



Rescue World Cup for non-Master Age Groups

The Federazione Italia Nuoto (Sezione Salvamento) is pleased to host a “**Rescue World Cup**” (RWC) event in Riccione, Italy from Wednesday 21 September to Monday 26 September 2022. This event will be held alongside the ILS Lifesaving World Championships (LWC) 2022 for Masters competitors in Riccione, Italy.

It offers an opportunity for all those who are non-Masters (under 30 in the year of competition) and whose Interclub Championship events have had to be cancelled at LWC 2022 to participate in a world-level international lifesaving event in individual competition. This event is endorsed by the ILS.

Because of ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, the events will be run according to strict protocols which will require regular Covid-19 testing of participants every 3 days throughout the conduct of the events. Further detailed information on the measures that will be in place in September 2022 will be provided at a later date.

This document provides information on the Eligibility Criteria, the Events that make up the competition, the format of the programme and the terms and conditions for entry.

1. Eligibility Criteria

The event will be held across three age groups:

- **15 to 19 years** – over 14 and under 20 in the year of competition
- **20 to 24 years** – over 19 and under 25 in the year of competition
- **25 to 29 years** – over 24 and under 30 in the year of competition

To be eligible to compete in the event, competitors must:

- Be bona fide members in good standing of an eligible current ILS Member and eligible to compete as determined by the national lifesaving federation.
- Have been members of an ILS national lifesaving federation for a continuous period of at least 90 days prior to the first day of the competition i.e. 23/06/2022.
- Be members of one lifesaving club, or lifesaving unit of a national lifesaving organisation.
- Attain the required age in the year of the competition, specifically:

Age Group 15 to 19 Years	
Eligible	Competitors who turn 15, 16, 17, 18 or 19 years of age on or before 31/12/2022.
Not Eligible	Competitors who turn 14 or 20 in 2022.

Age Group 20 to 24 Years	
Eligible	Competitors who turn 20, 21, 22, 23 or 24 years of age on or before 31/12/2022.
Not Eligible	Competitors who turn 19 or 25 in 2022.

Age Group 25 to 29 Years	
Eligible	Competitors who turn 25, 26, 27, 28, or 29 years of age on or before 31/12/2022.
Not Eligible	Competitors who turn 24 or 30 in 2022.

FIN, as the event hosts, will seek endorsement from the national lifesaving federation that the participants meet these eligibility criteria

2. Events

Only individual events will be held. Unfortunately due to the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions that will be in place there is not the capacity to hold team events. There is no limit on the numbers from one club that may participate in any event, but competitors may only participate in events in their age group.

There will be 6 events in the Pool, and 7 events in the Ocean/Beach, with equal events for men and women:

Pool Events	Ocean/Beach Events
200 m Obstacle Swim	Surf Race
50 m Manikin Carry	Beach Flags
100 m Rescue Medley	Beach Sprint
100 m Manikin Carry with Fins	2km Beach Run
100 m Manikin Tow with Fins	Surf Ski Race
200 m Super Lifesaver	Board Race
	Oceanman/Ocean-woman

The competition rules for each event will follow the current ILS competition rules. These can be found at: [ILS-2019-Competition-Rulebook-Update-May-2021.pdf](#) in Sections 3 and 4, and specifically at the following sections for the events listed above:

- 3.7 – 200 m Obstacle Swim
- 3.8 – 50 m Manikin Carry
- 3.9 – 100 m Rescue Medley
- 3.10 – 100 m Manikin Carry with Fins
- 3.11 – 100 m Manikin Tow with Fins
- 3.12 – 200m Super Lifesaver
- 4.5 – Surf Race
- 4.10 – Beach Flags
- 4.11 – Beach Sprint
- 4.12 – 2 Km Beach Run
- 4.15 – Surf Ski Race
- 4.17 – Board Race
- 4.20 – Oceanman/Oceanwoman (using the traditional course – i.e. not M-shaped)

3. Format of the RWC Competition Programme

A maximum of two events will be held on each of the six days of the competition, except for one day when the three beach events – Beach Sprint, Beach Flags and 2km Beach Run – will be held. The programme will run in the Pool from 21 to 23 September and at the Ocean/Beach from 24 to 26 September.

The Pool sessions will take place at the conclusion of the Masters Championships that are held each day. Those events will conclude by mid-afternoon at the latest. The RWC competition will start at 5.00pm each day in the Pool.

For Ocean/Beach Events the competition will run alongside the Masters Championships, utilising the arenas not being used by Masters competitors during that session, or in another arena set up to run alongside. For instance, when the Masters Championships are focused on Ocean racing, the RWC will utilise the Beach arenas for the conduct of those events, and vice versa, when the Masters Championships are focused on the Beach events, the RWC will utilise the water arenas.

Pool Events

For Pool events, the events will be run as in the Masters Championships as “time-finals”, i.e. the times that are achieved in any heats determine the winner of the event.

Seeding of competitors in time-finals will follow the rules as defined in Section 3.4.2 of the [ILS-2019-Competition-Rulebook-Update-May-2021.pdf](#):

3.4.2 Seeding in time-finals

Where events are conducted as time-finals, competitors shall be seeded into heats according to submitted times in the following manner:

- **3.4.2.1** If one heat it shall be seeded as a final.
- **3.4.2.2** If two or more heats – The fastest competitors shall be seeded in the last heat according to assignment of lanes detailed in the next section, the next fastest competitors into the second last heat, and so on until all competitors have been allocated a heat and lane according to submitted times.

3.4.3 Assignment of lanes

Lanes shall be assigned by placing the fastest competitor or team in lane four of an eight-lane pool. (Lane one is on the right side of the pool viewed from the starting end.) The competitor having the next fastest time is placed on the left of the fastest, then alternating other competitors to right and left in accordance with the submitted times. Competitors with identical times shall be assigned lane positions by draw within the aforesaid pattern.

Pool Entry Times

For all Pool events, competitors will be required to submit a valid entry time for each event that they enter. A minimum guide time is set for each event that participants should be able to achieve to enter this world-level competition. These are based on those originally set for the cancelled LWC Interclub Championships and can be accessed here: [RWC Entry Guide Times](#)

Records

FIN will be applying for the RWC event to be fully sanctioned by the ILS through the normal process so that World and European records can be properly achieved at the event in the appropriate Youth or Open category

Ocean/Beach Events

The Ocean/Beach events will be run using heats, semi-finals and finals as needed. Where there are insufficient numbers for heats, they will be run as a direct final.

Equipment Pool

Participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment for Ocean events. A limited amount of equipment will be made available for use by the equipment supplier for the LWC 2022 Championships for participants in the RWC. This is in addition to the pool of equipment that will be reserved for the Masters Championships and National Teams Championships.

All personal equipment to be used will need to be scrutineered before competition. All equipment whether personal or from the equipment pool must be sanitised before each race in accordance with the Covid-19 restrictions that will be in force at the time.

4. Administrative fees payable for notifying changes, withdrawals from events and competitor no-start in events

- a) Any changes to the competitors participating in individual events that are requested either by the team manager or individual themselves will be actioned. Depending on the time period when any changes, or withdrawals are notified an administrative fee may be charged as follows: _____

- **Change/Withdrawal notified up to 48 hours before the commencement of the event without a valid reason** – No charge.
 - **Change/ /Withdrawal notified between 48 hours and 24 hours before the commencement of the event without a valid reason** – 50 Euro per individual per event.
 - **Change/Withdrawal notified between 24 hours and the commencement of the event, and during the event without a valid reason** – 100 Euro per individual per event.
 - **Change/Withdrawal notified during the event due to a valid reason** – No charge.
 - **No-Start Fee if a competitor does not show up to start the event(s) into which they have been entered without a valid reason** - 50 Euro per competitor/team.
- b) The following are examples of what may be deemed to be a Valid Reason (this list is not exhaustive and is at the discretion of the FIN Competition Committee) and no charge will apply:
- If a competitor has a medical condition, that prevents them participating in an event
 - If a competitor has a positive test for Covid-19 and is forced to self-isolate
 - If a competitor is required to self-isolate because of being a close contact of somebody who has tested positive or is awaiting the outcome of their own Covid-19 test.
 - If a competitor suffers a personal issue that prevents them from participating – e.g. they are unable to participate due to an unexpected bereavement of a family member or someone close to them or are required to return to their home due to a domestic emergency.

5. Team Officials – including Managers, Coaches, Physios, Chaperone etc

Because of the Covid-19 restrictions no more than 1 Team Official for every 5 individuals that are entering the RWC is permitted to attend and enter the venue. That Team Official may support competitors across more than one age group.

Where the competitor is a young person in the 15 to 19 Age Group, it may be necessary to have a Chaperone present. This person may be in addition to the 1 Team Official allowed to accompany their team for that Age Group. It is also possible that 1 team medical/physio person may be permitted alongside the nominated Team Official.

6. Awards – Medals and Trophies

There is no point score in these events.

The following awards will be made:

- The first, second and third competitors in each event will be awarded appropriate medals.
- A Rescue World Cup trophy will be awarded to the individual man and woman in each age group who wins the most medals across all the events in which they participate. A medal table will be maintained in the format used by the IOC at Olympic Games.

The Cups will be named in honour of the following persons:

- Age Group 15 to 19 - TBC
- Age Group 20 to 24 - TBC
- Age Group 25 to 29 -TBC

7. Entry requirements

Entry to the RWC event will follow the same process as that which is being used to gain entry to the ILS LWC 2022 events:

- a) Therefore, in order to enter the RWC, all competitors who meet the eligibility criteria must first select and book their accommodation package through the Orion Agency. Only by doing so will an access code be generated that enables the individual to be entered into the competition system that will be used for this event.
- b) As well as the transport, accommodation and accreditation costs that are included in each package, it will also include the provision of an RWC Lycra Vest for each competitor.
- c) A club/team manager may be responsible for arranging the accommodation packages for their members who will participate. This lead person will then be responsible for all bookings and registrations on behalf of their club.
- d) For those teams with competitors already entered into the now-cancelled LWC Interclub Open and Interclub Youth events, it is expected that existing accommodation bookings can be amended to reflect the earlier start and end date and transferred to the administration of the RWC.
- e) The cost of entry to the event is **70 Euro** per individual. This entitles the athlete to enter all of the 13 events in their age group if they wish. The entry fee will be paid as part of the actions to register competitors in the competition system. There is no additional team fee to be paid.
- f) The Entry system for the event is expected to open on **1st March 2022**.
- g) The RWC entry portal is available through the LWC 2022 Website:

<https://lifesaving2022.com/event/lifesaving-world-championships-2022/rescue-world-cup>

- h) The closing date for entries is **21st August 2022**.
- i) There is also a link to the provisional detailed programme of events:

[RWC 2022 Provisional Detailed Programme](#)

8. Covid-19 Protocols

It is expected that there will be some Covid-19 Protocols that have to be followed in September 2022. However, at this time the exact regulations are not known.

The Italian Government will be reviewing all the regulations at the end of March and making decisions about what protocols will need to be followed during the next 6 months through to September.

When these protocols are confirmed, an update will be sent, including information about the vaccine status requirements for all persons entering Italy, and any testing requirements once in the country.

9. Contact Point for further information

FIN has established a contact point for further enquiries or information. Please contact by e-mail only:

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