

**EUROPEAN WATER POLO CUPS
FOR CLUB TEAMS
(UPDATED 5 June 2023)**

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 Men);**
- **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 Challenger Cup for Water Polo Women (Challenger 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 (4) phases:

- Phase I: Qualification Round:
- Phase II: Group Stage
- Phase III: Quarter Final Stage
- Phase IV: Final Four

Club 2.2 Participation

Club 2.2.1 Federations which are qualified in the position 1st and 12th in the ranking of Nations-Clubs Men, may submit entries for two (2) teams having finished 1st and 2nd in the National Championships.

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

Federations which are qualified in the position 13th and over in the ranking of Nations-Clubs, may submit entries for the team having finished 1st in the National Championships. This team can refuse to participate in Champions League in favour of Challenger Cup.

LEN Office will officially announce the ranking of the Nations – Clubs latest 7 days after the last game of the European Club Competition in a season.

Club 2.2.2 The 12 wild card teams are directly qualified to the Champions League Groupe Stage.

Club 2.2.3 All the other teams entered shall play in the Qualification Round.

Club 2.3 Qualification Round (Phase I)

Club 2.3.1 The teams participating in Qualification 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 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 a final result. There shall be a penalty shoot out to determine the result according World Aquatics Water Polo rules.

Club 2.3.5 Classification shall be according to Club 13.1 and 13.3.

Club 2.3.6 The teams ranked 1st in each group shall qualify for the Group Stage.
All the other teams shall qualify to the Qualification Round of the Euro Cup.

Club 2.4 Group Stage (Phase II)

Club 2.4.1 The Group Stage 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 2.3.6

Club 2.4.2 The teams shall be drawn into four (4) groups.

Club 2.4.3 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 2.3.6

Club 2.4.4 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 2.4.5 All matches shall be played to a final result. There shall be a penalty shoot out to determine the result according World Aquatics Water Polo rules.

Club 2.4.6 Classification shall be according to Club 13.1 and 13.3.

Club 2.4.7 The teams ranked 1st and 2nd from each group of this stage shall qualify for the Quarter Final Stage.
The teams ranked 3rd and 4th from each group of this stage shall qualify for the Eight Finals of Euro Cup.

Club 2.5 Quarter Final Stage (Phase III)

Club 2.5.1 The Quarter Final Stage shall be held with the **eight (8)** teams qualified according to Club 2.4.7;

Club 2.5.2 The teams shall be drawn into two (2) groups.

Club 2.5.3 The seeding shall be by draw according to the following system:
a) First batch: the teams ranked in the 1st position.
b) Second batch: the teams ranked in the 2nd position.
Note: The teams which qualified from the same group in the Group Stage cannot be in the same group in the Quarter Final Stage.

Club 2.5.4 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 2.5.5 All matches shall be played to a final result. There shall be a penalty shoot out to determine the result according World Aquatics Water Polo rules.

Club 2.5.6 Classification shall be according to Club 13.1 and 13.3.

Club 2.5.7 The teams ranked 1st and 2nd from each group of this stage shall qualify for the Final Four Final Stage.

Club 2.6 Final Four (Phase IV)

Club 2.6.1 The Final Four shall be held with the four (4) teams qualified according to Club 2.6.2, to be played on three days at one venue.

Club 2.6.2 On the 1st day the ranking matches shall be played.
The team ranked 1st in Group A of the Quarter Final Stage to play against the teams ranked 2nd in Group B (SF1)
The team ranked 1st in Group B of the Quarter Final Stage to play against the teams ranked 2nd in Group A (SF2)

Club 2.6.3 On the 2nd day the losers of the semi-final's matches shall play for the 3rd and 4th place as follows: LSF1 – LSF2

Club 2.6.4 On the 3rd day the winners of the semi-final's matches shall play for the 1st and 2nd place as follows: WSF1 – WSF2

Club 2.6.5 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: Group Stage.
- Phase III: Eight Finals;
- Phase IV: Quarter Finals;
- Phase V: Final Four;

Club 3.2 Participation

Participating teams are:

- a) Federations which are qualified in the position 1st and 12th in the ranking of Nations-Clubs Men, may submit entries for the three (3) best ranked teams but not qualified to the Champions League, to be entered by the Federations which shall play in the Qualification Round (Phase I)
- b) The teams qualified from Qualification Round of the Champions League which shall play in the Qualification Round (Phase I).
- b) The eight teams qualified from Champions League (see Club 2.4.7) which are directly qualified for the Eight final round (Phase III).

Club 3.3 Qualification Round (Phase I)

- Club 3.3.1 The teams participating in Qualification Round shall be drawn into eight (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 3.3.2 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 a final result. There shall be a penalty shoot out to determine the result according World Aquatics Water Polo rules.
- Club 3.3.5 Classification shall be according to Club 13.1 and 13.3.
- Club 3.3.6 The teams ranked 1st and 2nd from each group of this stage shall qualify for the Group Stage.

Club 3.4 Group Stage (Phase II)

- Club 3.4.1 The Group Stage shall be held with **sixteen (16)** teams, ranked in the 1st and 2nd position from the Qualification Round of Euro Cup according to Club 3.3.6.
- Club 3.4.2 The teams shall be drawn into four (4) groups.
- Club 3.4.3 The seeding shall be by draw according to the following system:
First batch: teams ranked 1st in each group of Qualification Round.
Second batch: teams ranked 2nd in each group of Qualification Round.
Note: The teams which qualified from the same group in the Qualification Round cannot be in the same group in the Group Stage.
- Club 3.4.4 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 3.4.5 All matches shall be played to a final result. There shall be a penalty shoot out to determine the result according World Aquatics Water Polo rules.
- Club 3.4.6 Classification shall be according to Club 13.1 and 13.3.
- Club 3.4.7 The teams ranked 1st and 2nd from each group of this stage shall qualify for the Eight Final.

Club 3.5 Eight Finals (Phase III)

- Club 3.5.1 The eight (8) teams from Group Stage of the Euro Cup according to Club 3.4.7.

The eight (8) teams from the Qualification Round of the Champions League according to Club 2.4.7.

The sixteen (16) teams shall play the Eight Finals on a home and away basis.

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

First batch: 4 teams ranked 3rd at the Group Stage of the Champions League.

Second batch: 4 teams ranked 4th at the Group Stage of the Champions League.

Third batch: 4 teams ranked 1st at the Group Stage of Euro Cup

Forth batch: 4 teams ranked 2nd at the Group Stage of Euro Cup

The teams from the 1st batch will play against the teams of the 4th batch.

The teams from the 2nd batch will play against the teams of the 3th batch.

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 13.2).

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

Club 3.6 Quarter Finals (Phase IV)

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.

Club 3.6.4 If, after the two matches, there is equality in the added scores, the second match shall be played to a final result (see Club 13.2).

Club 3.6.5 The four winning teams shall qualify for the Final Four.

Club 3.7 Final Four (Phase V)

Club 3.7.1 The Final Four shall be held with the four (4) teams qualified according to Club 3.6.5, to be played on two days at one venue.

Club 3.7.2 On the 1st day the semi-final matches shall be played.
The teams to play against each other shall be decided by draw.

Club 3.7.3 On the 2nd day the losers of the semi-final's matches shall play for the 3rd and 4th place as follows: LSF1 – LSF2
The winners of the semi-final's matches shall play for the 1st and 2nd place as follows: WSF1 – WSF2.

Club 3.7.4 The winning team shall be declared the LEN Euro Cup Men Winner». It shall be awarded a Trophy, engraved accordingly.

CLUB 4 LEN CHALLENGER CUP FOR MEN

Club 4.1 System of Competition

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

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

Club 4.2 Participation

Participating teams are:

Federations which are qualified in the position 13th and over in the ranking of Nations-Clubs Men, may submit entries for the four (4) best ranked teams.

Club 4.3 Qualification Round I (Phase I)

Club 4.3.1 The teams participating in Qualification Round I shall be drawn into groups, each to be held in a tournament at different venues.
If there are less than 20 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 a final result. There shall be a penalty shoot out to determine the result according World Aquatics Water Polo rules.

Club 4.3.5 Classification shall be according to Club 13.1 and 13.3.

Club 4.3.6 The best 16 teams ranked shall qualify for the Qualification Round II.

Club 4.4 Qualification Round II (Phase II)

Club 4.4.1 The best 16 teams ranked in Qualification Round I.
According to Club 4.3.6, 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 4.4.2 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 as well as the teams coming from the same group of Qualification Round I cannot be in the same group in Qualification Round II.

Club 4.4.3 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 4.4.4 All matches shall be played to a final result. There shall be a penalty shoot out to determine the result according World Aquatics Water Polo rules.

Club 4.4.5 Classification shall be according to Club 13.1 and 13.3.

Club 4.4.6 The teams ranked 1st and 2nd in each group shall qualify for the Quarter Finals.

Club 4.5 Quarter Finals (Phase III)

Club 4.5.1 The eight (8) teams qualified according to Club 4.4.6. shall play the Quarter 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 as follows:
First batch: Teams ranked 1st in Qualification Round II.
Second batch: Teams ranked 2nd in Qualification Round II.
Teams from the First batch will play against teams from the Second batch under condition that teams qualified from the same Group of Qualification Round II cannot play against each other.

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 13.2).

Club 4.5.4 The four winning teams shall qualify for the Semi Finals.

Club 4.6 Semi Finals (Phase IV)

Club 4.6.1 The four (4) teams qualified according to Club 4.5.4 shall play the Semi Finals on a home and away basis.

Club 4.6.2 The teams to play against each other and the teams to play first at home shall be decided by draw.

Club 4.6.3 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 13.2).

Club 4.6.4 The winners of the Semi Finals shall qualify for the Final.

Club 4.7 Final (Phase V)

Club 4.7.1 The Final shall be played on a home and away basis.

Club 4.7.2 The team to play first at home shall be decided by draw.

Club 4.7.3 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 13.2).

Club 4.7.4 The winning team shall be awarded a Trophy, engraved «LEN Challenger Cup Men Winner».

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 13.2).

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 three (3) phases:

- Phase I: Qualification Round I;
- Phase II: Group Stage;
- Phase III: Final Four;

Club 6.2 Participation

Club 6.2.1 Federations which are qualified in the position 1st and 6th in the ranking of Nations-Clubs Women, may submit entries for five (5) according to the ranking of the national competition.

Federations which are qualified in the position 7th and over in the ranking of Nations-Clubs, may submit entries for the team having finished 1st in the National Championships. This team can refuse to participate in Champions League in favour of Challenger Cup.

LEN Office will officially announce the ranking of the Nations – Clubs latest 7 days after the last game of the European Club Competition in a season.

Club 6.2.2 Directly qualified for the Group Stage are the team having finished 1st in the National Championships from the countries ranked 1st to 4th in the women's Nations/clubs ranking.

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 to a final result. There shall be a penalty shoot out to determine the result according World Aquatics Water Polo rules.

Club 6.3.5 Classification shall be according to Club 13.1 and 13.3.

Club 6.3.6 a) The teams ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd each group shall qualify for the Group Stage of Champions League
b) The teams ranked 4th and 5th in each group shall qualify for the Qualification Round of Euro Cup.

Club 6.4 Group Stage (Phase II)

Club 6.4.1 The Group Stage shall be held with **sixteen (16)** teams:

- a) The four (4) teams directly qualified according to Club 6.2.2;
- b) The twelve (12) teams qualified according to Club 6.3.6

Club 6.4.2 The teams shall be drawn into four (4) groups.

Club 6.4.3 The seeding shall be by draw according to the following system:

- a) First batch: the 4 teams according to Club 6.2.2
- b) Second batch: the 4 teams ranked in the 1st position according to Club 6.3.6
- c) Third batch: the 4 teams ranked in the 2nd position according to Club 6.3.6

d) Fourth batch: the 4 teams ranked in the 3rd position according to Club 6.3.6

Note: Teams qualified from the same group of Qualification Round I cannot play in the same group in the Group Stage.

Club 6.4.4 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 6.4.5 All matches shall be played to a final result. There shall be a penalty shoot out to determine the result according World Aquatics Water Polo rules.

Club 6.4.6 Classification shall be according to Club 13.1 and 13.3.

Club 6.4.7 The teams ranked 1st from each group of this stage shall qualify for the Final Four.

Club 6.5 Final Four (Phase III)

Club 6.5.1 The Champions League final four shall be held with the four (4) teams qualified according to Club 6.4.7 to be played on two days in one venue.

Club 6.5.2 On the 1st 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 6.5.3 On the 2nd day the losers of the semi-finals shall play for the third place as follows:
LSF1 – LSF2
The winners will play for the first place as follows:
WSF1 – WSF2

Club 6.5.4 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 two (2) phases:

- Phase I: Group Stage;
- Phase II: Final Four;

Club 7.2 Participation

All clubs qualified from the Champions League Women Qualification Round, (see 6.3.6)

Club 7.3 Group Stage (Phase I)

Club 7.3.1 The Group Stage shall be held with **eight (8)** teams from Champions League Qualification Round I according to Club 6.3.6:

Club 7.3.2 The teams shall be drawn into two (2) groups.

Club 7.3.3 The seeding shall be by draw according to the following system:

a) First batch: the 4 teams ranked in the 4th position according Club 6.3.6

b) Second batch: the 4 teams ranked in the 5th position according to Club 6.3.6

Note: Teams qualified from the same group of Champions League Women Qualification Round I cannot play in the same group in the Group Stage.

Club 7.3.4 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 7.3.5 All matches shall be played to a final result. There shall be a penalty shoot out to determine the result according World Aquatics Water Polo rules.

Club 7.3.6 Classification shall be according to Club 13.1 and 13.3.

Club 7.3.7 The teams ranked 1st and 2nd from each group of this stage shall qualify for the Final Four.

Club 7.4 Final Four (Phase II)

Club 7.4.1 The Champions League final four shall be held with the four (4) teams qualified according to Club 7.3.7 to be played on two days in one venue.

Club 7.4.2 On the 1st 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 7.4.3 On the 2nd day the losers of the semi-finals shall play for the third place as follows:

LSF1 – LSF2

The winners will play for the first place as follows:

WSF1 – WSF2

Club 7.4.4 The winning team of the Champions League Final Four shall be declared «LEN Euro Cup Women Winner».

It shall be awarded a Trophy engraved accordingly.

CLUB 8 LEN CHALLENGER CUP FOR WOMEN

Club 8.1 System of Competition

The Event shall be held in two (2) phases:

- Phase I: Qualification Round I;
- Phase II: Finals.

Club 8.2 Participation

Participating teams are:

Federations which are qualified in the position 7th and over in the ranking of Nations-Clubs Women, may submit entries for the four (4) best ranked teams.

Club 8.3 Qualification Round (Phase I)

Club 8.3.1 The teams participating in Qualification Round I shall be drawn into groups, each to be held in a tournament at different venues.

If there are less than 3 teams, the LEN TWPC may change this system.

Club 8.3.2 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 8.3.3 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 8.3.4 All matches shall be played to a final result. There shall be a penalty shoot out to determine the result according World Aquatics Water Polo rules.

Club 8.3.5 Classification shall be according to Club 13.1 and 13.3.

Club 8.3.6 The best 2 teams ranked shall qualify for the Finals.

Club 8.4 Final (Phase II)

Club 8.4.1 The Final shall be played on a home and away basis.

Club 8.4.2 The team to play first at home shall be decided by draw.

Club 8.4.3 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 13.2).

Club 8.4.4 The winning team shall be awarded a Trophy, engraved «LEN Challenger Cup Women Winner».

CLUB 9 LEN EUROPEAN SUPER CUP FOR WATER POLO WOMEN

Club 9.1 Participation

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

Club 9.2 System of Competition

The match shall be played to a final result (see Club 13.2).

Club 9.3 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 10 ENTRIES

Club 10.1 Preliminary Entries

Club 10.1.1 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 10.1.2 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 10.2 Entry Fee

Club 10.2.1 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 10.2.2 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 10.3 Named Entries

Club 10.3.1 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 until the 1st January every year.
On period 1st January – 30th January every year, each team participating in the European Club Competitions may add two (2) players at the Players list.
Those players may be added at the Players list in accordance with LEN ITC Regulations.
Those two players may be even previously listed on the Players list of other teams participating at the European Club Competitions or any other team.

Consequently, each team participating in the European Club Competitions may release non limited number of the players, in accordance with LEN ITC Regulations, on period 1st – 30th January every year.

After submission of the Players list on 30th January, additional changes are not permitted.

Club 10.3.2 Players entered shall be affiliated to the Club they are represented thus eligible to play in International and National competitions, if National regulations allowed, when named entries are submitted.

Such players shall be allowed to play for another club in any National or European Club Competition in accordance with Club 10.3.1.

Club 10.3.3 At the Technical Meeting before the first match in the phase of the LEN Club Competitions to be played in a tournament, **fifteen (15)** players of those listed on the official form shall be nominated for participation in the competition, as well as five (5) team officials.

At the Technical Meeting before the first match in the phase of the LEN Club Competitions 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 enter the game shall consist of eleven field players and two goalkeepers.

Club 10.3.4 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 redcap numbered 13. A player shall not be allowed to change his cap number for the duration of each stage of the competition.

Club 10.3.5 The names of the 13 players and the names of the coach and team officials shall be submitted to the LEN Technical Delegate no later than hour before the match.

A player suspended for one or more matches can be substituted.

Club 10.3.6 The LEN Technical Delegate shall check the players and team officials personal identification documents and ensure that the names of the players are in accordance with the list of entered players.

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

CLUB 11 OBLIGATIONS OF ORGANISERS

Club 11 .1 Pool Requirements

Club 11.1.1 All matches shall be played in indoor pools between 1st October and 30th April of the season. Exceptions may be approved by the LEN TWPC for the time before and after this period.

Club 11.1.2 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 World Aquatics Water Polo rules

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 World Aquatics Water Polo Rules
- (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 11.1.3 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 11.2 Competence for Appointments

Club 11.2.1 The organisers of all matches with the exception of the «Final Four» shall be appointed by the LEN TWPC with the approval of the LEN Bureau Executive.

Club 11.2.2 If the number of applicants to organise a round is less than required, the organisers shall be drawn from the participating teams.

CLUB 12 REFEREES

Club 12.1 In all stages of the LEN Club Competitions from the Qualification Round to the Finals referees shall be appointed by the LEN TWPC.

Club 12.2 The LEN Technical Delegate shall nominate for each match the referees and the other officials.

Club 12.3 Referees may be evaluated.

CLUB 13 CLASSIFICATION

Club 13 .1 Scores and Points

Club 13.1.1 Each game must have a winner (except where otherwise stated in the regulations). If a game ends with a tie in regular time, the teams must go into a penalty shoot-out according to the World Aquatics Rules.

The matches shall be scored as follows:

- a) win in regular time = 3 points
- b) win after penalty shootout = 2 points
- c) loss after penalty shootout = 1 point
- d) loss in regular = 0 points

Club 13.1.2 The final classification within a group shall be established according to the points gained by each team in all matches of its group.

Club 13.1.3 For each match in which a team is disqualified a goal score of 10:0 shall be awarded to the opposing team.

Club 13.2 Matches to be played to a final result

Club 13.2.1 All matches shall be played to a final result. There shall be a penalty shoot out to determine the result according World Aquatics rules

Club 13 .3 Equality of Points

Club 13.3.1 If two (2) teams shall have equal points, further classification shall be established as follows:

- a) The team winning the game(s) between them (including penalty shoot-out if any) shall be placed higher.
- b) 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.
- c) If there is still equality the classification shall be established according upon goals scored among tied teams.
- d) If still tied, the games played against the highest placed team (or teams, if tied, the team or teams not involved in the tie) shall be considered.
- e) The first comparison shall be based on points, if still tied on goal difference, and if still tied, then based on goals scored.

- f) If still tied, the results against the next highest placed team (or teams, if tied) shall be used in succession until all results have been considered.
- g) If still tied, and there is no practical manner to determine the ranking, the final classification between the teams in the tie shall be decided by coin-toss.

If there is more than one tie in a group, the highest placed tie shall be determined first. For the purpose of calculating either goal difference or goals scored, the goals in any penalty shoot-out will not be taken into consideration

Club 13.3.2 If three (3) or more teams shall have equal points, further classification shall be established as follows:

- The results among the tied teams shall determine which team is placed highest.
- If, at any time during the application of the procedure, the number of tied teams is reduced to two (2), then the above procedure (5.3.1, tie between two teams) shall be used to determine which of the two (2) remaining teams is placed higher.

The comparison shall be made:

- a) first, upon the points of the games among the tied teams.
- b) second, the goal difference (excluding the goals from penalty shootout) among the tied teams,
- c) third, based upon goals scored among tied teams.
- d) If still tied, the games played against the highest placed team (or teams, if tied, the team or teams not involved in the tie) shall be considered.
- e) The first comparison shall be based on goal difference, and if still tied, then based on goals scored.
- f) If still tied, the results against the next highest placed team (or teams, if tied) shall be used in succession until all results have been considered.
- g) If still tied, and there is no practical manner to determine the ranking, the final classification between the teams in the tie shall be decided by coin-toss.

If there is more than one tie in a group, the highest placed tie shall be determined first. For the purpose of calculating either goal difference or goals scored, the goals in any penalty shoot-out will not be taken into consideration

Club 13 .4 Exclusion and Suspension of Teams

Club 13.4.1 The LEN Code of Discipline shall apply.

Club 13.4.2 LEN Delegate(s) may exclude a team not complying with the Rules, the Regulations and/or the instructions issued to all participating teams or forfeiting a match. All results achieved by the excluded team in that stage of the Competition shall be expunged.

Club 13.4.3 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.

CLUB 14 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Club 14.1 Each Federation entering a club shall be responsible that the club is fulfilling any financial obligations in connection with the Cup Competitions.

Club 14.2 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 internet lines for them.

Club 14.3 Expenses for accommodation, travel and per diem 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».