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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL FINA MEMBER FEDERATIONS

FROM: FINA, Lausanne

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RE: Information on Athletes' Sport Nationality

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CORNEL MARCULESCU

Dear Sirs,

Considering the latest cases audited by the FINA Disciplinary Panel, FINA would like to draw the attention of all FINA Member Federations to the problem that the double citizenship of athletes can cause.

In order to avoid the risk of FINA Rules violations, FINA deems that all FINA Member Federations should get knowledge on the sport nationality of the athletes when they register by including a paragraph in their registration form in which the athletes are required to inform on the following points:

- The athlete shall disclose any other sport nationality that he/she is eligible to represent (or has been able to represent in case of a change of citizenship);
- The athlete shall declare whether he/she has previously represented another sport country in any international competition and in any age level;
- In the event the athlete has already represented another sport country, the athlete shall declare he/she has complied with the FINA Rules regarding the change of sport nationality (FINA GR 2.5 ff).

This requirement would avoid the participation in international events of athletes that do not comply with the FINA GR 2.5 ff and thus prevent the National Federations and the athletes to be sanctioned with regard to the Rules on Sport Nationality.

Thank you for your kind attention and your support in this important issue.

Yours sincerely,

Cornel Marculescu
Executive Director

