

APPENDIX 2.1

1st FINA World Women's U16 Water Polo Championships 2022

COMPETITION FORMAT - (13 teams) / V04

1. INTRODUCTION

- This document describes the competition format of the 1st FINA World Women's U16 Water Polo Championships to be held in the city of Larissa, Greece from the 21st to 27th of August 2022
- The tournament takes place over 7 days in one competition field. (Outdoor 50m Municipal Pool of Nea Politeia, Larisa)
- The tournament consists of Preliminary Rounds 1 and 2 as well as the Classification Rounds.
- At the end of Preliminary Round 2 the teams will proceed according to their ranking, to the Classification Rounds and compete either in the Platinum Round (teams 1-4), the Gold Round (teams 5 to 8) or the Silver Round (teams 9 to 13)
- A Cup and medals will be awarded to the three winning teams for each of the Platinum, Gold and Silver Rounds.
- The competition field is 25,00 X 20,00 m, the game duration 4 periods of 6 min. and the ball will be MIKASA Nr.4
- All other FINA rules apply.

2. PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

2.1 PRELIMINARY ROUND 1

- In Preliminary Round 1, following a draw procedure, the 13 participating teams will be divided, into Group A, Group B, Group C, and Group D.
- All teams per Group play in a single robin round system (all against each other).

	GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D
1	A1	B1	C1	D1
2	A2	B2	C2	D2
3	A3	B3	C3	D3
4	A4			

2.2 PRELIMINARY ROUND 2

- In Preliminary Round 2, the teams, according to their ranking in Round 1, will form four new Groups (Group E, Group F, Group G and Group H) as per the table below.
- All teams will carry the points they have earned in Round 1 and they will play against each other.

	GROUP E	GROUP F	GROUP G	GROUP H
1	1A	1B	1C	1D
2	2B	2C	2D	2A
3	3C	3D	3A	3B
4		4A		

3. CLASSIFICATION ROUNDS (PLATINUM – GOLD – SILVER)

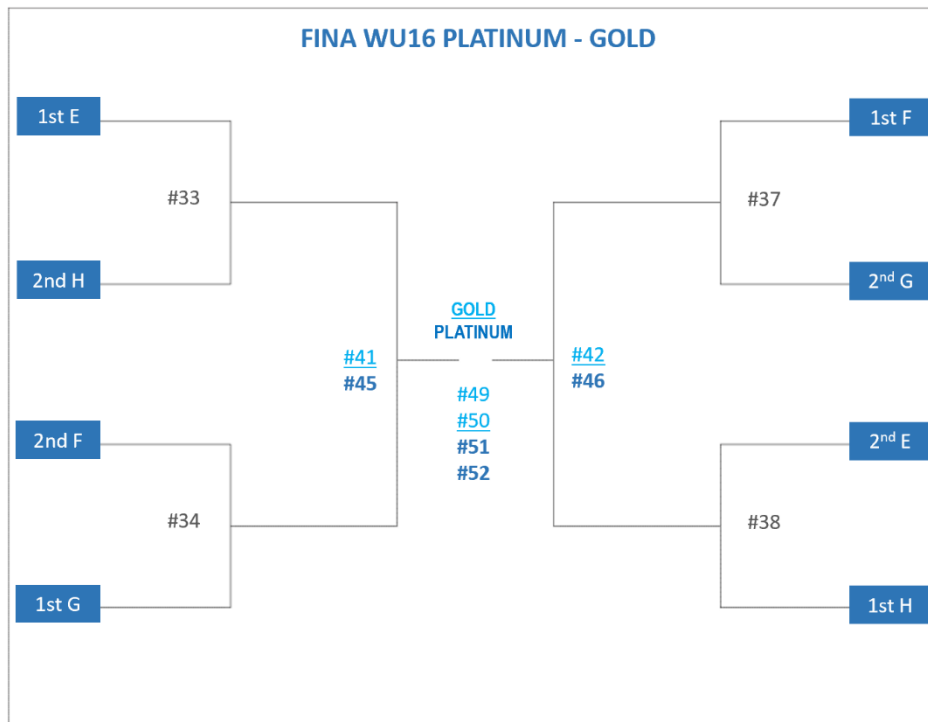
- At the end of Preliminary Round 2, the teams will proceed to the Classification Rounds as follows:
- The teams ranked 1st and 2nd per group will proceed to the **Platinum / Gold Rounds** (8 participants).
- The teams ranked 3rd and 4th per group will proceed to the **Silver Round** (5) participants.

	GROUP E	GROUP F	GROUP G	GROUP H
1	1E	1F	1G	1H
2	2E	2F	2G	2H
3	3E	3F	3G	3H
4		4F		

3.1 QUARTER-FINALS of PLATINUM – GOLD ROUNDS

The teams classified 1st and 2nd in the preliminary round 2 form pairs as follows:

- 1st Group E – 2nd Group H (Match #33)
- 2nd Group F – 1st Group G (Match #34)
- 1st Group F – 2nd Group G (Match #37)
- 2nd Group E – 1st Group H (Match #38)



3.2 PLATINUM ROUND

3.2.1 PLATINUM ROUND SEMI-FINALS

The winners of the Quarter-Finals proceed to the Semi-Finals of the Platinum Round for places 1st to 4th as follows:

- Match Winner #33 - Match Winner #34 (Match #45)
- Match Winner #37 - Match Winner #38 (Match #46)

3.2.2 PLATINUM ROUND FINALS

The losers of the Semi-Finals proceed to the Finals of the Platinum Round for places 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th as follows:

- Match Loser #45 - Match Loser #46 (Match #51) (places 3rd and 4th)
- Match Winner #45 - Match Winner #46 (Match #52) (places 1st and 2nd)

3.3 GOLD ROUND

3.3.1 GOLD ROUND SEMI-FINALS

The losers of the Quarter-Finals proceed to the Semi-Finals of the Gold Round for the places 1st to 4th:

- Match Loser #33 - Match Loser #34 (Match #41)
- Match Loser #37 - Match Loser #38 (Match #42)

3.3.2 GOLD ROUND ROUND FINALS

The losers and winners of the Quarter-Finals proceed to the Finals of the Gold Round for places 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th as follows:

- Match Loser #41 - Match Loser #42 (Match #49) (places 3rd and 4th)
- Match Winner #41 - Match Winner #42 (Match #50) (places 1st and 2nd)

3.4 SILVER ROUND

At the end of Preliminary Round 2, the teams ranked 3rd and 4th per group will proceed to the **Silver Round**.

The teams in the Silver Round will play in a single round-robin round (all against each other) and will be ranked from the 1st to 5th places.