

## **EUROPEAN WATER POLO CUPS FOR CLUB TEAMS**

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In addition to the LEN General Event Rules the following

### **REGULATIONS**

shall apply:

#### **CLUB 1            LEN CLUB EVENTS**

Club 1.1            The Events of the European Water Polo Cups for Club Teams are:

**a)    Men:**

- **European Water Polo Champions League Men (Champions League Men);**
- **LEN Euro Cup for Water Polo Men (Euro Cup Men);**
- **LEN Challenger Cup for Water Polo Men (Challenger Cup);**
- **LEN European Water Polo Super Cup Men.**

**b)    Women:**

- **European Water Polo Champions League Women (Champions League Women);**
- **LEN Euro Cup for Water Polo Women (Euro Cup Women);**
- **LEN European Water Polo Super Cup Women.**

Club 1.2            Each of these Events shall be organised every year.

Club 1.3            Dates and venues of all LEN Club Competitions (matches played on a home and away basis or in a tournament at the same venue) shall be decided by the LEN Technical Water Polo Committee (TWPC) with the approval of the LEN Bureau Executive. They shall be announced by the Secretary of the TWPC and circulated by the LEN Office.

Clarification:

All Club Competitions are LEN Events (E 1.1. d). Federations are to meet financial liabilities of clubs (C 6.2.2.6, E 10.1 and E 16.4).

Club 1.4            Time and place of any draw shall be announced by the Secretary of the LEN TWPC and circulated by the LEN Office.

Club 1.5            Delegates appointed by the LEN Bureau and/or the LEN TWPC shall be responsible for and supervise the correct conduct of the competitions according to LEN Rules and Regulations. The Delegate(s) shall decide on all matters arising on site at the competitions which require an immediate decision.

#### **CLUB 2            CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MEN**

##### **Club 2.1            System of Competition**

The Event shall be held in five (5) phases:

- Phase I: Qualification Round I;
- Phase II: Qualification Round II;
- Phase III: Qualification Round III;
- Phase IV: Preliminary Round;
- Phase V: Final Eight.

**Club 2.2 Participation**

Club 2.2.1 Federations may submit entries for two (2) teams having finished 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the National Championships.

Federations having a wild card team may submit entries for three (3) teams (wild card included) having finished 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the National Championships

Entries shall include the ranking of the respective teams in the National Championships.

Club 2.2.2 The 12 wild card teams (11+ the organiser of Final 8, are directly qualified to the Champions League Preliminary Round.

The Team organising the Final 8 is directly qualified to Champions League Final 8

Club 2.2.3 The best ranked team in the National Championship of those twelve (12) Federations with a wild card team is qualified to the Qualification Round II

Club 2.2.4 All the other teams entered shall play in the Qualification Round I (Phase I).

**Club 2.3 Qualification Round I (Phase I)**

Club 2.3.1 The teams participating in Qualification Round I shall be drawn into four (4) groups, each to be held in a tournament at different venues. If there are less than 12 teams, the TWPC may change this system.

Club 2.3.2 Previous classification shall be taken into consideration when seeding teams and as much as possible also geographical positioning will be considered.

Club 2.3.3 In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams.

Each team shall play only one match per day. Exceptions may be accepted.

Club 2.3.4 All matches shall be played to the normal time.

Club 2.3.5 Classification shall be according to Club 9.1 and 9.3.

Club 2.3.6 The teams ranked 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in each group shall qualify for the Qualification Round II  
Last two ranked teams in each group shall qualify for the Challenger Cup Preliminary Round.  
All the others teams shall qualify to the Qualification Round II of the Euro Cup

**Club 2.4 Qualification Round II (Phase II)**

Club 2.4.1 The Qualification Round II shall be held with twenty **(20)** teams:  
a) The twelve (12) teams directly qualified according to

Club 2.2.3;  
b) The eight (8) teams qualified according to Club 2.3.6

Club 2.4.2 The teams shall be drawn into four (4) groups each to be held in a tournament at different venues.

Club 2.4.3 The seeding shall be by draw according to the following system:  
a) First batch: the best ranked teams of those 12 Federations with a wild card team and having ranked 1st to 4th in the previous year.  
b) Second batch: the best ranked teams of those 12 Federations with a wild card team and having ranked 5th to 8th in the previous year.  
c) Third batch: the teams ranked 1st in each of the four groups of the Qualification Round I.  
d) Fourth batch: the teams ranked 2nd in each of the four groups of the Qualification Round I.

Club 2.4.4 In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams.

Each team shall play only one match per day.  
Exceptions may be accepted.

Club 2.4.5 All matches shall end after the normal time.

Club 2.4.6 Classification shall be according to Club 9.1 and 9.3.

Club 2.4.7 The teams ranked 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in each group of the Qualification Round II shall qualify for the Qualification Round III.  
All other teams shall qualify to the Qualification Round II of the Euro Cup

#### **Club 2.5 Qualification Round III (phase III)**

Club 2.5.1 The eight (8) teams qualified according to Club 2.4.7. shall play the Qualification Round III.  
The eight (8) teams ranking 1st in the Qualification Round II shall play against a team ranking 2nd from a different group on a home and away basis.

Club 2.5.2 The teams to play against each other and the teams to play first at home shall be decided by draw.

Club 2.5.3 All matches shall end after the normal time.

Club 2.5.4 If, after the two matches, there is equality in the added scores, the second match shall be played to a final result (see Club 9.2).

Club 2.5.5 The four (4) winning teams shall qualify for the Preliminary Round  
The four (4) losing teams shall qualify to the eight final of the Euro Cup.

#### **Club 2.6 Preliminary Round (Phase IV)**

Club 2.6.1 The Preliminary Round shall be held with **sixteen (16)** teams:  
a) The twelve (12) wild card teams directly qualified according to Club 2.2.2;  
b) The four (4) teams qualified according to Club 2.5.5

Club 2.6.2 The teams shall be drawn into two (2) groups.

Club 2.6.3 The seeding shall be by draw according to the

following system:

- a) First batch: the 12 wild card teams
- b) Second batch: the four (4) teams according to Club 2.2.1 b.

Club 2.6.4 In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams on a home and away basis. The schedule of matches shall be decided by draw.

Club 2.6.5 All matches shall end after the normal time.

Club 2.6.6 Classification shall be according to Club 9.1 and 9.3.

Club 2.6.7 The teams ranked 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> from each group of the Preliminary Round shall qualify for the Final Eight. If the organiser of the Final 8 is not among those teams qualified from a group, 3 teams plus the organiser will be qualified from that group.

### **Club 2.7 Final Eight (Phase V)**

Club 2.7.1 The Final Eight shall be held with the eight (8) teams qualified according to Club 2.6.7, to be played on four days at one venue.

Club 2.7.2 On the 1<sup>st</sup> day the ranking matches shall be played.  
The team ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in Group A of the Preliminary Round to play against the teams ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in Group B (RM1)  
The team ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in Group B of the Preliminary Round to play against the teams ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in Group A (RM2)  
The team ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in group A of the Preliminary Round to play against the teams ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in Group B of the Preliminary Round (RM3)  
The team ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in Group B of the preliminary Round to play against the teams ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in Group A of the Preliminary Round (RM4)

Club 2.7.3 On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day the losers of the ranking matches shall play for the fifth and eighth place.

LRM1 vs LRM4; SF1

LRM2 vs LRM3; SF2

The winner of the ranking matches shall play for the finals

WRM1 vs WRM4; SF3

WRM2 vs WRM3; SF4

Club 2.7.4 On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day the losers of the Semi Finals 1 and 2 shall play for the seventh and eighth place;  
the winner of the semi Finals 1 and 2 shall play for the fifth and sixth place;

Club 2.7.5 On the 4<sup>th</sup> day the losers of the Semi Finals 3 and 4 shall play for the third and fourth place;  
The winners of the Semi Finals 3 and 4 shall play for the first place

Club 2.7.6 The winning team shall be declared the «European Club Champion Men».  
It shall be awarded a Trophy, engraved accordingly.

## **CLUB 3 EURO CUP FOR WATER POLO MEN**

### **Club 3.1 System of Competition**

The Event shall be held in five (5) phases:

- Phase I: Qualification Round I;
- Phase II: Qualification Round II;
- Phase III: Eight Finals;
- Phase IV: Quarter Finals;
- Phase V: Semi Finals;
- Phase VI: Finals.

### **Club 3.2 Participation**

Participating teams are:

- a) Up to three (3) teams but not qualified to the Champions League, to be entered by the Federations which shall play in the Qualification Round I (Phase I);
- b) The teams qualified from Qualification Round I and II of the Champions League according to Club 2.3.6 y 2.4.7 which shall play in the Qualification Round II
- c) The four teams qualified from Champions League (see Club 2.5.5) which are directly qualified for the Quarter final round (Phase III).

### **Club 3.3 Qualification Round I (Phase I)**

Club 3.3.1 The teams participating in Qualification Round I shall be drawn into four (4) groups, each to be held in a tournament at different venues.

If there are less than 12 teams, the LEN TWPC may change this system.

Club 3.3.2 Previous classification shall be taken into consideration when seeding teams. As far as possible teams from the same Federation shall not be drawn into the same group.

Club 3.3.3 In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams.

Each team shall play only one match per day. Exceptions may be accepted.

Club 3.3.4 All matches shall be played to the normal time.

Club 3.3.5 Classification shall be according to Club 9.1 and 9.3.

Club 3.3.6 Last two ranked teams in each group will qualify to the Challenger Cup  
All the others teams will qualify to the Euro Cup Qualification Round II

### **Club 3.4 Qualification Round II (Phase II)**

Club 3.4.1 The Qualification Round II shall be held with the next teams:

- a) The teams qualified according to Club 3.3.6.
- b) The teams directly qualified according to Club 2.3.6. and 2.4.7

Club 3.4.2 The teams shall be drawn into four (8) groups, each to be held in a tournament at different venues.

If there are less than 24 teams, the LEN TWPC may change this system.

Club 3.4.3 Seeding shall be according to previous classification.

As far as possible teams which were in the same group in the Qualification

Round I shall not be drawn into the same group again.

Club 3.4.4 In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams.

Each team shall play only one match per day.  
Exceptions may be accepted.

Club 3.4.5 All matches shall be played to the normal time.

Club 3.4.6 Classification shall be according to Club 9.1 and 9.3.

Club 3.4.7 The team ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in each group and four clubs ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> with the best coefficient shall qualify for the Eight Finals.

**Club 3.5 Eight Finals (Phase III)**

Club 3.5.1 The eight (12) teams qualified according to Club 3.4.7.

The four (4) losing teams from the Qualification Round III from the Champions League. See Club 2.5.5.

Club 3.5.2 The teams to play against each other and the teams to play first at home shall be decided by draw.

Club 3.5.3 All matches shall end after the normal time.

Club 3.5.4 If, after the two matches, there is equality in the added scores, the second match shall be played to a final result (see Club 9.2).

Club 3.5.5 The eight winning teams shall qualify for the Quarter Finals.

**Club 3.6 Quarter Finals (Phase III)**

Club 3.6.1 The eight (8) teams qualified according to Club 3.5.5 shall play the Quarter Finals on a home and away basis.

Club 3.6.2 The teams to play against each other and the teams to play first at home shall be decided by draw.

Club 3.6.3 All matches shall end after the normal time.

If, after the two matches, there is equality in the added scores, the second match shall be played to a final result (see Club 9.2).

Club 3.6.4 The four winning teams shall qualify for the Semi Finals.

**Club 3.7 Semi Finals (Phase IV)**

Club 3.7.1 The four (4) teams qualified according to Club 3.6.4 shall play the Semi Finals on a home and away basis.

Club 3.7.2 The teams to play against each other and the teams to play first at home shall be decided by draw

Club 3.7.3 All matches shall end after the normal time.

Club 3.7.4 If, after the two matches, there is equality in the added scores, the second match shall be

played to a final result (see Club 9.2).

Club 3.7.5 The winners of the Semi Finals shall qualify for the Final.

**Club 3.8 Final (Phase V)**

Club 3.8.1 The Final shall be played on a home and away basis.

Club 3.8.2 The team to play first at home shall be decided by draw.

Club 3.8.3 Both matches shall end after the normal time.

If, after the two matches, there is equality in the added scores, the second match shall be played to a final result (see Club 9.2).

Club 3.8.4 The winning team shall be awarded a Trophy, engraved «LEN Euro Cup for Water Polo Men».

**CLUB 4 LEN CHALLENGER CUP FOR MEN**

**Club 4.1 System of Competition**

The Event shall be held in four (4) phases:

- Phase I: Preliminary Round;
- Phase II: Quarter Finals;
- Phase III: Semi Finals;
- Phase IV: Finals.

**Club 4.2 Participation**

Participating teams are:

- a) Last two ranked teams in each group from the Champions League Qualification Round I
- b) Last two ranked teams in each group from the Euro Cup Qualification Round I

**Club 4.3 Preliminary Round (Phase I)**

Club 4.3.1 The teams participating in Preliminary Round shall be drawn into four (4) groups, each to be held in a tournament at different venues.

If there are less than 12 teams, the LEN TWPC may change this system.

Club 4.3.2 Previous classification shall be taken into consideration when seeding teams. As far as possible teams from the same Federation shall not be drawn into the same group.

Club 4.3.3 In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams.

Each team shall play only one match per day. Exceptions may be accepted.

Club 4.3.4 All matches shall be played to the normal time.

Club 4.3.5 Classification shall be according to Club 9.1 and 9.3.

Club 4.3.6 The teams ranked 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in each group shall qualify for the Quarter Finals.

**Club 4.4 Quarter Finals (Phase II)**

Club 4.4.1 The four (8) teams qualified according to Club 4.3.6. shall play the Quarter Finals on a home and away basis.

Club 4.4.2 The teams to play against each other and the teams to play first at home shall be decided by draw.

Club 4.4.3 All matches shall end after the normal time.

If, after the two matches, there is equality in the added scores, the second match shall be played to a final result (see Club 9.2).

Club 4.4.4 The four winning teams shall qualify for the Semi Finals.

**Club 4.5 Semi Finals (Phase III)**

Club 4.5.1 The four (4) teams qualified according to Club 4.4.4 shall play the Semi Finals on a home and away basis.

Club 4.5.2 The teams to play against each other and the teams to play first at home shall be decided by draw

Club 4.5.3 All matches shall end after the normal time.

If, after the two matches, there is equality in the added scores, the second match shall be played to a final result (see Club 9.2).

Club 4.5.4 The winners of the Semi Finals shall qualify for the Final.

**Club 4.6 Final (Phase IV)**

Club 4.6.1 The Final shall be played on a home and away basis.

Club 4.6.2 The team to play first at home shall be decided by draw.

Club 4.6.3 Both matches shall end after the normal time.

If, after the two matches, there is equality in the added scores, the second match shall be played to a final result (see Club 9.2).

Club 4.6.4 The winning team shall be awarded a Trophy, engraved «LEN Challenger Cup for Water Polo Men».

**CLUB 5 LEN EUROPEAN SUPER CUP**

**Club 5.1 Participation**

The Winning Teams of the Champions League and Euro Cup of the previous year of the Club Cup Competitions.

**Club 5.2 System of Competition**



The match shall be played to a final result (see Club 9.2).

**Club 5.3      Organiser**

The date and the site of the match is to be fixed and agreed on by the two teams and approved by LEN.

**CLUB 6      CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN**

**Club 6.1      System of Competition**

The Event shall be held in four (4) phases:

- Phase I: Qualification Round I;
- Phase II: ~~Preliminary~~ Qualification Round II;
- Phase III: Quarter Final Round;
- Phase IV: Final Four.

**Club 6.2      Participation**

Club 6.2.1      Federations may submit entries for the four (4) teams having finished 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in the National Championships;

Club 6.2.2      Directly qualified for the Qualification Round II are the National Champions of those Federations with a team having ranked 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> in the previous Euro League.

Club 6.2.3      All the other teams entered shall play in the Qualification Round I.

**Club 6.3      Qualification Round I (Phase I)**

Club 6.3.1      The teams playing the Qualification Round I shall be drawn into four (4) groups each to be held in a tournament at different venues.  
If there are less than 12 teams LEN TWPC may change the system.

Club 6.3.2      In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams.

Club 6.3.3      Each team shall play only one match per day.  
Exceptions may be decided.

Club 6.3.4      All matches shall be played the normal time.

Club 6.3.5      Classification shall be according to Club 9.1 and 9.3.

- Club 6.3.6
- a) The teams ranked 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> each group shall qualify for the Qualification Round II
  - b) All other clubs will be qualified for the Euro Cup Women Preliminary Round

**Club 6.4      Qualification Round II (Phase II)**

- Club 6.4.1      The Qualification Round II shall be held with **sixteen (16)** teams:
- a) The teams directly qualified according to Club 6.2.2;  
If there are less than four (4) teams the LEN TWPC may decide on the qualification system;
  - b) The teams qualified according to Club 6.3.6.

Club 6.4.2      The teams shall be seeded into four (4) groups,

each to be held in a tournament at different venues.

The groups shall then be drawn according to the following system:

1<sup>st</sup> Batch: The teams of Federations with a team having ranked 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> in the previous year.

2<sup>nd</sup> Batch: The teams ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in each group of the Qualification Round I.

3<sup>rd</sup> Batch: The teams ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in each group of the Qualification Round I.

4<sup>th</sup> Batch: The teams ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in each group of the Qualification Round I.

Teams which were in the same group in the Qualification Round I shall not be in the same group again.

- Club 6.4.3 In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams.
- Club 6.4.4 Each team shall play only one match per day. Exceptions may be decided.
- Club 6.4.5 All matches shall be played the normal time.
- Club 6.4.6 Classification shall be according to Club 9.1 and 9.3.
- Club 6.4.7 The teams ranked 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in each group shall qualify for the Quarter Finals.  
The clubs ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> are qualified for the Euro Cup Preliminary Round.

**Club 6.5 Quarter Finals (Phase III)**

- Club 6.5.1 The Quarter Finals shall be held with the **eight (8)** teams qualified according to Club 6.4.7.
- Club 6.5.2 The teams shall play on a home and away basis.
- Club 6.5.3 The teams to play against each other and the teams to play first at home shall be decided by draw.
- Club 6.5.4 All matches shall end after the normal time.
- Club 6.5.5 If after the two matches there is equality in the added scores the second match shall be played to a final result (see Club 9.2).
- Club 6.5.5 The four winning teams shall qualify for the Euro League Final Four.

**Club 6.6 Final Four (Phase IV)**

- Club 6.6.1 The Euro League final four shall be held with the four (4) teams qualified according to Club 6.5.5 to be played on two days in one venue.
- Club 6.6.2 On the 1<sup>st</sup> day the semi finals shall be played.  
The teams to play against each other and the sequence of matches shall be decided by draw.
- Club 6.6.3 On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day the losers of the semi finals shall play for the third place and the winners for the first place.

Club 6.6.4 The winning team of the Champions League Final Four shall be declared «European Club Champion Women». It shall be awarded a Trophy engraved accordingly.

## **CLUB 7 EURO CUP FOR WATER POLO WOMEN**

### **Club 7.1 System of Competition**

The Event shall be held in four (4) phases:

- Phase I: Preliminary Round;
- Phase II: Quarter Final Round;
- Phase III: Semi Final Round;
- Phase IV: Final.

### **Club 7.2 Participation**

All clubs qualified from the Champions League Women Qualification Round I and II, see 6.3.6 and 6.4.7

### **Club 7.3 Preliminary Round (Phase I)**

Club 7.3.1 The teams playing the Preliminary Round shall be drawn into four (4) groups each to be held in a tournament at different venues. If there are less than 12 teams LEN TWPC may change the system.

Club 7.3.2 In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams.

Club 7.3.3 Each team shall play only one match per day. Exceptions may be decided.

Club 7.3.4 All matches shall be played the normal time.

Club 7.3.5 Classification shall be according to Club 9.1 and 9.3.

Club 7.3.6 a) The teams ranked 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places in each group shall qualify for the Quarter Finals

### **Club 7.4 Quarter Finals (Phase II)**

Club 7.4.1 The Quarter Finals shall be held with the **eight (8)** teams qualified according to Club 7.3.6.

Club 7.4.2 The teams shall play on a home and away basis.

Club 7.4.3 The teams to play against each other and the teams to play first at home shall be decided by draw.

Club 7.4.4 All matches shall end after the normal time.

Club 7.4.5 If after the two matches there is equality in the added scores the second match shall be played to a final result (see Club 9.2).

Club 7.4.6 The four winning teams shall qualify for the Semi Finals.

### **Club 7.5 Semi Finals (Phase III)**

Club 7.5.1 The four (4) teams qualified according to Club 7.4.6 shall play the Semi Finals on a home and away basis.

Club 7.5.2 The teams to play against each other and the teams to play first at home shall be decided by draw

- Club 7.5.3 All matches shall end after the normal time.
- Club 7.5.4 If, after the two matches, there is equality in the added scores, the second match shall be played to a final result (see Club 9.2).
- Club 7.5.5 The winners of the Semi Finals shall qualify for the Final.
- Club 7.6 Final (Phase IV)**
- Club 7.6.1 The Final shall be played on a home and away basis.
- Club 7.6.2 The team to play first at home shall be decided by draw.
- Club 7.6.3 Both matches shall end after the normal time.
- Club 7.6.4 If, after the two matches, there is equality in the added scores, the second match shall be played to a final result (see Club 9.2).
- Club 7.6.5 The winning team shall be awarded a Trophy, engraved «LEN Euro Cup for Water Polo Women».

**CLUB 8 LEN EUROPEAN SUPER CUP FOR WATER POLO WOMEN**

**Club 8.1 Participation**

The Winning Teams of the Champions League Women and Euro Cup Women of the previous year of the Club Cup Competitions.

**Club 8.2 System of Competition**

The match shall be played to a final result (see Club 9.2).

**Club 8.3 Organiser**

The date and the site of the match is to be fixed and agreed on by the two teams and approved by LEN.

**CLUB 9 ENTRIES**

**Club 9.1 Preliminary Entries**

- Club 9.1.1 Preliminary Entries shall be sent to the Secretary of the LEN TWPC, with copy to the LEN Office, no later than the date decided by the LEN TWPC and circulated by the LEN Office.
- Club 9.1.2 The Preliminary entries shall be signed by the President or Secretary of the club and certified by the President or Secretary of the Federation to which the team is affiliated.

**Club 9.2 Entry Fee**

- Club 9.2.1 The entry fee for each team entered shall:
- a. be decided by the LEN Bureau and circulated by the LEN Office;
  - b. be paid to LEN no later than the date for submission of preliminary entries.

Club 9.2.2 No entry shall be accepted if payment is not received in time or the preliminary entry is not accompanied by a certified bank order.

**Club 9.3 Named Entries**

Club 9.3.1 Named entries of players shall be sent to the Secretary of the LEN TWPC, with copy to the LEN Office, no later than the date announced and circulated.

Up to **twenty five** (25) players shall be listed on the official form comprising their name, surname and passport number.

The list shall be signed by the President or Secretary of the Club and certified by the President or Secretary of the Federation to which the club is affiliated.

The list of entered players may not be changed after the time limit for its submission.

Clarification:

The list may not be changed during the whole LEN Club Water Polo Season which means the whole period from the Qualifications up to the Finals in the respective LEN Club Competitions.

Club 9.3.2 Players entered shall be affiliated to the Club they are represented thus eligible to play in International and domestic events when named entries are submitted.

Such players shall not be allowed to play for another club in any National Competition before the Finals of the respective LEN Water Polo Club Competition or before one month after the date their club was eliminated in the respective LEN Water Polo Club Competition, whichever date is the earliest.

Club 9.3.3 At the Technical Meeting before the first match in each stage of the LEN Club Competitions, as well as before the matches to be played on home and away basis, **thirteen (13)** players of those listed on the official form shall be nominated for participation in the competitions. Each team shall consist of eleven field players and two goalkeepers.

Club 9.3.4 Nominated players shall be numbered one (1) to thirteen (13) and wear a cap with the number under which he/she has been nominated. The goalkeeper shall wear a red cap numbered 1 and the substitute goalkeeper shall wear a red cap numbered 13. A player shall not be allowed to change his cap number for the duration of each stage of the competition.

Club 9.3.5 The names of the 13 players and the names of the coach and the officials to sit on the bench shall be submitted to the LEN Technical Delegate no later than one hour before the match.

A player suspended for one or more matches due to brutality ~~can~~ not be substituted.

Club 9.3.6 The LEN Technical Delegate shall check the

players personal identification documents and ensure that the names of the players are in accordance with the list of entered players.

Players who cannot prove identity corresponding to the list of entered players or which are not listed shall not be eligible to play.

## **CLUB 10 OBLIGATIONS OF ORGANISERS**

### **Club 10 .1 Pool Requirements**

Club 10.1.1 All matches shall be played in indoor pools between 1<sup>st</sup> October and 30<sup>th</sup> April of the season. Exceptions may be approved by the LEN TWPC for the time before and after this period.

Club 10.1.2 Specifications of the Pools are to be as follows:

- a) Field of play:  
The field of play, water depth, temperature and light intensity shall be as set forth in FINA Rules (FR 7.1, FR 7.2, FR 7.3, FR 7.4);
- b) Pool Deck:  
The pool deck shall be of a minimum space of two (2) metres to allow referees, players and team staff members a free way around the pool at any time 60 min before, during and 30 min after the match;
- c) Stands / Public:  
There shall be a minimum distance of two (2) meters from the first row of the stands to the area which is defined above as Pool Deck, guaranteeing referees to act without any undue physical interference.  
If necessary the first row(s) shall be kept free of any public, in order to achieve this minimum distance;
- d) Dressing Room:  
Dressing Rooms for referees and for the teams shall preferably be located in different sections of the pool and shall have separate access;
- e) Automatic Officiating Equipment / Scoreboard:  
The main scoreboard showing the time, period, goals and, preferably, the time left for excluded players shall be clearly visible for teams, officials and public;
- f) 30 seconds clocks:  
There shall be four 30 seconds clocks placed at each corner of the field of play;
- g) Board displaying the personal fouls:  
A board displaying the personal fouls of each player shall be placed in a prominent position, either combined with the main scoreboard or adjacent to it. This may be manually operated;
- h) Other equipment:
  - (i) Lighting as per FINA-Rules (FR 7.4);
  - (ii) preferably catwalk for Referees and podium for table of delegates and jury;
  - (iii) spare caps;
  - (iv) time clock for the time outs and two (2) manual clocks in case of a breakdown of the main scoreboard;
  - (v) whistles and flags for jury table.

Club 10.1.3 Any organiser who fails to rig the field of play according to the rules and to have all the necessary equipment including the electronic equipment in working condition and located in a suitable place to be controlled by all concerned including the delegate, may be fined up to five hundred (500) EURO for any omission.

**Club 10.2 Competence for Appointments**

Club 10.2.1 The organisers of all matches with the exception of the «Final Six» and «Final Four» shall be appointed by the LEN TWPC with the approval of the LEN Bureau Executive.

Club 10.2.2 If the number of applicants to organise a round is less than required, the organisers shall be drawn from the participating teams.

**CLUB 11 REFEREES**

**Club 11.1** In all stages of the LEN Club Competitions from the Qualification Round to the Finals referees shall be appointed by the LEN TWPC.

**Club 11.2** The LEN Technical Delegate shall nominate for each match the referees and the other officials.

**Club 11.3** Referees may be evaluated.

**CLUB 12 CLASSIFICATION**

**Club 12.1 Scores and Points**

Club 12.1.1 Each victory shall count three (3) points for the winning team, each draw one (1) point per team and zero (0) points for the losing team.

Club 12.1.2 The final classification within a group shall be established according to the points gained by each team in all matches of its group.

Club 12.1.3 For each match in which a team is disqualified a goal score of 10:0 shall be awarded to the opposing team.

**Club 12.2 Matches to be played to a final result**

Club 12.2.1 If a match ends with a tie after the normal time, there shall be a penalty shoot out to determine the result.  
If a penalty shoot out is necessary, this shall be in accordance with the FINA rules.

**Club 12.3 Equality of Points**

Club 12.3.1 In case of equality of points in groups in which teams are playing **in a tournament at the same venue**, the following shall apply:

- a) If equality of points is between **two teams**, precedence shall be given to the team winning the match in which the two teams played against each other.

- i) If this has been a tie, precedence shall be given to the team with the largest difference between goals scored for and against.
  - ii) If there is still a tie precedence shall be given to the team having scored the higher number of goals.
  - iii) If there is still a tie precedence shall be given to the team having won the largest number of matches
  - iv) If there is still equality, the classification of the teams shall be decided by lot.
- b) If equality of points is between more than two teams** the classification shall be established as follows:

- i) Only the points gained in those matches played among the teams with equal points shall be decisive.
- ii) 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.
- iii) 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.
- iv) If there is still equality the classification shall be established according to the goal difference from all matches played in the group.
- v) If there is still equality the classification shall be established according to the highest number of goals scored in all matches of the group.
- vi) If there is still equality precedence shall be given to the team having won the largest number of matches.
- vii) If there is still equality the classification shall be decided by lot.

Club 12.3.2

In case of equality of points in groups where each team is playing on a **home and away basis** against each of the other teams, the following shall apply:

- a) If equality of points is between two teams** the classification shall be established as follows:
- i) Only the points gained in the matches played among the two teams with equal points shall be decisive.
  - ii) If there is still equality the classification shall be established according to the goal difference in the two matches played only among the two teams with equal points.
  - iii) If there is still equality the classification shall be established according to the goal difference from all matches played in the group.
  - iv) If there is still equality precedence shall be given to the team having scored more goals in all matches played in the group.
  - v) If there is still equality precedence shall be given to the team having won the largest number of matches.



- vi) If there is still equality the classification shall be decided by lot.
- b) If equality of points is between more than two teams the classification shall be established as follows:**
  - i) Only the points gained in those matches played among the teams with equal points shall be decisive.
  - ii) 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.
  - iii) 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.
  - iv) If there is still equality the classification shall be established according to the goal difference from all matches played in the group.
  - v) If there is still equality the classification shall be established according to the highest number of goals scored in all matches of the group.
  - vi) If there is still equality precedence shall be given to the team having won the largest number of matches.
  - vii) If there is still equality the classification shall be decided by lot.

**Club 12.4 Exclusion and Suspension of Teams**

- Club 12.4.1 A team/club not complying with the Rules, the Regulations and/or the instructions issued to all participating clubs may be excluded. It may also be excluded from the next LEN Club Competition for which this team/club shall qualify.
- Club 12.4.2 The LEN Delegate(s) shall suspend a team from a LEN Club Competition in case of forfeiting a ranking match. Exception may be made.
- Club 12.4.3 The LEN Bureau may suspend a team from a LEN Club Competition in case of not complying with the financial liabilities it is responsible for.
- Club 12.4.4 All results achieved so far by the team excluded or suspended shall be expunged.

**CLUB 13 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

- Club 13.1 Each Federation entering a club shall be responsible that the club is fulfilling any financial obligations in connection with the Cup Competitions.
- Club 13.2 Any organiser of a LEN Club Competition shall provide:
  - a) Transport from the nearest airport to the official hotel and back for participating teams, Delegate(s) and Referee(s);
  - b) transport from official hotels to the pool and back for training and competitions for participating teams, Delegate(s) and

Referee(s);

- c) sessions of minimum one (1) hour per day for training in the competition pool beginning preferably one day before the first match;
- d) places for journalists and sufficient telephone lines for them.

Club 13.3

Expenses of **LEN Delegate(s) and Referees** shall be borne by the organising club according to the Regulations «Reimbursement of Expenses for LEN Representatives and Referees at Water Polo matches included in the LEN Calendar».