

**EUROPEAN UNDER-15, UNDER 17 (JUNIOR) & UNDER-19
WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS**
(15 September 2022)

In addition to the LEN General Event Rules the following

REGULATIONS

shall apply:

JU-WP 1 ORGANISATION

JU-WP 1.1 The European Under-15 and Under 17 (Junior) Championships shall be held in odd years, those for Under-19 in even years.

JU-WP 1.2 They shall be held separately for men and women.

JU-WP 1.3 The organizing Federations and the places where the Championships will be held will be decided by the LEN Bureau and circulated by the LEN Office.

JU-WP 1.4 For any of the Championship events, there will be appointed:

- a) by the LEN Bureau one (1) LEN Bureau Delegate;
- b) by the LEN Technical Water Polo Committee (LEN TWPC) as many members of the TWPC as decided by the LEN Bureau. The number of members will be according to the number of teams taking part and fixed in the respective contract (see E 9.4).

The LEN Bureau Delegate and the appointed members of the LEN TWPC will be responsible for and supervise the correct conduct of the competitions according to LEN Rules and Regulations.

They will decide on all matters arising on site at the competitions which require an immediate decision.

JU-WP 2 PARTICIPATION

JU-WP 2.1 The age groups are (Men and Women):

- a) European Under-15 Championships: up to 15 years;
- b) European Under 17 (Junior) Championships: up to 17 years;
- c) European Under-19 Championships: up to 19 years.

JU-WP 2.2 Federations may enter one (1) team per event.

JU-WP 2.3 For the Under 17 (Junior) and Under-19 Championships will be held with maximum sixteen (16) teams, including the team of the organizing Federation. For the Under-15, all teams entered in Championships will play at the Final tournament.

JU-WP 2.4 For the Under 17 (Junior) and Under-19 the first eight (8) classified Teams from the previous Championships are automatically qualified for the Preliminary Round. In case that the Organizing Federation team was not classified in the first 8 Teams at the previous Championships, then must play at The Qualification Tournament.

- JU-WP 2.5 All the other teams entered shall play a separate Qualification Tournament. After the submission date for the Preliminary Entries, the LEN TWPC will appoint for each Qualification Tournament, if necessary, venue, organizer and one (1) Technical Delegate.
- JU-WP 2.6 If less than the above mentioned number of teams will be entered, the LEN TWPC shall take the decisions required.
- JU-WP 2.7 The LEN Office will circulate all decisions according to JU-WP 2.4, 2.5, and 2.6 as soon as possible after the Preliminary Entries have been submitted.
- JU-WP 2.8 Time and place of any draw will be announced by the Secretary of the LEN TWPC and circulated by the LEN Office.

JU-WP 3 FORMAT UNDER-17 (JUNIOR) AND UNDER-19 MEN'S AND WOMEN'S

- JU-WP 3.1 The Championships shall be held with:
- a) Qualification Tournament (if necessary, according to JU-WP 2.4 and 2.5);
 - b) Preliminary Round;
 - c) Crossing games;
 - d) Ranking Matches for the 5th place and further ranking;
 - e) Final Round with Quarter finals, Semi Finals, Ranking Match for the 3rd place and Final.
- JU-WP 3.2 Each team will play only one match per day. Exceptions may be decided.
- JU-WP 3.3 Matches played in the Qualification Round and Preliminary Round shall be played to the normal time. All other matches shall be played to a final result (see JU-WP 7.3).
- JU-WP 3.4 Classification of teams will be decided according to JU-WP 7.1 and JU-WP 7.2
- JU-WP 3.5 Qualification Round**
- JU-WP 3.5.1 The Qualification Round shall be held with:
- a) The Federations ranked 9th to 16th at the previous Under 17 (Junior) or Under-19 Championship;
 - b) All the other Federations entered.
- JU-WP 3.5.2 The teams shall be seeded into groups. The number of groups and teams for each group will depend on the number of entries. The seeding shall be according to the previous classification of the Championships, its Qualification Round, and as much as possible geographical positioning. Details to be decided by the LEN TWPC with the approval of the LEN Bureau Executive and circulated by the LEN Office.
- JU-WP 3.5.3 Each group shall play at a different venue.
- JU-WP 3.5.4 Each team shall play only one match per day.

Exceptions may be decided.

JU-WP 3.5.5 The number of teams qualified for the Preliminary Round depends on the number of teams automatically qualified for the Preliminary Round.

JU-WP 3.6 Preliminary Round (First)

JU-WP 3.6.1 The Preliminary Round shall be held with sixteen (16) teams:

- a) The Federations ranked 1st to 8th in the previous Under 17 (Junior) or Under-19 Championship;
- b) The teams qualified by the Qualification Round.

JU-WP 3.6.2 The 8 teams directly qualified according to JU – WP 2.4, shall be drawn into two (2) groups with four teams each (Group A and B)
The 8 winning teams of the Qualification Round according to JU – WP 2.5, shall be drawn into two (2) groups with four teams each (Group C and D).
In case the Organizing Federation Team participate at the Qualification Round, will be qualified with the highest ranking Team(s) from this Qualification group.

JU-WP 3.6.3 For the groups A and B, the draw shall be held according to the following system:

- 1st batch: The teams ranked 1st and 2nd at the previous Championship
2nd batch: The teams ranked 3rd and 4th at the previous Championship
3rd Batch: The teams ranked 5th and 6th at the previous Championship
4th Batch: The teams ranked 7th and 8th at the previous Championship

For the groups C and D, the draw shall be held according to the following system:

- 1st batch: The teams ranked 1st at the Qualification Round
2nd batch: The teams ranked 2nd at the Qualification Round

JU-WP 3.6.4 In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams as follows:

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
1 C1 – C3	9 D4 – D3	17 C1 – C4
2 C2 – C4	10 D1 – D2	18 C2 – C3
3 D1 – D3	11 C4 – C3	19 D1 – D4
4 D2 – D4	12 C1 – C2	20 D2 – D3
5 A1 – A3	13 B4 – B3	21 B1 – B4
6 A2 – A4	14 B1 – B2	22 B2 – B3
7 B1 – B3	15 A4 – A3	23 A1 – A4
8 B2 – B4	16 A1 – A2	24 A2 – A3

JU-WP 3.6.5 The 1st and 2nd placed teams in Group A and Group B have a bye.

JU-WP 3.7 Crossing games

The 3rd and 4th placed teams in Group A and Group B, and the 1st and 2nd placed teams in Group C and Group D play against each other in a cross group format.
The 3rd and 4th placed teams in each of Group C and Group D will play for places 13th – 16th in crossing games.

Day 4

25 3D – 4C

26 4D – 3C

27 4A – 1C

28 4B – 1D

29 3B – 2D

30 3A – 2C

JU-WP 3.8 Quarter Final round**Day 5**

31 Loser Game 25 – Loser Game 26 (15th - 16th place)

32 Winner Game 25 – Winner Game 26 (13th- 14th place)

33 Loser Game 27 – Loser Game 29

34 Loser Game 28 – Loser Game 30

35 1B – Winner Game 27

36 1A – Winner Game 28

37 2A – Winner Game 29

38 2B – Winner Game 30

JU-WP 3.9 Semifinal Round**Day 6**

39 Loser Game 33 – Loser Game 34 (11th – 12th place)

40 Winner Game 33 – Winner Game 34 (9th – 10th place)

41 Loser Game 35 – Loser Game 37

42 Loser Game 36 – Loser Game 38

43 Winner Game 35 – Winner Game 37

44 Winner Game 36 – Winner Game 38

JU-WP 3.10 Final Round**Day 7**

45 Loser Game 41 – Loser Game 42 (7th – 8th place).

46 Winner Game 41 – Winner Game 42 (5th – 6th place)

47 Loser Game 43 – Loser Game 44 (3rd – 4th place)

48 Winner Game 43 – Winner Game 44 (1st – 2nd place)

The Winner shall be declared «European Water Polo Under 17 (Junior)/Under-19 Champion Men/Women».

JU-WP 4 FORMAT UNDER-15**JU-WP 4.1 Men's and Women's competition**

JU-WP 4.1.1 All Teams entered will participate at the Final Tournament without Qualification Tournament.

- JU-WP 4.1.2 The detailed system of the competition for U-15 European Championships will be decided by the LEN TWPC, and approved by the LEN Bureau, after submission of the entries.
- JU-WP 4.1.3 System of the competition, after approval by the LEN Bureau, will be circulated, as special Annex, to all participating Federations.
- JU-WP 4.1.4 The number of the competition days, no matter about number of entries, will not exceed the scheduled dates published during entry process.

JU-WP 5 ENTRIES

JU-WP 5.1 Preliminary Entries

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

JU-WP 5.2 Named Entries

JU-WP 5.2.1 Named entries of players shall be submitted for each of the following stages to the organizing Federation, with copy to the LEN Office, no later than ten (10) days before the first competition day of:

- a) the separate Qualification Tournaments (if any);
- b) the Preliminary Round.

Up to twenty (20) players shall be listed on the official form, comprising name, surname and passport number.

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

JU-WP 5.2.2 The names on the lists to be submitted before each of the above mentioned stages may be changed. The list submitted before the Preliminary Round may not be changed for the further stages of the Championship.

JU-WP 5.2.3 At the Technical Meeting before the first match of the above mentioned stages, fifteen (15) players of those listed on the official form, together with the names of the coach and the officials to sit on the bench shall be nominated for participation in the competitions.

JU-WP 5.2.4 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.

JU-WP 5.2.5 The names of the 13 players shall be submitted to the LEN Technical Delegate no later than two hours before the match.
A player suspended for one or more matches may be substituted.

JU-WP 5.2.6 The LEN Technical Delegate shall check the players personal identification documents and ensure that:

- a) the names of the players are in accordance with the list of entered players;

- b) entered players are in conformity with Rule E 14.1;
- c) the age of the players is in accordance with JU-WP 2.1.

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

JU-WP 6 ACCREDITATION

JU-WP 6.1 Entered Federations will receive accreditation for:

- a) the President of the Federation;
- b) the Head of Delegation;
- c) the entered competitors;
- d) one medical person per team;
- e) five team staff members per team.

JU-WP 6.2 Team staff members include everybody servicing the team: Team Leaders, Chaperones, Coaches, Physiotherapists, Interpreters, etc., but not officials such as judges, referees, etc.

JU-WP 7 CLASSIFICATION

JU-WP 7.1 Scores and Points

JU-WP 7.1.1 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.

JU-WP 7.1.2 For each match in which a team is disqualified a goal score of 10:0 shall be awarded to the opposing team.

JU-WP 7.1.3 The final classification within a group shall be established according to the points gained by each team in all matches of its group.

JU-WP 7.2 Matches to be played to a final result

JU-WP 7.2.1 If a match ends with a tie after the normal time, there shall be a penalty shootout to determine the result.

Note: If a penalty shootout is necessary, this shall follow the procedures according to the FINA rules.

JU-WP 7.3 Equality of Points

JU-WP 7.3.1 In case of equality of points in a group between **two teams** 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 a tie precedence to the team having won the largest number of matches.
- e) If there is still equality, the classification of the teams shall be decided by lot.

JU-WP 7.3.2 If equality of points is between **more than two teams** the classification shall be established as follows:

- a) Only the 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 gained in 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 only those matches played among the teams with equal points.
- d) If there is still equality the classification shall be established according to the goal difference achieved in all matches played in the group.
- e) If there is still equality the classification shall be established according to the highest number of goals scored in all matches of the group.
- f) If there is still equality precedence shall be given to the team having won the largest number of the matches.
- g) If there is still equality, the classification of the teams shall be decided by lot.

JU-WP 7.4 Exclusion and Suspension of Teams

JU-WP 7.4.1 The LEN Code of Discipline shall apply.

JU-WP 7.4.2 A team forfeiting a match shall be excluded.
Exceptions may be made if there is serious reason.
Results achieved in that stage of the Championship shall be expunged.

JU-WP 7.4.3 The LEN Bureau may suspend a team if:

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

JU-WP 8 REFEREES

JU-WP 8.1 In any of the Championship events (including the separate Qualification Tournaments if any), each participating Federation shall be financially responsible for a referee affiliated to the Federation and to be nominated by the LEN TWPC.

If no referee affiliated to the Federation may be nominated, the Federation shall be financially responsible for the referee of another Federation to be nominated by the LEN TWPC.

JU-WP 8.2 Additional referees may be appointed by the LEN TWPC subject to the conditions stated in the relevant contract.

JU-WP 8.3 The appointed members of the LEN TWPC will nominate for each match the Technical Delegate(s), the referees and the other officials.

JU-WP 8.4 Referees may be evaluated.

JU-WP 9 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

JU-WP 9.1 The organizing Federation of any of the Championship events shall provide:

- a) transport from the nearest airport or railway station to the official hotel and back for participating teams, Delegates and Referees;
- b) transport from official hotels to the pool and back for training and competitions for participating teams, Delegates and Referees;
- c) sessions of minimum one (1) hour per day for training preferably in the competition pool beginning two (2) days before the competitions.

All other requirements, including the reimbursement of the expenses of the LEN Delegate(s) and additional referees, are as fixed in the relevant Contract (see Rule E 9.4).

JU-WP 9.2 Each participating Federation shall be financially responsible:

- a) for the expenses of accommodation and travel of their team(s)
- b) for the expenses of accommodation, travel and per diem according LEN Regulations for their referee(s) nominated according to JU-WP 8.1.