



**TO: ALL AFFILIATED FEDERATIONS**

Luxembourg, June 6<sup>th</sup> 2014

Dear Friends,

Further to the email clarification issued by FINA on 5 June 2014 with regard to the Backstroke starting device as approved by the FINA General Congress in Barcelona 2013 as set out below;

*"Following our previous communications on the "backstroke starting device" we would like to reconfirm that it will be available for use by athletes in competition and in the warm-up pool at all events of the FINA Swimming World Cup 2014 Series.*

*Shortly after the conclusion of the final event in Singapore on 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2014, the FINA TSC Commission will recommend make a decision about its use at the 14<sup>th</sup> FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) in Doha (QAT).*

*Because the device is not yet commercially available, and in order to promote equity among all competitors, the FINA TSC Commission further recommends that the "Backstroke starting device" not be used in national or international events until its decision after the conclusion of the FINA Swimming World Cup 2014 series."*

LEN having considered this clarification feels that in the interest of equity proposes to follow the recommendation of FINA and to not use this device in the upcoming LEN European Junior Championships 2014 in Dordrecht [NED] and the LEN European Championships 2014 in Berlin [GER]. LEN will then consider the further advice from FINA when available after the FINA Swimming World Cup 2014 series with regard to its use in future LEN Championships.

Hoping to have informed you satisfactorily and remaining with,

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Frischknecht', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Paulo Frischknecht  
Executive Director