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1. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

World Aquatics Festival 2023

It is with great pleasure that I get to welcome the world's best artistic swimmers, open water swimmers, beach water polo players and their respective National Federations to the Egypt Aquatics Festival.

Taking place at the breath-taking Somabay beach resort on Egypt's Red Sea coast from 8-15 May 2023, this multi-aquatic event is set to elevate our events and profile of our athletes to new heights and follows in the success of our inaugural Aquatics Festival that ran in parallel with the World Swimming Championships (25m) in 2021.



The Egypt Aquatics Festival gets underway with the opening event of the World Aquatics Open Water Swimming World Cup 2023 season from 8-9 May, as the open water swimming elite compete in the men's and women's 10km individual and 4x1500m relay events. Reserved for the best open water swimmers in the world, this prestigious event series will see more than 300 athletes from over 50 countries compete in one of our most demanding and exciting competitions.

With beach water polo making its debut at the ANOC World Beach Games Bali 2023 later this year, the Egypt Aquatics Festival is the final tournament for men's and women's national teams to qualify for the multi-sport event. In Somabay, the top three teams from both the men's and women's beach water polo tournaments will earn the final spots for Bali 2023 event, which runs from 5-12 August 2023.

Completing the elite competitions at the Egypt Aquatics Festival will be the third stop of the World Aquatics Artistic Swimming World Cup 2023 which will run alongside the beach water polo tournament from 13-15 May. I am sure our Somabay hosts will provide athletes and spectators with great entertainment and hospitality.

I would like to thank the Egyptian Swimming Federation and Somabay who, along with the support of the Local Organising Committee, local authorities, volunteers, international media, and sponsors, have made this event a reality. I am sure that Egypt Aquatics Festival will represent another milestone in our history of hosting world class events for our athletes. We are deeply grateful to all our hosts and know that aquatics athletes feel the same way.

To all the athletes competing, I wish you the best of luck!



Captain Husain Al-Musallam
World Aquatics President

2. INTRODUCTION

Somabay, Hurghada, Egypt

Somabay is a prime touristic destination in Egypt, ideally situated on the eastern shores of Egypt on the Red Sea coast just 20 minutes by car from Hurghada International Airport. The ten million square meters, self-contained community of Somabay is surrounded with three sides of the sea. The resort location exposes some of the most beautiful sandy beaches of the Red Sea and panoramic views of desert mountains, where sun-drenched activities take infinite elevating forms. Home to 5 luxury resort hotels and a significant portfolio of residential properties, Somabay has successfully developed a wide array of facilities and amenities, catering to different market needs and a range of target segments.



Weather Conditions

Somabay's Red Sea waters are home to pristine sandy beaches and refreshing crystal clear water.

Weather Temperature: May is considered a tropical month in Somabay with temperature within the range of an average low of 21°C (69.8°F) and an average high of 31°C (87.8°F).

Water Temperature: Average temperature in Red Sea in Somabay in May is 25.1°C. This temperature range is recognized as the most optimal for prolonged bathing. Minimum The water temperature in Somabay in May is 23.0°C, maximum 28.0°C. In recent years, at the beginning of the month, the temperature value here is at around 24°C, and by the end of the month the water warms up to 25.5°C.

Water Conditions: Due to the sunny, warm weather, water conditions during this period of the year are steady and clear with a low current.

3. EVENT CONTACTS

LOC: (accommodation, bookings, etc.) esf@esf-eg.org

WORLD AQUATICS Office, Artistic Swimming: angela.dubuis@worldaquatics.com

WORLD AQUATICS Office, Open Water Swimming: ignasi.vendrell@worldaquatics.com

WORLD AQUATICS Office, Beach Water Polo: gabor.karpati@worldaquatics.com

4. GENERAL COMPETITION PROGRAMME

OPEN WATER SWIMMING WORLD CUP

Official Arrival Date: from 5th of May 2023

Official Departure Date: 10th of May 2023

Location: Somabay Marina

Official Dates:

8th of May 2023

9th of May 2023

BEACH WATER POLO QUALIFIER

Official Arrival Date: from 9th of May 2023

Official Departure Date: 16th of May 2023

Location: Somabay Marina

Official Dates:

12th of May 2023

13th of May 2023

14th of May 2023

15th of May 2023

ARTISTIC SWIMMING WORLD CUP

Official Arrival Date: from 10th of May 2023

Official Departure Date: 16th of May 2023

Location: Senzo Mall Sporting Club, Official Olympic Pool

Official Dates:

13th of May 2023

14th of May 2023

15th of May 2023

TRAINING CAMPS

- Will be available prior to the tournament's official dates, starting 2nd of May 2023
- Participants will be accommodated at hotels, with the same rates as the Accommodation Package (see point 6)
- Reservations are on a "first come, first serve" and subject to availability at the time of booking & payment

INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRAINING FACILITIES AND OFFICIAL TRAINING SCHEDULES WILL FOLLOW SOON.

5. ENTRY PROCESS & PROTOCOL

Registration: All National Federation registrations and sport entries must be done through the World Aquatics General Management System (GMS) via <https://data.worldaquatics.com/> Each National Federation must complete their registrations before the designated deadlines.

Swimwear Protocol: Swimwear worn shall be according to World Aquatics Competition Regulations I.7

6. ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

SHERATON SOMABAY RESORT

A unique 5-star resort inspired by Luxor's Karnak Temple situated directly on 800 meters of beautiful beachfront. Its spacious rooms and suites are designed for a refreshing and relaxing stay. Sheraton Soma Bay, is the ideal getaway that offers a wide variety of water sport activities, including wind surfing, sailing, snorkeling, glass bottom boat trips and Soma Splash Aqua Park.

Check-in: 12:00pm
Check-out: 3:00pm

AMENITIES

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| • Parking | • Outdoor Swimming Pool |
| • Airport Pick Up Service | • Exclusive Beach |
| • Restaurant & Café | • Diving/Snorkeling |
| • Bar | • Business Center |
| • Meeting Room | • Internet Services |
| • Hot Spring | • Currency Exchange |
| • Fitness Room | • Luggage Storage |
| • Golf Course | • Wake Up Call |

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THE CASCADES GOLF RESORT SPA & THALASSO



The magnificent Cascades Resort is elevated on the highest point of the Somabay Peninsula with unparalleled panoramic views of the sea, desert mountains, and green golf course fairways. The hotel offers 159 comfortable and graciously appointed guest rooms and suites with private balconies overlooking the Cascades Golf Course with a euphoric magical Panoramic sea view.

Check-in: 12:00pm
Check-out: 3:00pm

AMENITIES

- Restaurant/ Bar
- Entertainment/ Activities
- Meeting Room
- Conference Facilities
- Laundry Service
- ATM on Site
- Parking
- Internet Services
- Spa
- Gym/Fitness Center
- Golf Course
- Heated Pool/ Saltwater Pool



ACCOMMODATION PACKAGE

- **Artistic Swimming** teams and **Beach Water Polo** teams will be accommodated at Sheraton Somabay Resort.

- **Open Water Swimming** teams will be accommodated at The Cascades Golf Resort.

- Rates:

Double Room Rate: **180 euro per person - per night**

Single room rate: **230 euro per person - per night**

- Reservations are on a "first come, first served" basis and subject to availability at the time of booking & payment

- All prices are per person, on a full board basis (3 meals included). Inclusive of VAT and applicable taxes.

- All extra charges are to be paid directly at the hotel.

- **FINAL BOOKING DEADLINE: 12th of April 2023.** In order to book your accommodation, please send the accommodation form completed at: esf@esf-eg.org

- Accommodation Forms:

A) Open Water Swimming: [Click here](#)

B) Artistic Swimming: [Click here](#)

C) Beach Water Polo: [Click here](#)

BANK DEATAILS

- Account Holder: Egyptian Swimming Federation
- Name Of Bank: Egyptian Gulf Bank "EGBANK"
- Bank Address: -Baghdad St. El Korba – Heliopolis – Cairo – Egypt
- SWIFT (BIC code): EGGBEGCAXXX
- IBAN Account Number: USD Egyptian Gulf Bank EG2400290009000000009601130002
- IBAN Account Number: EUR Egyptian Gulf Bank EG9400290009000000009601130003 (not including transaction fees)

7. MEDICAL SERVICES

Medical assistance will be provided on ground for the Health and Safety of everyone.

- Medical Center
- Pharmacy
- Ambulance
- Doctors/ Nurses
- Hurghada Nile Hospital



8. VISA INFORMATION & TRANSPORTATION

Visa Information

- Visa Deadline: ESF will provide participating federations with visa invitation letter to all National Federations registered by the **8th of April 2023**
- Nationals of the countries listed below may be issued with an e-Visa upon application on the Egypt e-Visa Portal <https://visa2egypt.gov.eg>

| | | | |
|-------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| • Albania | • Holy See | • Netherlands | • United Kingdom |
| • Australia | • Hungary | • New Zealand | (England, Northern |
| • Belgium | • Iceland | • Norway | Ireland, Scotland and |
| • Bulgaria | • Ireland | • Poland | Wales) |
| • Canada | • Italy | • Portugal | • United States of America |
| • Croatia | • Japan | • Romania | |
| • Cyprus | • Korea, Republic of | • Russian Federation | |
| • Czechia | • Latvia | • Serbia | |
| • Denmark | • Lithuania | • Slovakia | |
| • Estonia | • Luxembourg | • Slovenia | |
| • Finland | • Macedonia, the former | • Spain | |
| • France | Yugoslav Republic of | • Sweden | |
| • Germany | • Monaco | • Switzerland | |
| • Greece | • Montenegro | • Ukraine | |

- Below the list of countries/passport holders, non-visa required, and visa required:

| <u>NON REQUIRED</u> | <u>UPON-ARRIVAL</u> | <u>PRE-ARRIVAL</u> | |
|--|--|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kingdom Saudi Arabia • Kingdom Bahrain • Kingdom Jordan • Kuwait • Oman • Qatar • United Arab Emirates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia • Canada • Croatia • European Union • Georgia • Japan • Macedonia • New Zealand • Norway • Republic of Korea • Russian Federation • Serbia • Ukraine • United Kingdom • United States of America | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afghanistan • Algeria • Bosnia • Burundi • Chad • Congo • Cyprus • Eritrea • Ethiopia • Ghana • Iraq • Kosovo • Lebanon • Liberia • Libya • Mali | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mauritania • Moldova • Morocco • Niger • Nigeria • Pakistan • Palestine • Peoples Republic of China • Philippines • Rowanda • Sierra Leone • Somalia • Sudan • Syria • Thailand |
| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tunis • Turkey |

Transportation

- Pick-up and drop-off will be available from the airport to hotel. Cairo Airport transportation may be an option but this must be individually agreed and fixed with the organizing committee

- Artistic Swimming transportation will be available from Somabay to the Senzo Sporting Club (Official Court Location) for training days and the tournament official dates.

- All necessary transportation subject to the tournament and training schedule is provided free of charge

- Transportation not subject to the tournament and training schedule will be of extra charge

- Internal shuttles will be available for participants according to fleet schedules.

Hurghada International Airport Desk

- The distance between Hurghada Airport (HRG) and Somabay is approximately 42 km by transportation

- Our representatives will be available at the airport desk, with the event logo present, for any guidance and assistance needed.



9. DECLARATION FORMS

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve our services and streamline our operations, we have implemented a new system that will make it easier and more efficient for World Aquatics Members to submit Declaration Forms. The Declaration Forms have been revised and there is now one version for Athletes and Members. The revised Declaration Forms are also valid for the lifetime of the Athlete and Member with the possibility of withdrawal at any time.

As of the March 1st, 2023, Declaration Forms are to be submitted through the World Aquatics GMS. Please find the details of this updated process in the following pages.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we implement this important update. If you have any questions or concerns about the new process, please do not hesitate to contact gms@worldaquatics.com. We look forward to continuing to serve you.

1) Download Declaration Form

A blank PDF Declaration Form is available for download on the World Aquatics website. Declaration Forms with personal information pre-filled are available for download on the GMS through the following options:

1.1 Download Declaration Form button - A Download Declaration Form button is located on the General tab of an Athlete/Member's profile under the Declaration Form section. By clicking this, a single Declaration Form with that Athlete/Member's personal information completed will be downloaded.

1.2 Reports - Under the Reports drop down menu found in both the People and Nomination modules, the option to Download Declaration Forms is available. It is important to note that using this option will download Declaration Forms only for Athlete/Members who have not uploaded a Declaration Form to their profile (see point three below). This option will download Declaration Forms for Athlete/Members within the context of the filters applied at the time of selection. There is a limit of 100 Declaration Forms that can be downloaded at a single time through the Reports function.

2) Sign Declaration Form

If the Athlete/Member agrees to the terms and conditions set forth in the Declaration Form, the Athlete/Member should then sign and date the Athlete/Member Stakeholder section.

If an Athlete/Member is of minority age, an additional signature from their parent/legal guardian is required.

3) Upload Declaration Form

The duly signed Declaration Form should be uploaded in the Athlete/Member's GMS profile. Signed Declaration Forms can be uploaded by dragging-and-dropping a file to the upload box or by clicking on the upload box itself to select a file.

Files are accepted in JPG, PNG, and PDF formats.

4) Check status of Declaration Form

4.1 Filter - Using the <Declaration Form> filter found at the top of the People and Nomination modules, it will be possible to filter by Athlete/Members with locked (approved by World Aquatics), unlocked (submitted) or missing Declaration Forms.

4.2 Reports - In the Registration Summary by event (Complete Report) excel report In the Nominations module, the Declaration Form column will Indicate whether an individual has an approved Declaration Form or not.

Important points to note:

- An approved Declaration Form is valid for the lifetime of the Athlete/Member with the possibility of withdrawal at any time. If you wish to withdraw, please contact gms@worldaquatics.com.
- A signed Declaration Form is to be uploaded to the GMS and approved by World Aquatics prior to collection of accreditation badges. Without a signed Declaration Form, accreditation will not be provided and participation at the World Aquatics events will not be allowed.
- There Is one version of the Declaration Form for Athletes/Members.

A. OPEN WATER SWIMMING WORLD CUP

A - CALENDAR

| LEG | DATE | LOCATION |
|-----|--------------|--------------------|
| #1 | MAY 08-09 | HURGHADA (EGY) |
| #2 | MAY 20-21 | GOLFO ARANCI (ITA) |
| #3 | MAY 27-28 | SETUBAL (POR) |
| #4 | AUGUST 5-6 | PARIS (FRA) |
| #5 | DECEMBER 1-2 | EILAT (ISR) |

B - EVENT KEY DATES & DEADLINES

| | |
|----------|--|
| 24 April | REGISTRATION DEADLINE – Final Nomination and Travel Details |
| 24 April | SPORT ENTRIES DEADLINE (Same as Registration deadline) |
| 5-7 May | OFFICIAL TRAINING |
| 7 May | TEAM LEADERS MEETING MEETING 17.00h - Cascades Golf Resort Meeting Room |
| 8 May | <u>COMPETITION</u> 10km Men - 9.00h 10km Women - 12.00h |
| 9 May | <u>COMPETITION</u> – 4X1500m Mixed Relay - 10.00h |

C – LOC CONTACTS (OWS)

- Ezz Nour Head of Organizing Committee: ezznour@reptile-eg.com
- Karim Abdel Razek Tournaments Manager: Karim.abdelrazek@reptile-eg.com
- Mohamed Tahoun Head of Operations: tahoun@reptile-eg.com

D- VENUE & COURSE INFORMATION

The **10k** Competition will be organized on a **2000m** course, swimmers must complete **5 laps**.
For the **6k** Mixed Team Relay, same shape, but only **1500m** course.

Distances between buoys::

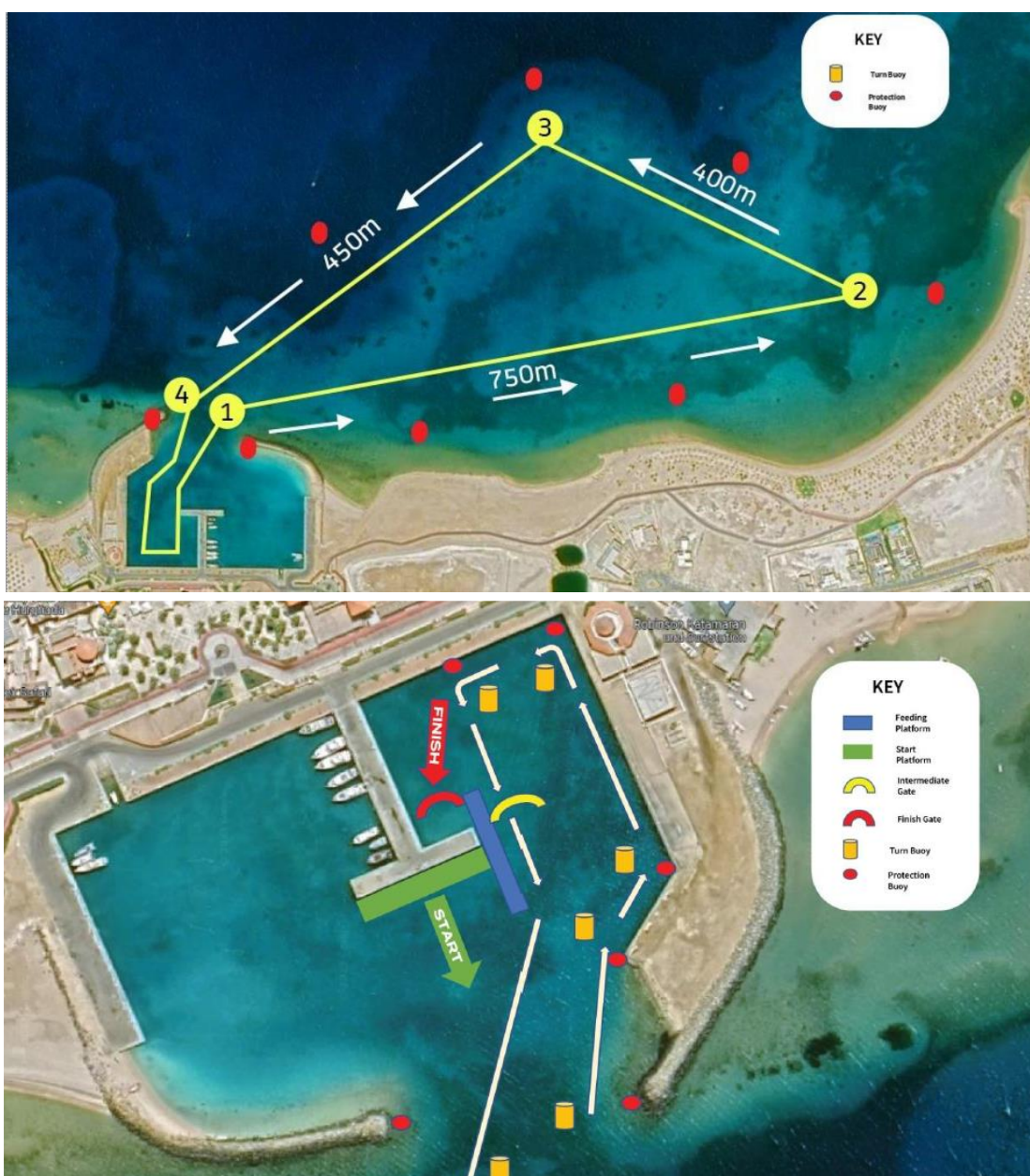
1-2: 750m

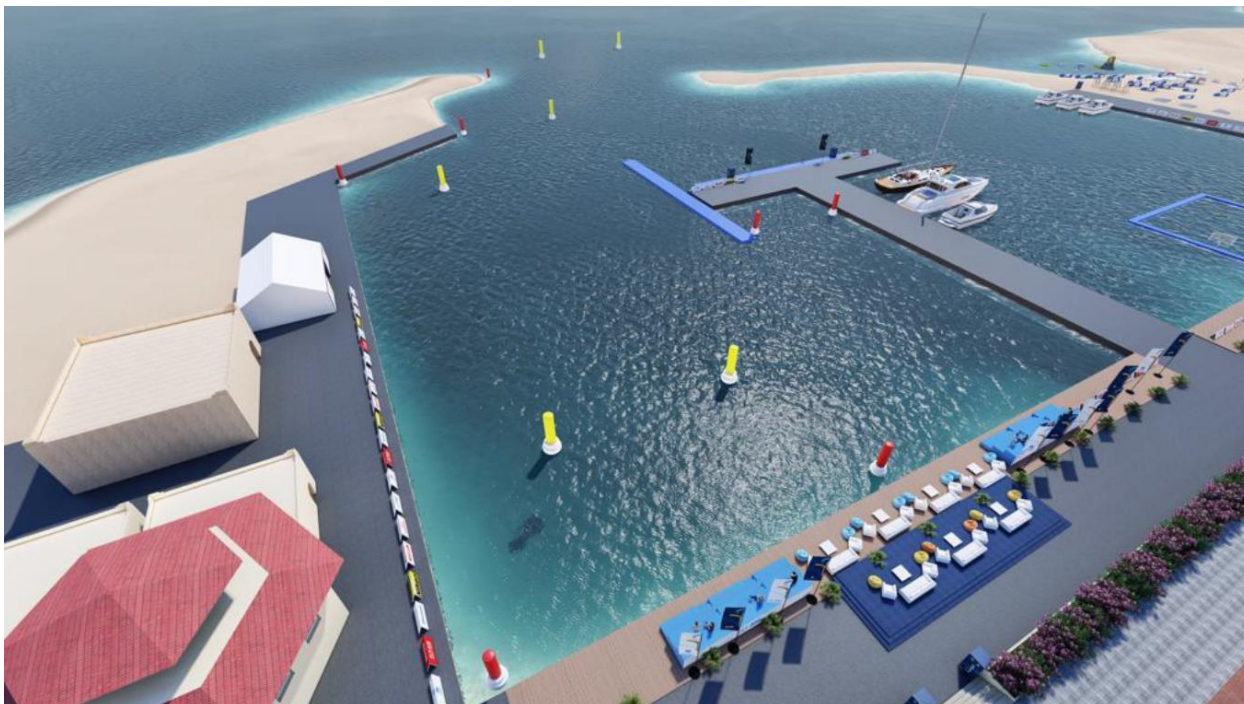
2-3: 400m

3-4: 450m

4-1: 400m

Sprint Laps: Laps considered for the Sprint Ranking will be laps 1, 3 and 4





D – TRAINING & COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Training Schedule (5-7 May)

08.00h-12.00h - Pool and competition venue.

14.00h-18.00h - Pool and competition venue.

- Training at the pool will take place at the Senzo Sporting Club pool (30min drive from the hotel)
- Transportation shuttles will be organised by the LOC according to the schedules above.



Competition Schedule

10km - 8 May 2023

| Time | Description | Location |
|-------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 07.00 | MEN Athletes Arrival -warm-up | Competition Venue |
| 07.30 | Water Temperature Check | Pontoon |
| 07.10-8.00 | MEN's Registration | Registration Area |
| 08.30 | MEN Athletes to Last Call Room | Last Call Room |
| 08.40 | MEN - Last Briefing | Last Call Room |
| 08.50 | MEN Athletes Presentation | Starting Pontoon |
| 09.00 | MEN's 10km START | Starting Pontoon |
| 10.00 | WOMEN Athletes Arrival - warm-up | Competition Venue |
| 10.10-11.00 | WOMEN's Registration | Registration Area |
| 10.50-11.10 | Estimated MEN Arrivals | Finish Area |
| 11.20 | Estimated MEN Race Closing | Finish Area |
| 11.30 | WOMEN Athletes to Last Call Room | Last Call Room |
| 11.40 | WOMEN - Last Briefing | Last Call Room |
| 11.50 | WOMEN - Athletes Presentation | Starting Pontoon |
| 12.00 | WOMEN's 10km START | Starting Pontoon |
| 13.50-14.20 | Estimated WOMEN Arrivals | Finish Area |
| 14.20 | Estimated WOMEN Race Closing | Finish Area |
| 14.45 | Award Ceremonies (Men & Women) | Award Ceremonies Area |
| 15.00 | Officials Briefing | World Aquatics Office |

4x1500m Mixed Relay - 9 May 2023

| Time | Description | Location |
|-------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 08.00 | Athletes Arrival -warm-up | Competition Venue |
| 08.30 | Water Temperature Check | Pontoon |
| 08.10-9.00 | Athletes' Registration | Registration Area |
| 09.30 | Athletes to Last Call Room | Last Call Room |
| 09.40 | Last Briefing | Last Call Room |
| 09.50 | Teams Presentation | Starting Pontoon |
| 10.00 | 4x1500m Mixed Relay START | Starting Pontoon |
| 11.10-11.20 | Estimated Arrivals | Finish Area |
| 11.20 | Estimated Race Closing | Finish Area |
| 11.45 | Award Ceremonies | Award Ceremonies Area |

E - PARTICIPATION

Entries will be accepted only from National World Aquatics Member Federations which must also register a coach for each respective swimmer. A coach can be responsible for up to two (2) swimmers only. The coach is responsible for representing his/her swimmers at the Technical Meeting, and feeding the swimmer during the event. The World Aquatics Technical Delegate together with the Chief Referee will accept entries and register only swimmers accompanied by the respective coach who is in charge of swimmer recognition during the race. A swimmer without a coach present will not be allowed to start the race. Each National Federation that has entered one or more swimmers in an Event must also have at least one representative (e.g. team leader, coach) present.

F- RULES

Please note that all the events in the World Cup will be conducted according to latest World Aquatics Competition Regulations, in force at the time event.

World Aquatics Competition Regulations can be found [here](#)

G – POINT SYSTEM & PRIZE MONEY

Point system and prize money distribution is explained within the 2023 Rules & Regulations.

World Aquatics Open Water Swimming World Cup 2023, Rules and Regulations can be found [here](#).

B. ARTISTIC SWIMMING WORLD CUP 2023

A - CALENDAR

| LEG | DATE | LOCATION |
|-----|-------------|-------------------|
| #1 | MARCH 16-18 | MARKHAM (CAN) |
| #2 | MAY 5-7 | MONTPELLIER (FRA) |
| #3 | MAY 13-15 | SOMABAY (EGY) |
| #4 | JUNE 2-4 | OVIEDO (ESP) |

B - EVENT KEY DATES & DEADLINES

| | |
|-----------|--|
| 24 April | REGISTRATION DEADLINE – Final Nomination, Visa, Travel Details |
| 24 April | SPORT ENTRIES DEADLINE (Same as Registration deadline) |
| 10-11 May | OFFICIAL TRAINING |
| 12 May | TECHNICAL MEETING (No later than 5pm day before competition) |
| 13-15 May | COMPETITION |

C – VENUE INFORMATION

The Artistic Swimming World Cup will be held at Senzo Mall Sporting Club Official Olympic Pool.

Pool details: Competition Pool 50m x 25m (10 lanes) x 3m to 2.5m deep



D – TRAINING & COMPETITION SCHEDULE

The detailed training and competition scheduled will be released soon.

E – MUSIC

All music files (routine music + gala music + National Anthem) must be submitted electronically. A Dropbox File Request will be sent by the OC the person in charge of music for each Federation, as indicated in the Preliminary Entry Form.

File must be labelled with the following information, all separated by underscores, with no blank spaces.

EVENT_NATIONAL FEDERATION 3-LETTER CODE_NAME OF COMPETITOR (first in alphabetical order)

Examples: DuetTech_CAN_Holzner.mp3
 SoloFree_CAN_Simoneau.mp3
 TeamFree_CAN_Ball.mp3

Federations must also have in their possession a digital copy of their music on USB sticks for use as backup if necessary.

F – COACH CARDS

Coach Cards must be submitted electronically. A Dropbox File Request will be sent by the OC the person in charge of coach cards for each Federation, as indicated in the Preliminary Entry Form.

More details will follow in next Technical Bulletin

G- RULES

Please note that all the events in the World Cup will be conducted according to latest World Aquatics Competition Regulations, in force at the time event.

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C. BEACH GAMES QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT

Venue:



Competition Schedule:

Each team will play one or two games per day, depending on the final number of entered teams. The total number of competition days are 4 days. The tournament starts with a group phase, single round robin followed by play offs until the final classification.

The competition will be played according to the World Aquatics Beach Water Polo Rules, available at the website www.worldaquatics.com.

The draw for the event will be at the technical meeting at Day-1.

Key dates to follow:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| 24th March 2023 | REGISTRATION DEADLINE – Final Nomination, Visa, |
| 5 May 2023 | SPORT ENTRIES DEADLINE (Same as Registration deadline) |
| 12 April 2023 | ACCOMMODATION DEADLINE - Submission of accommodation forms, Travel Details |
| From 9 May 2023 | OFFICIAL TRAINING |
| 11 May 2023 | TECHNICAL MEETING (at 2pm, at the official hotel) |
| 12 May 2023 | START OF THE COMPETITION |
| 15 May 2023 | LAST COMPETITION DAY, FINAL CLASSIFICATION |



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