

# FREEDIVING WORLD SERIES

## EVENT FORMAT AND SCORING SYSTEM

## 1. Introduction

This document provides detailed information on Freediving World Series Event Format and Scoring system to be used in selecting, organizing and measuring the performances of Athletes participating in the 2020 Freediving World Series.

Competing athletes accrue points based on the scoring system hereinafter defined, with winners of each specific discipline as well as an overall 'World Title' winner of the Freediving World Series.

## 2. FWS Event Format

### FWS Calendar for 2020

The list of FWS Events for 2020 is as follows:

Date	Event Name	Venue
May 26 – June 6	Caribbean Cup	Roatan, Honduras
June 24 – July 4	Vertical Blue	Long Island, Bahamas
Sept 5 – 13	European Cup*	Kalamata, Greece
Nov 1 – 8	The Red Cup*	Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt

\*working titles only

For 2021 an additional event will be added in the Philippines, most likely in April 2021.

### FWS Event Formats

For the year 2020, all individual events of the FWS will have one general format, except for Vertical Blue, which will retain the format it has used in previous years.

For the coming years the FWS Organizational Committee reserves the possibility to change and improve the actual proposed format of any or all of the competitions.

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	max Athletes	max dives / athlete	Days
VB	66%	66%	66%		66%	66%	66%		66%	66%	66%	45	6	11
other FWS events	66%	66%	66%		CNF	CWTB	CWT	FIM				45	6	8

**'Open Day'**  
(any discipline)  
% is no. of athletes competing

**'Medal Day'**  
(single discipline)

rest day

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- Prior to the event the athletes nominate which of the open days they wish to compete on. As an example, if there are 3 open days then athletes choose 2 of these to compete, meaning that 2/3 or 66% of the athletes will compete during each day, limiting the daily number of competitors to 30 (for a total athlete pool of 45).
- For the 'Medal Days' athletes choose (during the registration of the event) which disciplines of the medal days they would like to compete in. The maximum number of athletes for the Medal Days is 30, so if more than this number register to compete then priority is given to the top-15 ranked male and female athletes in that discipline (using the current FWS ranking at the end of the Open Days of the same event).  
(N.B. most athletes specialize in at most 2 disciplines, so the only day where there might be more than 32 athletes wanting to compete would be CWT)

### Broadcasting

The second format (for "Other FWS events") is designed to be attractive to media partners interested in broadcasting the FWS, but unable to commit to programming for a full 8-day event. With this format, the first four 'Open Days' can be summarized with a single broadcast episode that updates the viewers on the key action from these days, just before the 'Medal Days' begin.

## 3. Athletes selection process

For the 2020 season, athletes are invited based on performances in the 2019 calendar year, using ranking systems to identify the 10 deepest male and female divers in each discipline.

For future years (2021 onwards), an objective system for admission into the FWS would be applied.

Athletes who qualify for the following year's FWS would be as follows:

1. The FWS world title holder and other athletes ranked in the top 12 overall at the end of the year, as well as all end of year medallists, and other athletes ranked in the top 6 in each discipline
2. The overall 1st, 2nd and 3rd place athletes at each individual FWS event
3. Wildcard entries to any athlete who was ranked in the top 12 overall for the previous year, but who did not compete in the current year (e.g. if an athlete ranks top 10 in 2020 but does not compete in the FWS in 2021 then they would receive a wildcard for 2022).
4. All athletes who ranked in the top 10 of any depth disciplines during the previous calendar year
5. Athletes who won an accredited depth event

Invitations to each FWS event are first sent to athletes who meet the criteria above. If these athletes do not register for the FWS event by the given deadline then their positions are made available to the following athletes for registration, in order of priority:

6. National record holders in countries within the continent where the FWS event will take place.
7. National record holders from all other countries.
8. Athletes ranked in the top 16 in each depth discipline for the current year

## 4. FWS Points System and Rankings

### Overall Winner (FWS World Title) Points Calculation System

The Athlete's overall score for the Freediving World Series Championship will be given by the sum of their best results in all the 4 disciplines, *with no more than 2 results coming from a single event in the FWS*. This requires that they attend a minimum of 2 of the 4 events (in 2020), and encourages athletes to focus on different disciplines at different times of the year.

Results are converted into a percentage of the current world record in that discipline. If the WR changes during the year, then all these results change to a new percentage of that WR. This means that the best result possible in each discipline is 100, and the best overall score (for all 4 disciplines) is 400 points.

The following is an example case showing how the points system works:

Male Athletes	Best Performances of the year								WORLD TITLE SCORE
	CNF		CWT		FIM		CWTB		
	meters	% of WR (102m)	meters	% of WR (130m)	meters	% of WR (125m)	meters	% of WR (110m)	
A	92	90.20	118	90.77	110	88.0	101	91.82	360.78
B	73	71.57	125	96.15	119	95.20	104	94.55	357.47
C	85	83.33	115	88.46	123	98.4	100	90.91	361.10

With these points, Athlete A wins the medal in CNF, Athlete B wins the medals in CWT and CWTB and Athlete C wins the medal in FIM as well as the World Title (by a nail-biting margin of 0.32 points!!)

### Freediving World Series Overall prizes

All prizes below are awarded to both male and female freedivers separately.

- CNF cup                      best CNF performance during all FWS events
- CWT cup                      best CWT performance during all FWS events
- FIM cup                        best FIM performance during all FWS events
- CWTB cup                      best CWTB performance during all FWS events
- FWS "Title" cup                highest sum of best performances as percentages

In the case of two or more athletes with the same performance then multiple medals will be awarded (although given the points system used this will be extremely unlikely for the overall FWS Title winner).

2nd (silver) and 3rd (bronze) places may also be awarded (to be decided).

## Freediving World Series Event Prizes

During each individual event of the FWS the prizes below are awarded to both male and female freedivers separately.

<a href="#">CNF medal</a>	best CNF performance during the event
<a href="#">CWT medal</a>	best CWT performance during the event
<a href="#">FIM medal</a>	best FIM performance during the event
<a href="#">CWTB medal</a>	best CWTB performance during the event
<a href="#">Event Overall winner</a>	highest sum of CWT, CNF and 1 performance out of FIM and CWTB, using the same points system as for the overall FWS World Title.

## Other Freediving World Series Special Prizes

The following prizes could be awarded at the end of year, to add 'colour' to the event, as well as to reward qualities that aren't purely related to measures of depth.

[Judges' prize](#) for the most 'beautiful dive' - not necessarily the deepest, or most demanding, but a dive performed at the highest level of aesthetic beauty, and with a very clean and charming exit. Prize is decided by panel of judges attending FWS events to one male and one female athlete.

[Stephen Keenan medal](#) for contribution to safety in freediving. A single medal awarded once a year for long-term commitment and dedication to safety, or for single acts of valour as a safety diver.

[Judge's medal](#) – a recognition of service and excellence amongst the official judges at FWS events – the medal is selected by a vote by athletes and crew members.

[Best newcomer](#) - the highest ranked athletes (one male, one female) who are competing at the FWS for the first time.

## Displaying

All results will be displayed on the official website of the Freediving World Series, to be hosted at [www.freedivingworldseries.com](http://www.freedivingworldseries.com), as well as in graphical overlays during live broadcasting of the event. Results can be interactive, so that clicking on an athlete's name will take you to their athlete bio, and statistics and other data about the individual events and the FWS are all available.