

# EUROPEAN MASTERS WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS

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In addition to the LEN General Event Rules the following

## REGULATIONS

shall apply:

### MA-WP 1 ORGANISATION

MA-WP 1.1 The Championships shall be held every even year.

MA-WP 1.2 The organising Federation and the place where the Championships shall be held shall be decided by the LEN Bureau and circulated by the LEN Office.

MA-WP 1.3 For the Championships there will be appointed:

- by the LEN Bureau one (1) LEN Bureau Delegate;
- by the LEN Technical Masters Committee (LEN MaC) as many members of the LEN MaC and/or the LEN Technical Water Polo Committee as decided by the LEN Bureau.

The LEN Bureau Delegate and the Technical Delegates shall be responsible for and supervise the correct conduct of the competitions according to LEN Rules and Regulations.

The Delegates shall decide on all matters arising on site at the competition which require an immediate decision.

MA-WP 1.4 Each participating club shall be financially responsible for all expenses, accommodation and travel of their team(s) and the referee(s) nominated according to MA-WP 12.1.

### MA-WP 2 EVENTS AND PARTICIPATION

MA-WP 2.1. Events are:

- Men club teams;
- Women club teams.

Women may be members of men's teams.

MA-WP 2.2 Age groups are:

- 30 years and older for women; <sup>1)</sup>
- 35 years and older for men and women; <sup>2)</sup>
- 40 years and older for men and women; <sup>2)</sup>
- 45 years and older for men and women; <sup>2)</sup>
- 50 years and older for men; <sup>2)</sup>
- 55 years and older for men; <sup>2)</sup>
- 60 years and older for men; <sup>2)</sup>
- 65 years and older for men. <sup>2)</sup>
- 70 years and over for men <sup>2)</sup>

The age of the youngest member of the team shall determine the age group of the team.

MA-WP 2.3 Each Club may enter one (1) men's team per age group and per club and one (1) women's team per club.

Clubs must be affiliated to the Federation approving the entry. A player may compete in only one (1) team.

MA-WP 2.4 Players shall be eligible for a club either affiliated to a Member Federation or affiliated to a Federation registered by LEN.

Each competing team may register a maximum of 2 (two) players without European nationality but with residence in Europe.

Any Competitor having registered a non-European club shall not be eligible to represent a European club unless he has been under the jurisdiction of the European club for at least twelve (12) months.

MA-WP 2.5 Players who were registered for a club competing in the European Water Polo Cups for Club Teams in the season prior to the Championships shall not be eligible to compete.

<sup>1</sup> The Championship in this group will be held when there are three (3) or more teams entered.

<sup>2</sup> Only if there are three (3) or more teams entered into this group. Otherwise, these teams will play in the next youngest age group.

### **MA-WP 3 ENTRIES**

MA-WP 3.1 Preliminary Entries shall be sent to the organising Federation with a copy to the LEN Office. LEN General Event Rule E 16.4 will apply<sup>3</sup>.

The Preliminary Entries shall be signed by the President or by the Secretary of the club to which the team is affiliated and certified by the President or by the Secretary of the Federation to which the club is affiliated.

MA-WP 3.2 Named Entries including Release of Liability signed by each player, shall be sent to the organising Federation with a copy to the LEN Office, listed on the official form, comprising name, surname and passport/identity card number of entered players; for each player one photo (passport size) shall be enclosed.  
The list of entered players cannot be changed after the deadline for its submission.

MA-WP 3.3 Deadline for submission of Preliminary and Named Entries shall be no later than the date circulated by the LEN Office.

MA-WP 3.4 If the referee of a team which has entered the tournament with a referee withdraws after the deadline for named entries, the team shall be required to pay the difference in the entry fee, together with a fine of €150, both of which shall be payable to LEN before the team plays its first match.

### **MA-WP 4 ENTRY FEES**

MA-WP 4.1 The Entry Fees are different:  
a) for a team with a referee;  
b) for a team without a referee.

Entry fees shall be as decided by the LEN Bureau and circulated by the Organising Committee.

MA-WP 4.2 Entry fees shall be paid to the Organising Committee no later than the deadline for submission of Preliminary Entries.

Confirmation of payment shall be attached to the Named Entries.

MA-WP 4.3 There shall be no refund of entry fees.

### **MA-WP 5 DRAWS**

MA-WP 5.1 The time and place of any draw shall be announced by the Secretary of the LEN MaC and circulated by the LEN Office.

MA-WP 5.2 The LEN Office will circulate the results of the draws to the clubs entered.

### **MA-WP 6 ACCREDITATION**

MA-WP 6.1 The accreditation card for a player shall bear his/her photo with full front view of face (passport standard form)

MA-WP 6.2 Entered teams will receive accreditation for a maximum of three (3) team staff members and the players entered.

MA-WP 6.3 Any President of a LEN Member Federation will receive accreditation.

MA-WP 6.4 Accreditation of approved referees is free of charge.

### **MA-WP 7 TEAM LEADERS MEETING**

MA-WP 7.1 The Team Leaders Meeting will be held one day prior to the start of the Championships.

The LEN Office will circulate information about time and place of the Team Leaders Meeting.

MA-WP 7.2 At the Team Leaders Meeting each team shall be represented by not more than two persons.

Teams which are not represented at the Team Leaders Meeting shall be fined €100 payable to LEN.

Approved referees shall also be present.

MA-WP 7.3 Entered players shall be numbered one (1) to fifteen (15) and wear a cap with that number throughout the whole Championships.

MA-WP 7.4 The Technical Delegates shall check the personal identification documents of the players and ensure that:

- a) the names of the players are in accordance with the list of entered players;
- b) the ages of the players are in accordance with the age group for which they are entered.

Players which cannot present their personal identification documents corresponding to the list of entered players or which are not listed will not be eligible to play.

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<sup>3</sup> General Event Rule E 16.4: "In Water Polo a withdrawal may be made before the draw." "A Club withdrawing a Water Polo team after the draw shall be fined:"  
"b) at the European Masters Water Polo Championships one thousand and four hundred (1.400) EURO."

## **MA-WP 8 SYSTEM OF COMPETITIONS**

MA-WP 8.1 The distance between the goal lines will be minimum 23.5 meters and the width of the field of play minimum 17 meters.

MA-WP 8.2 FINA time standards shall apply except that the duration of the matches shall be four periods of five minutes each of actual play for all age groups.

For age groups 50 years and older, the time of possession of the ball shall be 40 seconds and exclusion time should be 30 seconds

MA-WP 8.3 The system of competition in each age group depends on the number of teams taking part. It shall be decided by the LEN MaC.

Ranking matches shall be played for all places.

## **MA-WP 9 CLASSIFICATION**

### **MA-WP 9.1 Scores and points at Preliminary Rounds**

MA-WP 9.1.1 Each victory shall count three (3) points for the winning team and each draw one (1) point per team and zero (0) points for the losing team.

MA-WP 9.1.2 The final classification within a group shall be established according to the points gained by each team in all matches of its group.

MA-WP 9.1.3 For each match in which a team is disqualified a goal score of 10:0 shall be awarded to the opposing team.

### **MA-WP 9.2 Equality of points**

MA-WP 9.2.1 In case of equality of points between **two teams** in a group the classification shall be established as follows:

- a) Precedence shall be given to the team having won the match between the two teams.
- b) If this has been a tie, precedence shall be given to the team with the largest difference between goals scored for and against.
- c) If there is still a tie precedence shall be given to the team having scored the higher number of goals.
- d) If there is still equality, the classification of the teams shall be decided by lot.

MA-WP 9.2.2 In case of equality of points between **more than two teams** the classification shall be established as follows:

- a) Only points gained in those matches played among the teams with equal points shall be decisive.
- b) If there is still equality the classification shall be established according to the goal difference from only those matches played among the teams with equal points.
- c) If there is still equality the classification shall be established according to the highest number of goals scored in the matches played among the teams with equal points
- d) If there is still equality the classification shall be established according to the goal difference from all matches played in the group.
- e) If there is still equality the classification shall be decided by lot.

### **MA-WP 9.3 Matches to be played to a final result**

MA-WP 9.3.1 If a match ends with a tie after the normal time there shall be a penalty shoot-out to determine the result.

Note: If a penalty shoot-out is necessary this shall follow the procedures according to the FINA Rules.

## **MA-WP 10 EXCLUSION AND SUSPENSION OF PLAYERS AND TEAMS**

MA-WP 10.1 The LEN Code of Discipline shall apply.

MA-WP 10.2 Any member of a team excluded for brutality shall be suspended:

- a) in the first case for at least one (1) match;
- b) in any further cases for at least three (3) matches.

MA-WP 10.3 A team forfeiting a match shall be excluded. Results achieved in that stage of the Championships shall be expunged.

The Jury of Appeal may decide an exception if there is reason.

MA-WP 10.4 The LEN Delegate(s) may suspend a team if:

- a) the Rules, Regulations and/or the instructions issued to all participating teams are not complied with by the team, or;
- b) the financial liabilities in regard of the team are not fulfilled.

**MA-WP 11      AWARDS**

MA-WP 11.1      Victory Ceremonies will take place after the conclusion of the respective age group.

MA-WP 11.2      Members of teams ranked 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each age group shall be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals if they have played in at least one match.

Members of teams ranked 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> in each age group shall be awarded a diploma if they have played in at least one match.

**MA-WP 12      OFFICIALS**

MA-WP 12.1      Each team shall enter at least one (1) qualified referee (see MA-WP 1.4). The qualification of the referee shall be confirmed by the Federation to which the club of the team is affiliated.

Federations may also enter qualified referees on FINA and LEN lists at their own cost. Referees shall be prepared to judge at least two (2) matches per day. A referee who is also player may not be nominated to whistle a game in the same age category.

Nominations shall be submitted to the LEN Office no later than the date circulated by the LEN Office.

MA-WP 12.2      The organising Federation shall provide at least six (6) referees and all other officials.

MA-WP 12.3      Entered referees shall be approved by the LEN MaC.

MA-WP 12.4      For each match the Technical Delegates shall nominate the Technical Delegate in charge and the referees.

MA-WP 12.5      Acting referees may be evaluated.