

EUROPEAN AQUATICS MASTERS WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS

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In addition to European Aquatics General Event Rules the following

REGULATIONS shall apply:

MA-WP

WATER POLO

MA-WP 1

ORGANISATION

MA-WP 1.1

The Championships shall be held every second year when World Masters Championship are not organized.

MA-WP 1.2

The organising Federation and the place where the Championship shall be held shall be decided by the European Aquatics Bureau and circulated by the European Aquatics Office.

MA-WP 1.3

The European Aquatics Bureau Delegate and the European Aquatics Masters Committee shall be responsible for and supervise the organisation of the event and the correct conduct of the competition to European Aquatics Rules and Regulation.

For the Championship there will be appointed:

- a) by the European Aquatics Bureau at least one (1) European Aquatics Bureau Delegate;
- b) by the European Aquatics Masters Committee at least three (3) Technical Delegates and/or if needed;
- c) by the European Aquatics Technical Water Polo Committee if decided by the European Aquatics Bureau.

The European Aquatics Bureau Delegate and the Technical Delegates shall be responsible for and supervise the correct conduct of the competitions according to European Aquatics Rules and Regulations. The Delegates along with the chairman of the European Aquatics Masters Committee 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 1.5

The European Aquatics logo and the Championship logo are registered trade-marks and may not be used by clubs or their competitors.

MA-WP 2

EVENTS AND PARTICIPATION

MA-WP 2.1.

Events are:

- a) Men club teams;
- b) Women club teams.

Women may be members of men's teams.

MA-WP 2.2

Age groups are:

- a) 30 years and older for women
 - The Championship in this group will be held when there are three (3) or more teams entered.
- b) 35 years and older for men and women
- c) 40 years and older for men and women
- d) 45 years and older for men and women
- e) 50 years and older for men

- f) 55 years and older for men
- g) 60 years and older for men
- h) 65 years and older for men
- i) 70 years and over for men
 - For competition described in points b to i, only if there are three (3) or more teams entered into this group. Otherwise these teams will play in the next youngest age group

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 age group and 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 European Aquatics. Each competing team may register a maximum of four (4) players without European nationality. Any Water Polo Competitor must have been under the jurisdiction of the European club for at least six (6) months prior to the competition.

MA-WP 3 ENTRIES

MA-WP 3.1 Preliminary Entries shall be sent to the organising Federation with a copy to the European Aquatics Office. European Aquatics General Event Rule E 16.4 will apply.

"In Water Polo a withdrawal may be made before the draw.

A Federation withdrawing a Water Polo National team after the draw shall be fined fifteen thousand (15.000) EURO payable to European Aquatics.

A Club withdrawing a Water Polo team after the draw shall be fined:

- a) at the European Water Polo Cups for Club teams: seven thousand and five hundred (7.500) EURO;
- b) at the European Masters Water Polo Championships: one thousand and four hundred (1.400) EURO.

All fines are payable to European Aquatics"

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 European Aquatics 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 European Aquatics 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 European Aquatics 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 European Aquatics 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 European Aquatics Masters Committee and circulated by the European Aquatics Office.

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

MA-WP 6 **ACCREDITATION**

MA-WP 6.1 The player may collect his/her Accreditation Card with a photo two (2) days prior to the Championship at the Accreditation Centre. The accreditation card for a player shall bear his/her photo with full front view of face (passport standard form)

MA-WP 6.2 Accreditation shall be issued for:

- a) all players and approved officials of the club
- b) maximum of three (3) team staff members
- c) any President of a Member Federation or a Federation registered by European Aquatics
- d) all persons nominated by European Aquatics
- e) all persons involved in the organisation of the Championships

No other person shall receive an accreditation.

MA-WP 6.3 The Organising Committee shall check name, age, and entries before handing out the accreditation card.

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 no later than one day and not more than two days prior to the start of the Championships. The European Aquatics 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 European Aquatics. 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.

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 World Aquatics time standards shall apply except that the duration of the matches shall be four periods of six minutes each of actual play for all age groups. The time of possession of the ball for all age groups shall be 35 seconds and exclusion time should be 20 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 European Aquatics Masters Committee. 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 World Aquatics Rules.

MA-WP 10 EXCLUSION AND SUSPENSION OF PLAYERS AND TEAMS

MA-WP 10.1 The European Aquatics 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 European Aquatics 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 1st, 2nd and 3rd 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 1st to 8th 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 World Aquatics and European Aquatics 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 European Aquatics Office no later than the date circulated by the European Aquatics 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 European Aquatics Masters Committee.

MA-WP 12.4 For each match the European Aquatics Masters Committee shall nominate the Technical Delegate in charge and the referees.

MA-WP 12.5 Acting referees may be evaluated.