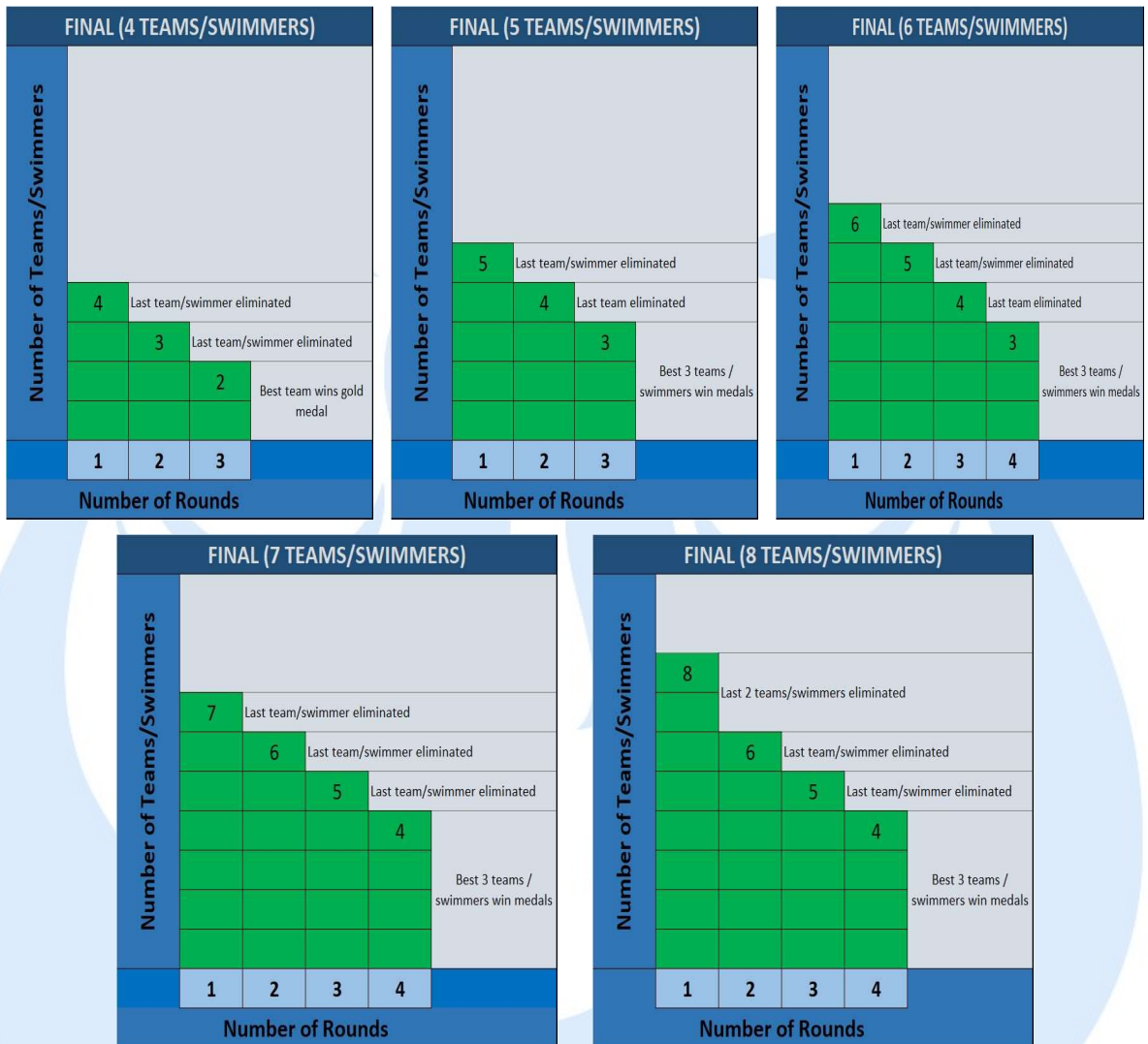
Any participant disqualified in a final round involving 4 teams/swimmers (final with 7 or 8) does not have a right to a medal.

The competition can be organised only if there are 4 or more swimmers/teams. If there are up to 8 participants they can go directly to the final. The precise structure of the final rounds is given below.



## 2. FINALS

### 2.1. HEATS UP TO 8 PARTICIPANTS

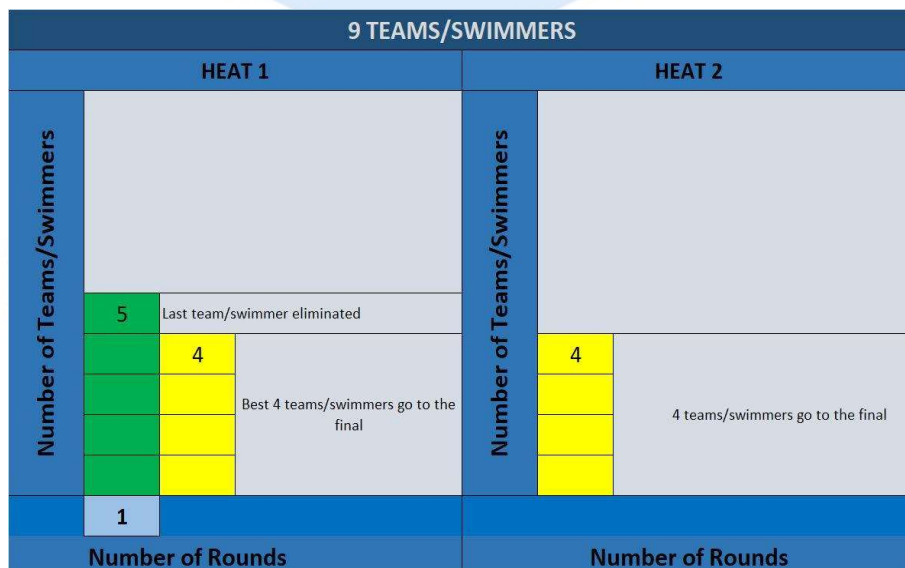


When there are more than 8 participants it is necessary to organize qualifying heats. At the end of the heats 8 swimmers are qualified for the final.

### 2.2. HEATS FROM 9 TO 16 PARTICIPANTS

The final is swam with 8 swimmers: 4 swimmers are qualified from each heat.

When there are exactly 9 participants, 4 swimmer go directly to the final and the 5 others swim once, the last one is eliminated and the remaining 4 go to the final.



10:5+5

10 TEAMS/SWIMMERS						
HEAT 1				HEAT 2		
Number of Teams/Swimmers						
	5	Last team/swimmer eliminated				
		4	Best 4 teams/swimmers go to the final			
	1	Number of Rounds				

Number of Teams/Swimmers						
	5	Last team/swimmer eliminated				
		4	Best 4 teams/swimmers go to the final			
	1	Number of Rounds				

11:5+6

11 TEAMS/SWIMMERS						
HEAT 1				HEAT 2		
Number of Teams/Swimmers						
	6	Last team/swimmer eliminated				
		5	Last team/swimmer eliminated			
			4	Best 4 teams/swimmers go to the final		
	1	2	Number of Rounds			

Number of Teams/Swimmers						
	5	Last team/swimmer eliminated				
		4	Best 4 teams/swimmers go to the final			
	1	2	Number of Rounds			

12:6+6

12 TEAMS/SWIMMERS						
HEAT 1				HEAT 2		
Number of Teams/Swimmers						
	6	Last team/swimmer eliminated				
		5	Last team/swimmer eliminated			
			4	Best 4 teams/swimmers go to the final		
	1	2	Number of Rounds			

Number of Teams/Swimmers						
	6	Last team/swimmer eliminated				
		5	Last team/swimmer eliminated			
			4	Best 4 teams/swimmers go to the final		
	1	2	Number of Rounds			



13:6+7

13 TEAMS/SWIMMERS										
HEAT 1					HEAT 2					
Number of Teams/Swimmers										
	7	Last team/swimmer eliminated								
		6	Last team/swimmer eliminated							
			5	Last team/swimmer eliminated						
				4					Best 4 teams/swimmers go to the final	
	1	2	3			1	2			
Number of Rounds					Number of Rounds					

14:7+7

14 TEAMS/SWIMMERS										
HEAT 1					HEAT 2					
Number of Teams/Swimmers										
	7	Last team/swimmer eliminated								
		6	Last team/swimmer eliminated							
			5	Last team/swimmer eliminated						
				4					Best 4 teams/swimmers go to the final	
	1	2	3			1	2	3		
Number of Rounds					Number of Rounds					

15:7+8

15 TEAMS/SWIMMERS										
HEAT 1					HEAT 2					
Number of Teams/Swimmers										
	8	Last 2 teams/swimmers eliminated								
		6	Last team/swimmer eliminated							
			5	Last team/swimmer eliminated						
				4					Best 4 teams/swimmers go to the final	
	1	2	3			1	2	3		
Number of Rounds					Number of Rounds					

16:8+8

16 TEAMS/SWIMMERS													
HEAT 1						HEAT 2							
Number of Teams/Swimmers	8				Last 2 teams/swimmers eliminated		Number of Teams/Swimmers	8				Last 2 teams/swimmers eliminated	
	6			Last team/swimmer eliminated	6			Last team/swimmer eliminated					
	5		Last team/swimmer eliminated		5			Last team/swimmer eliminated					
	4	Best 4 teams/swimmers go to the final			4	Best 4 teams/swimmers go to the final							
	3			3				3					
	2		2		2			2					
	1		1		1			1					
Number of Rounds						Number of Rounds							

2.3. HEATS FROM 17 TO 32 PARTICIPANTS

We organise 4 heats and qualify 2 from each heat so that the final is swam with 8 participants.

17:4+4+4+5

17 TEAMS/SWIMMERS														
HEAT 1			HEAT 2			HEAT 3			HEAT 4					
Number of Teams/Swimmers	4		Last team/swimmer eliminated	Number of Teams/Swimmers	4		Last team/swimmer eliminated	Number of Teams/Swimmers	4		Last team/swimmer eliminated	Number of Teams/Swimmers	5	Last team/swimmer eliminated
	3	Last team/swimmer eliminated			3	Last team/swimmer eliminated			3	Last team/swimmer eliminated			4	Last team/swimmer eliminated
	2	Best 2 teams/swimmers go to the final			2	Best 2 teams/swimmers go to the final			2	Best 2 teams/swimmers go to the final			3	Last team/swimmer eliminated
	1		1			1			1		2		2 teams/swimmers go to the final	
	1		1			1			1		1			3
Number of Rounds			Number of Rounds			Number of Rounds			Number of Rounds					

18:4+4+5+5

18 TEAMS/SWIMMERS															
HEAT 1			HEAT 2			HEAT 3			HEAT 4						
Number of Teams/Swimmers	4		Last team/swimmer eliminated	Number of Teams/Swimmers	4		Last team/swimmer eliminated	Number of Teams/Swimmers	5		Last team/swimmer eliminated	Number of Teams/Swimmers	5	Last team/swimmer eliminated	
	3	Last team/swimmer eliminated			3	Last team/swimmer eliminated			4	Last team/swimmer eliminated			4	Last team/swimmer eliminated	
	2	Best 2 teams/swimmers go to the final			2	Best 2 teams/swimmers go to the final			3	Last team/swimmer eliminated			3	Last team/swimmer eliminated	
	1		1			1			2	2 teams/swimmers go to the final			2	2 teams/swimmers go to the final	
	1		1			1			1		3			3	
Number of Rounds			Number of Rounds			Number of Rounds			Number of Rounds						

19:4+5+5+5

19 TEAMS/SWIMMERS															
HEAT 1				HEAT 2				HEAT 3				HEAT 4			
Number of Teams/Swimmers															
	4 Last team/swimmer eliminated			5 Last team/swimmer eliminated			5 Last team/swimmer eliminated			5 Last team/swimmer eliminated					
	3 Last team/swimmer eliminated				4 Last team/swimmer eliminated				4 Last team/swimmer eliminated				4 Last team/swimmer eliminated		
	2		Best 2 teams/swimmers go to the final		3 Last team/swimmer eliminated				3 Last team/swimmer eliminated				3 Last team/swimmer eliminated		
	2		2 teams/swimmers go to the final		2		2 teams/swimmers go to the final		2		2 teams/swimmers go to the final		2		2 teams/swimmers go to the final
1		2		1		2		3		1		2		3	
Number of Rounds				Number of Rounds				Number of Rounds				Number of Rounds			

20:5+5+5+5

20 TEAMS/SWIMMERS																
HEAT 1				HEAT 2				HEAT 3				HEAT 4				
Number of Teams/Swimmers																
	5 Last team/swimmer eliminated			5 Last team/swimmer eliminated			5 Last team/swimmer eliminated			5 Last team/swimmer eliminated			5 Last team/swimmer eliminated			
	4 Last team/swimmer eliminated				4 Last team/swimmer eliminated				4 Last team/swimmer eliminated				4 Last team/swimmer eliminated			
	3 Last team/swimmer eliminated				3 Last team/swimmer eliminated				3 Last team/swimmer eliminated				3 Last team/swimmer eliminated			
	2		2 teams/swimmers go to the final		2		2 teams/swimmers go to the final		2		2 teams/swimmers go to the final		2		2 teams/swimmers go to the final	
1		3		1		2		3		1		2		3		
Number of Rounds				Number of Rounds				Number of Rounds				Number of Rounds				

21:5+5+5+6

21 TEAMS/SWIMMERS																
HEAT 1				HEAT 2				HEAT 3				HEAT 4				
Number of Teams/Swimmers																
	5 Last team/swimmer eliminated			5 Last team/swimmer eliminated			5 Last team/swimmer eliminated			5 Last team/swimmer eliminated			6 Last team/swimmer eliminated			
	4 Last team/swimmer eliminated				4 Last team/swimmer eliminated				4 Last team/swimmer eliminated				4 Last team/swimmer eliminated			
	3 Last team/swimmer eliminated				3 Last team/swimmer eliminated				3 Last team/swimmer eliminated				3 Last team/swimmer eliminated			
	2		2 teams/swimmers go to the final		2		2 teams/swimmers go to the final		2		2 teams/swimmers go to the final		2		2 teams/swimmers go to the final	
1		3		1		2		3		1		2		4		
Number of Rounds				Number of Rounds				Number of Rounds				Number of Rounds				

22:5+5+6+6

22 TEAMS/SWIMMERS																	
HEAT 1				HEAT 2				HEAT 3				HEAT 4					
Number of Teams/Swimmers																	
	5 Last team/swimmer eliminated			5 Last team/swimmer eliminated			6 Last team/swimmer eliminated			6 Last team/swimmer eliminated			6 Last team/swimmer eliminated				
	4 Last team/swimmer eliminated				4 Last team/swimmer eliminated				5 Last team/swimmer eliminated				5 Last team/swimmer eliminated				
	3 Last team/swimmer eliminated				3 Last team/swimmer eliminated				4 Last team/swimmer eliminated				4 Last team/swimmer eliminated				
	2		2 teams/swimmers go to the final		2		2 teams/swimmers go to the final		3 Last team/swimmer eliminated				3 Last team/swimmer eliminated				
1		3		1		2		3		4		1		2		4	
Number of Rounds				Number of Rounds				Number of Rounds				Number of Rounds					



23:5+6+6+6

23 TEAMS/SWIMMERS																															
HEAT 1					HEAT 2					HEAT 3					HEAT 4																
Number of Teams/Swimmers					6	Last team/swimmer eliminated				Number of Teams/Swimmers					6	Last team/swimmer eliminated				Number of Teams/Swimmers					6	Last team/swimmer eliminated					
					5	Last team/swimmer eliminated									5	Last team/swimmer eliminated									5	Last team/swimmer eliminated					
					4	Last team/swimmer eliminated									4	Last team/swimmer eliminated									4	Last team/swimmer eliminated					
					3	Last team/swimmer eliminated									3	Last team/swimmer eliminated									3	Last team/swimmer eliminated					
					2	2 teams/swimmers go to the final									2	2 teams/swimmers go to the final									2	2 teams/swimmers go to the final					
Number of Rounds					1	2	3		Number of Rounds					1	2	3	4	Number of Rounds					1	2	3	4	Number of Rounds				

24:6+6+6+6

24 TEAMS/SWIMMERS																															
HEAT 1					HEAT 2					HEAT 3					HEAT 4																
Number of Teams/Swimmers					6	Last team/swimmer eliminated				Number of Teams/Swimmers					6	Last team/swimmer eliminated				Number of Teams/Swimmers					6	Last team/swimmer eliminated					
					5	Last team/swimmer eliminated									5	Last team/swimmer eliminated									5	Last team/swimmer eliminated					
					4	Last team/swimmer eliminated									4	Last team/swimmer eliminated									4	Last team/swimmer eliminated					
					3	Last team/swimmer eliminated									3	Last team/swimmer eliminated									3	Last team/swimmer eliminated					
					2	2 teams/swimmers go to the final									2	2 teams/swimmers go to the final									2	2 teams/swimmers go to the final					
Number of Rounds					1	2	3	4	Number of Rounds					1	2	3	4	Number of Rounds					1	2	3	4	Number of Rounds				

25:6+6+6+7

25 TEAMS/SWIMMERS																															
HEAT 1					HEAT 2					HEAT 3					HEAT 4																
Number of Teams/Swimmers					6	Last team/swimmer eliminated				Number of Teams/Swimmers					6	Last team/swimmer eliminated				Number of Teams/Swimmers					6	Last team/swimmer eliminated					
					5	Last team/swimmer eliminated									5	Last team/swimmer eliminated									5	Last team/swimmer eliminated					
					4	Last team/swimmer eliminated									4	Last team/swimmer eliminated									4	Last team/swimmer eliminated					
					3	Last team/swimmer eliminated									3	Last team/swimmer eliminated									3	Last team/swimmer eliminated					
					2	2 teams/swimmers go to the final									2	2 teams/swimmers go to the final									2	2 teams/swimmers go to the final					
Number of Rounds					1	2	3	4	Number of Rounds					1	2	3	4	Number of Rounds					1	2	3	4	Number of Rounds				

26:6+6+7+7

26 TEAMS/SWIMMERS																															
HEAT 1					HEAT 2					HEAT 3					HEAT 4																
Number of Teams/Swimmers					6	Last team/swimmer eliminated				Number of Teams/Swimmers					6	Last team/swimmer eliminated				Number of Teams/Swimmers					7	Last 2 teams/swimmers eliminated					
					5	Last team/swimmer eliminated									5	Last team/swimmer eliminated									5	Last team/swimmer eliminated					
					4	Last team/swimmer eliminated									4	Last team/swimmer eliminated									4	Last team/swimmer eliminated					
					3	Last team/swimmer eliminated									3	Last team/swimmer eliminated									3	Last team/swimmer eliminated					
					2	2 teams/swimmers go to the final									2	2 teams/swimmers go to the final									2	2 teams/swimmers go to the final					
Number of Rounds					1	2	3	4	Number of Rounds					1	2	3	4	Number of Rounds					1	2	3	4	Number of Rounds				





31:7+8+8+8

31 TEAMS/SWIMMERS																			
HEAT 1					HEAT 2					HEAT 3					HEAT 4				
Number of Teams/Swimmers					Number of Teams/Swimmers					Number of Teams/Swimmers					Number of Teams/Swimmers				
	7	Last 2 teams/swimmers eliminated				8	Last 2 teams/swimmers eliminated				8	Last 2 teams/swimmers eliminated				8	Last 2 teams/swimmers eliminated		
	5	Last team/swimmer eliminated		6		Last 2 teams/swimmers eliminated		6	Last 2 teams/swimmers eliminated		6	Last 2 teams/swimmers eliminated		6		Last 2 teams/swimmers eliminated			
	4	Last team/swimmer eliminated	4	Last team/swimmer eliminated		4	Last team/swimmer eliminated	4	Last team/swimmer eliminated		4	Last team/swimmer eliminated	4	Last team/swimmer eliminated		4	Last team/swimmer eliminated		
	3	Last team/swimmer eliminated	3	Last team/swimmer eliminated		3	Last team/swimmer eliminated	3	Last team/swimmer eliminated		3	Last team/swimmer eliminated	3	Last team/swimmer eliminated		3	Last team/swimmer eliminated		
	2	2 teams/swimmers go to the final	2	2 teams/swimmers go to the final		2	2 teams/swimmers go to the final	2	2 teams/swimmers go to the final		2	2 teams/swimmers go to the final	2	2 teams/swimmers go to the final		2	2 teams/swimmers go to the final		
Number of Rounds					Number of Rounds					Number of Rounds					Number of Rounds				
1 2 3 4					1 2 3 4					1 2 3 4					1 2 3 4				

32:8+8+8+8

32 TEAMS/SWIMMERS																			
HEAT 1					HEAT 2					HEAT 3					HEAT 4				
Number of Teams/Swimmers					Number of Teams/Swimmers					Number of Teams/Swimmers					Number of Teams/Swimmers				
	8	Last 2 teams/swimmers eliminated				8	Last 2 teams/swimmers eliminated				8	Last 2 teams/swimmers eliminated				8	Last 2 teams/swimmers eliminated		
	6	Last 2 teams/swimmers eliminated		6		Last 2 teams/swimmers eliminated		6	Last 2 teams/swimmers eliminated		6	Last 2 teams/swimmers eliminated		6		Last 2 teams/swimmers eliminated			
	4	Last team/swimmer eliminated	4	Last team/swimmer eliminated		4	Last team/swimmer eliminated	4	Last team/swimmer eliminated		4	Last team/swimmer eliminated	4	Last team/swimmer eliminated		4	Last team/swimmer eliminated		
	3	Last team/swimmer eliminated	3	Last team/swimmer eliminated		3	Last team/swimmer eliminated	3	Last team/swimmer eliminated		3	Last team/swimmer eliminated	3	Last team/swimmer eliminated		3	Last team/swimmer eliminated		
	2	2 teams/swimmers go to the final	2	2 teams/swimmers go to the final		2	2 teams/swimmers go to the final	2	2 teams/swimmers go to the final		2	2 teams/swimmers go to the final	2	2 teams/swimmers go to the final		2	2 teams/swimmers go to the final		
Number of Rounds					Number of Rounds					Number of Rounds					Number of Rounds				
1 2 3 4					1 2 3 4					1 2 3 4					1 2 3 4				

**2.4. HEATS WITH MORE THAN 32 PARTICIPANTS**

Beyond 32 participants we must organise 8 heats and qualify one from each. This works up to 64 participants.

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