



# **WORLD AQUATICS SUPPORT PROGRAMME**

GUIDELINES 2024



# 2024 World Aquatics Support Programme

With the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the World Aquatics Support Programme, World Aquatics is excited to dive into a comprehensive overview of our initiatives aimed at nurturing and advancing the world of Aquatics.

Our commitment is to provide financial assistance to World Aquatics Members, professionalize their work, boost participation in all six Aquatic Sports, create opportunities for athletes, and ultimately enhance the overall development of National Federations.

With immense pride, we announce that in the year 2023, a stunning amount of USD 4.7 million is being transmitted by World Aquatics into the global advancement of Aquatics Sports. We are deeply devoted to progressing on this remarkable journey, creating positive change for our community. We firmly believe that our World Aquatics Support Programme represents a valuable asset for the development of meaningful projects embedded in long-term strategies among our National Members.

Join us as we explore the World Aquatics Support Programme 2024 in detail and discover how, together, we are making waves in Aquatic development worldwide.

## Objectives



Provide financial support to World Aquatics Members for the development and enhancement of Aquatic Sports across all levels and demographics



To ensure World Aquatics Members uphold and prioritize good governance standards to improve their efficiency, transparency, and independence

# 2024 World Aquatics Support Programme eligibility conditions

There are three key expectations for funding, with the primary criterion being the first one, which is also a disqualifying factor. Only National Federations that have participated in the last two major World Aquatics competitions will be eligible for the World Aquatics Support Programme in 2024.



**Condition 1:** National Federation participated in at least one of the two latest World Aquatics Championships or Swimming World Championships (25m): Melbourne 2022 and/or Fukuoka 2023



**Condition 2:** Successfully finalized previous OASP & AQUASP editions



**Condition 3:** Answered the Governance Survey 2024 **by 17 October 2023**

# Condition 1: Participation at World Aquatics Championships

Are you a National Federation whose athletes have participated at the latest World Aquatics Championships or Swimming World Championships (25m) ? **Yes or No?**

157 National Federations participated at



Melbourne 2022

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WORLD SWIMMING  
CHAMPIONSHIPS (25M)

193 National Federations participated at



FUKUOKA 2023






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CHAMPIONSHIPS

**If YES:** please make sure you fulfill the conditions 2 and 3

**If NO:** you **cannot** benefit from World Aquatics Support Programme in 2024

# Condition 2: Finalized previous OASP & AQUASP editions

| No | Potential case  | If YES  | If NO   |
|----|---|---|---|
| 1. | Has your National Federation successfully completed the previous OASP (2022 and before) editions?   |  | Please contact <a href="mailto:william.salvi@worldaquatics.com">william.salvi@worldaquatics.com</a> until 30 October 2023   |
| 2. | Is your National Federation in the process of AQUASP 2023 and has received the 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment, but has not provided a report yet? | Please make sure to provide the final report by <b>31 December 2023</b>             | You have not benefited from AQUASP 2023 <br>You completed the report and received the 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment  |

# Condition 3. Complete 2024 Governance Survey

| Step | Action   | Notes to consider on each step   |
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| 1.   | Check if your National Federation received the Survey Monkey invitation on your official email on 3 October 2023 | 1. If you <b>did not receive</b> the Survey Monkey invitation from <a href="mailto:development@worldaquatics.com">development@worldaquatics.com</a> , please contact <a href="mailto:william.salvi@worldaquatics.com">william.salvi@worldaquatics.com</a> as soon as possible  |
| 2.   | Please read the survey instructions carefully  | 1. All the instructions are available in the introduction of the survey  |
| 3.   | Please analyze the questions carefully   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>23 <b>governance</b> questions to answer*</li> <li>As some questions are for <b>evidence uploads</b>, you will find a total of 65 questions</li> <li>For pieces of evidence <b>you can choose</b> to either upload a file or provide text for a link</li> <li>The maximum score is <b>20 points</b></li> <li>Any <b>difficulties with uploading</b> documents? Please contact <a href="mailto:william.salvi@worldaquatics.com">william.salvi@worldaquatics.com</a></li> </ol> |
| 4.   | Survey finalization  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please review your answers and double check if you provided pieces of evidence when requested. <b>Failing to provide them may result in 0 point</b> for the question</li> <li>Once you finalize the full survey, you <b>cannot edit</b> your answers</li> </ol>   |

1. Are your National Federation's statutes, general rules or constitution in open access to general public? (1 point) 0 1

- Yes  
 No

Question 1: main question, worth one point

2. If yes to Q1, please provide the link to the online open access to the statutes, general rules and constitution 0 0

Piece of evidence requested (supporting question), if you choose to provide a link

3. If yes to Q1, please upload a document attesting the open access to the statutes, general rules and constitution 0 0

No file chosen

Piece of evidence requested (supporting question), if you choose to upload a file

4. Does your National Federation hold elections of the President and Executive Board/Executive Committee positions at least every four years? (0.5 point) 0 0

- Yes  
 No

Question 2: main question, worth 0.5 point

5. If yes to Q4, please provide the link to the online statutes with the corresponding article certifying the elections every four years 0 0

Piece of evidence requested (supporting question), if you choose to provide a link...

**Deadline:** Please complete the survey by **17 October 2023**

**YOU HAVE MET ALL 3 CONDITIONS?**

**Congratulations!**

You can now apply for 2024 World Aquatics Support Programme and receive **USD 25'000** funding for development of your National Federation

# 2024 World Aquatics Support Programme guidance

 Only fully eligible National Federations will be able to apply from 1 November 2023 until 31 January 2024


 The Application Form will be sent via Survey Monkey, to your official National Federation's email address

 Eligible World Aquatics Members will be subject to receive an amount of USD 25'000 for Aquatics development


 National Federations improving their Governance score from 2023 to 2024 can earn a bonus of USD 5'000, with a maximum of USD 30'000 funding

 At least one project must be related to the improvement and implementation of good governance standards. Based on your 2024 Governance Survey results, please choose an area of improvement. It has to be a different theme from 2023

 At least 75% of the total allocated funds shall be invested into Athletes Programmes, where athletes are the main beneficiaries

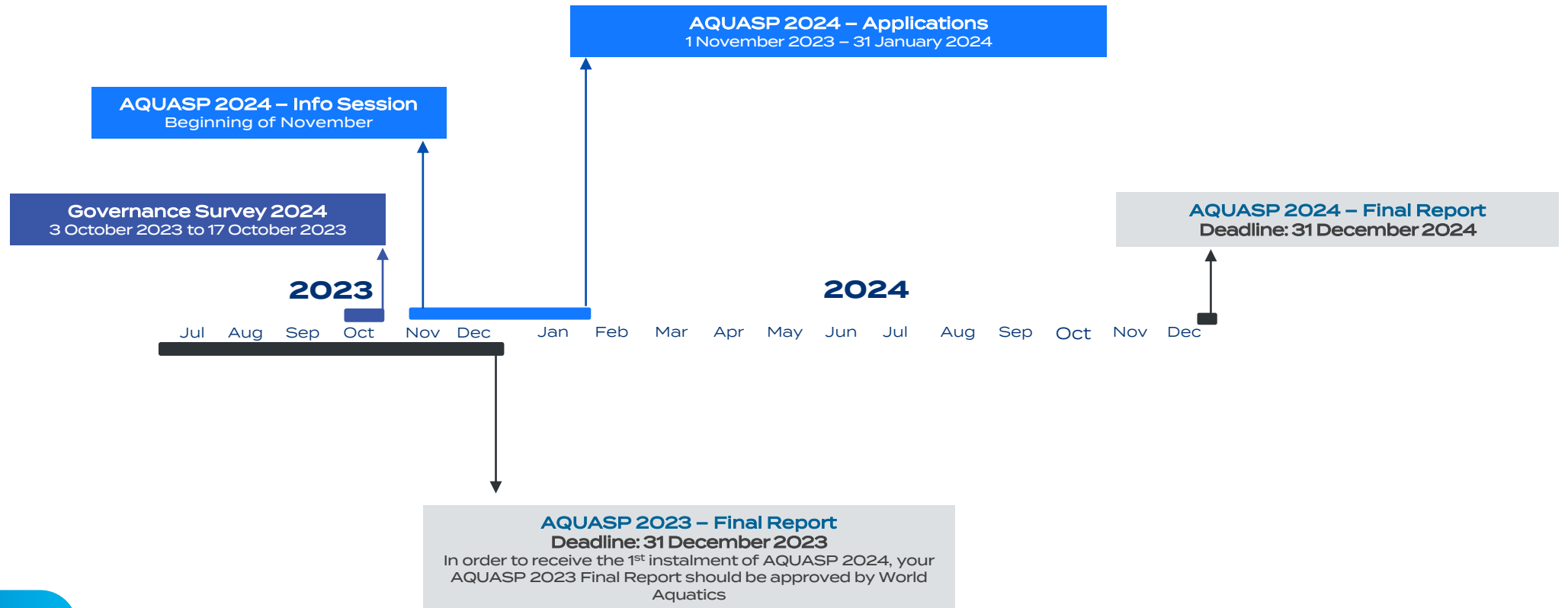
 Once the application of your National Federation is approved, a confirmation form is going to be sent. The President or the Secretary General has to sign the document and return it fully scanned to World Aquatics Office

 Funds will be disbursed in two parts: 70% upon AQUASP 2024 application approval, and the remaining 30% after project completion and submission of the Final Report

 We encourage all World Aquatics Members to cooperate with other Aquatics Sports National Bodies (if such exist in the country) while preparing the AQUASP 2024 application. I.e., if a Swimming Federation is World Aquatics Member, they must contact other National Bodies responsible for Diving and Water Polo



# Programme timeline



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# Appendix 1: list of 2024 Governance survey questions

## No Main question of the Governance Survey 2024

1. Are your National Federation's Statutes, general rules or constitution in open access to general public?
2. Does your National Federation hold elections of the President and Executive Board positions at least every four years?
3. Has your National Federation organized a General Assembly in the last 24 months?
4. Is there a rule/article linked to the representation of genders in the Executive Board in your statutes?
5. Do you have at least 30% of each gender represented in the Executive Board?
6. Is the information about the Executive Board Members (composition of the Board) in open access to general public?
7. Does the Executive Board of your National Federation meet at least twice per year?
8. Is there any limitation for the number of terms of the elected President and Members of the Executive Board in your statutes?
9. Is there any limitation for the age of the elected President and Members of the Executive Board in your statutes?
10. Has your National Federation paid the 2023 World Aquatics membership fees on January 31st ?
11. Does your National Federation have an Athletes' Committee?
12. If you have an Athletes' Committee, is it represented in your Executive Board?
13. If you have an Athletes' Committee, which is represented in you Executive Board, does it have voting rights?
14. Are your National Federation's financial statements, budget and technical report, presented and approved annually, or at least every two years, by the General Assembly?
15. Have your National Federation's financial statements (balance sheet and statement of account) been audited on an annual basis by an independent, external and certified auditor?
16. Are your National Federation's financial statements in open access to general public?
17. Does your National Federation have a document with vision, mission, values, objectives and a strategic plan?
18. Do you have a contact working specifically in development matters? (0.5 points)
19. Do you have rules or an Integrity Code addressing the following integrity matters: abuse, harassment, neglect, hazing, minor protection, competition manipulation, conflict of interests, discrimination, gifts, event bidding, election conduct, and cheating?
20. Does your National Federation have an independent decision-making body in charge of deciding on violations of your ethics and integrity rules ? (e.g. an integrity unit, an ethics commission or a disciplinary commission)?
21. Do you have a confidential platform or hotline to report integrity issues?
22. Has your National Federation incorporated (either directly or indirectly) the World Aquatics Doping Control Rules into its own rules?
23. Does your National Federation conduct integrity issues education, including anti-doping, competition manipulation and corruption, on a yearly basis to your Members and athletes?