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1. ABOUT CHAMPIONSHIPS

1.1. World Aquatics

World Aquatics is the sole and exclusive world governing body for all Aquatics. Since June 2021, under the presidency of Captain Husain Al Musallam, World Aquatics comprises 210 National Member Federations in the five continents. World Aquatics oversees six aquatics sports: Swimming, Water Polo, Diving, Artistic Swimming, Open Water Swimming, and High Diving.

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1.3. Doha 2024 Organising Committee

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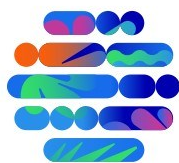
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1.4. Slogan, Event Logo and Mascots



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Water polo





1.5. Opening and Closing Ceremonies

Opening Ceremony: 4th of February at Aspire Dome starting 18:30 (GMT+3)

Closing Ceremony: 18th of February, location and time to be confirmed.

1.6. Competition Venues

1.6.1. Aspire Dome

The Aspire Dome, located in Doha, Qatar, is a state-of-the-art facility that is set to host the World Aquatic Championships in 2024. This venue is renowned for its impressive architecture, world-class amenities, and its ability to accommodate various sporting events. The Aspire Dome is an indoor sports arena that spans over 40,000 square meters, making it one of the largest of its kind in the world. Its modern design and cutting-edge facilities create an ideal environment for hosting prestigious international competitions, such as the World Aquatic Championships.

Aspire Dome will host the swimming (**SWM**), artistic swimming (**SWA**) and water polo (**WPO**) competitions.

1.6.2. Hamad Aquatic Center

The Hamad Aquatic Center, chosen as the host venue for the diving (**DIV**) competitions, will also accommodate WPO and SWA Training during the World Aquatics Championships in Doha 2024. It is an impressive facility designed to cater to the needs of world-class aquatic sports. Spectators will be treated to a breathtaking experience as they fill the seating areas surrounding the pools. The seating arrangement offers unobstructed views from every angle, allowing the audience to witness every twist, turn, and splash of the athletes. The capacity of the seating area ensures that a significant number of spectators can come together and create an atmosphere of excitement and support for the participants.

1.6.3. Doha Old Port

The Doha Old Port, is selected as the host venue for the open water (**OWS**) and the high diving (**HDV**) competitions during the World Aquatics Championships in Doha 2024. It is a captivating waterfront location steeped in history and charm. Situated along the picturesque Doha Corniche, the Old Port provides a unique and memorable setting.



The Old Port offers a combination of modern infrastructure and a touch of traditional Qatari architecture, creating an enchanting ambiance for both participants and spectators.

The Old Port boasts a well-defined course that traverses the azure waters of the Arabian Gulf. The open water swimmers will navigate through a challenging yet rewarding route that showcases the coastal splendor of Doha. The course will be carefully designed to offer a balanced mix of technicality and scenic views, providing a memorable experience for the competitors.

The venue offers a unique blend of heritage, aesthetics, and sporting excellence, creating an unforgettable experience for both athletes and spectators during the World Aquatics Championships Doha 2024.

1.7. Competition Schedule

The competition Schedule for all Sports, including Water Polo is available [HERE](#).

The Draw for the World Championships was concluded on 7th November 2023 in Doha.

The Groups have been established as well as the competition schedule with the exact start times. The conclusion of the European qualification phase is due to a later stage, so the teams qualified from the European Championships will be added later.

There are 7 competition days for women and 7 competition days for women according to the World Aquatics Competition Rules. Each team plays every second day – having a rest day between a women or a men day. Each game must have a winner, so after a tie after 4 quarters, immediate penalty shoot-out will take place. The winner in the regular time gets 3 point, while the winner of the PSO receives 2 points and the loser after penalties gets 1 point.

The schedule of the first week:

		WATER POLO					
		Preliminary Round					
		04/02/2024	05/02/2024	06/02/2024	07/02/2024	08/02/2024	09/02/2024
		Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WOMEN		WOMEN	MEN	WOMEN	MEN	WOMEN	MEN
GROUP A	A1 BRA A2 USA A3 KAZ A4 NED						
GROUP B	B1 ESP B2 EUR1 B3 CHN B4 EUR2	09:00-10:05 KAZ vs BRA	09:00-10:05 EUR1 vs AUS	09:00-10:05 EUR2 vs CHN	09:00-10:05 FRA vs CHN	09:00-10:05 SGP vs NZL	09:00-10:05 SRB vs USA
		10:30-11:35 USA vs NED	10:30-11:35 RSA vs ESP	10:30-11:35 ESP vs EUR1	10:30-11:35 GRE vs BRA	10:30-11:35 HUN vs AUS	10:30-11:35 EUR2 vs JPN
		12:00-13:05 CHN vs ESP	12:00-13:05 CHN vs GRE	12:00-13:05 NZL vs AUS	12:00-13:05 USA vs JPN	12:00-13:05 ITA vs CAN	12:00-13:05 KAZ vs HUN
		13:30-14:35 EUR1 vs EUR2	13:30-14:35 BRA vs FRA	13:30-14:35 SGP vs HUN	13:30-14:35 SRB vs EUR2	13:30-14:35 RSA vs EUR3	13:30-14:35 EUR3 vs ITA
GROUP C	C1 SGP C2 HUN C3 AUS C4 NZL	15:00-16:05 AUS vs SGP	16:00-17:05 JPN vs SRB	16:00-17:05 CAN vs EUR3	16:00-17:05 HUN vs ITA	16:00-17:05 BRA vs NED	16:00-17:05 AUS vs ESP
		16:30-17:35 HUN vs NZL	17:30-18:35 EUR2 vs USA	17:30-18:35 ITA vs RSA	17:30-18:35 KAZ vs EUR3	17:30-18:35 USA vs KAZ	17:30-18:35 RSA vs EUR1
		19:00-20:05 EUR3 vs ITA	19:00-20:05 ITA vs KAZ	19:00-20:05 NED vs KAZ	19:00-20:05 ESP vs EUR1	19:00-20:05 ESP vs EUR2	19:00-20:05 GRE vs FRA
		20:30-21:35 RSA vs CAN	20:30-21:35 EUR3 vs HUN	20:30-21:35 BRA vs USA	20:30-21:35 AUS vs RSA	20:30-21:35 EUR1 vs CHN	20:30-21:35 BRA vs CHN
GROUP D	D1 ITA D2 RSA D3 EUR3 D4 CAN						
MEN							
GROUP A	A1 AUS A2 RSA A3 EUR1 A4 ESP						
GROUP B	B1 GRE B2 BRA B3 CHN B4 FRA						
GROUP C	C1 SRB C2 EUR2 C3 JPN C4 USA						
GROUP D	D1 KAZ D2 EUR3 D3 ITA D4 HUN						



The schedule of the second week:

Q ASD - Aspire Dome							
WATER POLO							
Crossovers		Quarter Finals		Semi-Finals		Finals	
10/02/2024	11/02/2024	12/02/2024	13/02/2024	14/02/2024	15/02/2024	16/02/2024	17/02/2024
Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
WOMEN		MEN		WOMEN		MEN	
09:00 - 10:05		09:00 - 10:05		09:00 - 10:05			
W25: 4thA vs 4thB	M25: 4thA vs 4thB	W31: Loser W25 vs Loser W26	M31: Loser M25 vs Loser M26	W39: Loser W33 vs Loser W34	M39: Loser M33 vs Loser M34		
10:30 - 11:35		10:30 - 11:35		10:30 - 11:35		10:00 - 11:05	
W26: 4thC vs 4thD	M26: 4thC vs 4thD	W32: Winner W25 vs Winner W26	M32: Winner M25 vs Winner M26	W40: Winner W33 vs Winner W34	M40: Winner M33 vs Winner M34	W48: Loser W41 vs Loser W42	M45: Loser M41 vs Loser M42
12:00 - 13:05		12:00 - 13:05		12:00 - 13:05		11:30 - 12:35	
W27: 2ndA vs 3rdB	M27: 2ndA vs 3rdB	W33: Loser W27 vs Loser W29	M33: Loser M27 vs Loser M29	W41: Loser W35 vs Loser W36	M41: Loser M35 vs Loser M36	W47: Loser W43 vs Loser W44	M47: Loser M43 vs Loser M44
		13:30 - 14:35		14:30 - 15:35			
		W34: Loser W28 vs Loser W30	M34: Loser M28 vs Loser M30	W42: Loser W37 vs Loser W38	M42: Loser M37 vs Loser M38		
16:00 - 17:05		16:00 - 17:05		16:00 - 17:05		16:00 - 17:05	
W28: 3rdA vs 2ndB	M28: 3rdA vs 2ndB	W35: 1stA vs Winner W29	M35: 1stA vs Winner M29	W43: Winner W35 vs Winner W36	M43: Winner M35 vs Winner M36	W49: Winner W41 vs Winner W42	M46: Winner M41 vs Winner M42
17:30 - 18:35		17:30 - 18:35		17:30 - 18:35		17:30 - 18:35	
W29: 2ndC vs 3rdD	M29: 2ndC vs 3rdD	W36: 1stB vs Winner W30	M36: 1stB vs Winner M30	W44: Winner W37 vs Winner W38	M44: Winner M37 vs Winner M38	W40: Winner W43 vs Winner W44	M40: Winner M43 vs Winner M44
19:00 - 20:05		19:00 - 20:05					
W30: 3rdC vs 2ndD	M30: 3rdC vs 2ndD	W37: 1stC vs Winner W27	M37: 1stC vs Winner M27				
		20:30 - 21:35					
		W38: 1stD vs Winner W28	M38: 1stD vs Winner M28				

2. SPORTS INFORMATION

2.1. Water Polo Summary

Dates: 4-17 February 2024

World Aquatics Water Polo Manager: Gabor Karpati

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2.2. Key Dates

Date	Time	Location	Event
2 nd February	14:00	Competition Pool	Test Event
3 rd February	15:00	Aspire Dome, Conference room	Technical Meeting
3 rd February	16:00	Aspire Dome, Conference room	Referees' Workshop
4 th February	09:00	Aspire Dome, Competition Pool	Start of the Tournaments
13 th February	14:00	Aspire Dome, Conference room	Draw for 2024 Age Group World Championships
16 th February	18:00	Aspire Dome, Competition Pool	Women's Final
17 th February	18:00	Aspire Dome, Competition Pool	Men's Final
17 th February	19:45	Aspire Dome, Conference room	Draw for Paris 2024



2.3. Event Overview

2.3.1. Technical Water Polo Committee 2022-2025

Kyriakos Giannopoulos	Bureau Representative:
MOLNAR Tamas	Chairman
KURODA Ken	Vice Chairman
KOZOMPOLI Voula	Secretary
FARID Hadi	Member
SHAW Bill	Member
DE JESUS Manuel	Member
ZHAO Qi	Member
ALEBRAHIM Fahad	Member
WILLIS Dion	Member
CAMERON Don	Member
MOLINER Angel	Member
CIRIC Mihajlo	Member
BRUGULJAN Marijo	Member
CAPUTI Massimiliano	Member
BEBIC Milivoj	Member

2.3.2. Technical Officials, Referees

HUN Europe	DEBRECENI Nora
ITA Europe	NICOLOSI Giuliana
HUN Europe	KUN György
GRE Europe	STAVDRIDIS Georgios
SRB Europe	STANOJEVIC Andreja
FRA Europe	DERVIEUX Sébastien
SGP Asia	CHENG Beng Guan
SLO Europe	MARGETA Boris
USA Americas	SPIRITOSANTO Darren



2.4. Athlete and Development Programme

This year, we are thrilled to announce a series of special activities dedicated to the mental well-being for athletes, coaches, and National Federations.

Under the crucial theme of mental health, workshops will be organized throughout the Championships to address essential topics in the world of high-level sports. Renowned experts, elite coaches, and active or retired athletes will share their knowledge during daily workshops. An open forum for all participants will facilitate in-depth discussions, with expert panels for athletes, coaches, and National Federations. The complete program, including the schedules for these activities, will be available on the Sportity platform as we approach the event. Furthermore, expertise in race analysis will be provided to swimmers during the second week of the Championships.

Dedicated spaces for athletes, offering activities, games, and rewards, will be available at each competition site, with a main space at the Aspire Dome welcoming all disciplines. The second week of the Championships will also feature meetings on integrity and anti-doping for National Federations, coaches, and athletes.

Informational meetings by continent for National Federations will also be organized.

We strongly encourage all participants to follow information and schedules on the Sportity platform, which will be available a few days before the championships begin.

The World Aquatics team and members of the Athletes' Commission will be on-site to guide and welcome you throughout these enriching activities. Make the most of this exceptional experience!



3.4. Athletes and Team Officials Lounge

A lounge area will be available for athletes and team officials at the competition venue, including on training days. There will be catering at the lounge. Beside the lounge, there will be snacks in the call room.

3.5. Athletes and Team Officials Seating

At the competition venue seating in the stands will be available for athletes and accredited team officials. Location will be explained at the technical meeting. Access zones will be checked by the security, so the credential must be worn by the teams.

3.6. Video recording by teams

Team video recording is possible. Location will be clarified at the technical meeting. The footage will be NOT prohibited to use in commercial or media channels. In case of fraud, the person who did the recording will be suspended from accessing the event any further.

Transportation of video analysers are not provided separately, but they can take the team bus(es). Also, the usage of public transportation (METRO Doha) is recommended.

3.7. Sport Information Desks

Sport Information Desks (SID) will operate at the entrance of each competition venue on competition days, as well as during scheduled training sessions. The SID will provide information on the competitions staged at the venue where it is located and will be in operation from the first day of training.

Each team will have a dedicated guide during the entire tournament who can help keeping the contact with the service departments of the Organizing Committee.

The following information is available at the Sport Information Desk.

- Sport-specific information for the competition held at the venue
- Limited specific information on other sport
- Official communication with teams
- Liaison among teams, competition management and the World Aquatics Technical Committee
- Confirmation of times for training sessions
- Other miscellaneous enquiries



Operating hours for the SID will follow the the competition programme of each sport. The SID is operated by sport-specific volunteers and supervised by Competition Management.

Access to the SID will be given to accredited Team Officials only to ensure that information is communicated efficiently and effectively to all National Federations. *Information on the Championships can also be obtained from the app "Sportity". This app can be downloaded from the following QR code. Password for the app will be available at each venue.*

3.8. Communication channel(s)

A dedicated communication channel will be set up between the team leaders and team captains beside the Sportity application in order to establish direct and fast communication flow between the participants and World Aquatics.

3.9. Mixed Zone

All competitors must exit the field of play (FOP) through the Mixed Zone. The Mixed Zone is an area near the FOP that has been authorised for broadcasters or other media to conduct short interviews immediately after athletes have completed their events. The zone will be properly marked. Operations staff will manage the Mixed Zone and provide support for broadcasters and other media.

3.10. Medical Stations

During the World Aquatics Championships, first aid and medical treatment will be available at medical stations (competition and training venues) from the first official training day. Patients who need more than first aid will be transferred to one of the designated hospitals for further treatment.

3.11. Doping Control Table

The Doping Control Table is located near the exit point of the FOP. Before each games all credential of the players must be collected and placed to the designated table on the pooldeck. After the respective game, the credentials must be collected individually by the players. Only the 13 players' credentials in that specific game must be place the credential to the table.



4. COMPETITION AND TRAINING INFORMATION

4.1. Training Information

The water polo training schedule of World Aquatics Championships - Doha 2024 has been prepared and training slots have been allocated in full accordance with the relevant World Aquatics Competition Regulations, under the guidance of the World Aquatics.

The training schedule must be followed. If any changes required, World Aquatics may fulfil but also can reject if the operation does not find the possibility to approve. Slight changes can be managed during the pre-competition period.

If there is any request to change the schedule, that must be minimum 24H before the activity. In-competition, the teams should avoid the changes in the schedules.

4.1.1. Training Venues

Each team will have the opportunity to train in the competition pool before the tournament starts.

There will be trainings in the Aspire Dome Competition pool, warm up pool, in the Al Saab swimming pool (which is located 1km far from the Aspire Dome) and in the Hamad Aquatic Centre (just opposite of the Aspire Dome). There will be 7 FOP for training pre-competition and 4 FOP when the tournament starts. As principle, each team has 2 times 1 hour training per day everyday, until the team is in competition.

4.1.2. Training Schedule

The pre- and in-competition schedule is to be distributed as an attachment of this document and shared already beforehand with all participating teams.

4.2. Competition Information

- Women's Tournament Matches in the alternate days in respect to those of the Men's Tournament, with 7 competition days for each Tournament and a total programme, between competition days and resting days, of 14 days for each of the 2 Tournaments.
- On each competition day there are planned 2 sessions: morning and evening session.
- Break between the beginning of respective matches of each turn is planned for 1 hour and 30 minutes, considering: 10 minutes for Team presentation, 1 hour for the Game and 10 minutes to clean the pool



- In cases of extended times of the Game (mistakes case, injuries, penalty shoot-out etc.) the timetable shall undergo a postponement.
- After each game, the Player of the Game will be awarded.

Medal ceremonies will be held right after and following the final.

4.2.1. Competition Format

16 men's and women's teams will compete at World Aquatics Championships - Doha 2024. These teams qualify through a number of qualification tournaments held throughout 2021 to 2023.

Four (4) groups of four (4) teams each from Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D play a single robin round in each group.

Preliminary Round (First):

Four (4) groups of four (4) teams each from Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D play a single robin round in each group.

Preliminary Round (Second):

The first placed teams in Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D have a bye.

The second and third placed teams in Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D play against each other in a cross group format. The fourth placed teams in each of Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D form a new Group which consists of four (4) teams. They play for places 13 – 16 in a cross group format.

Day 4

25. 4A – 4B

26. 4C – 4D

27. 2A – 3B

28. 3A – 2B

29. 2C – 3D

30. 3C – 2D

Quarter Final Round:

Day 5

31. Loser Game 25 – Loser Game 26 (Winner 15th, Loser 16th)

32. Winner Game 25 – Winner Game 26 (Winner 13th, Loser 14th)

33. Loser Game 27 – Loser Game 29

34. Loser Game 28 – Loser Game 30

35. 1A – Winner Game 29



36. 1B – Winner Game 30

37. 1C – Winner Game 27

38. 1D – Winner Game 28

Semi-Final Round:

Day 6

39. Loser Game 33 – Loser Game 34 (Winner 11th, Loser 12th) 2

40. Winner Game 33 – Winner Game 34 (Winner 9th, Loser 10th)

41. Loser Game 35 – Loser Game 36

42. Loser Game 37 – Loser Game 38

43. Winner Game 35 – Winner Game 36

44. Winner Game 37 – Winner Game 38

Final Round:

Day 7

45. Loser Game 41 – Loser Game 42 (Winner 7th, Loser 8th)

46. Winner Game 41 – Winner Game 42 (Winner 5th, Loser 6th)

47. Loser Game 43 – Loser Game 44 (Winner 3rd, Loser 4th)

48. Winner Game 43 – Winner Game 44 (Winner 1st, Loser 2nd)

All games must be played to a conclusion, accordingly it may be necessary to apply the Water Polo Rules relating to penalty shoot-out.

4.2.2. Competition Rules and Regulations

The Water Polo competitions at the World Aquatics Championships will be held in accordance with [World Aquatics Competition Regulations](#).

4.3. Competition Procedures

4.3.1. Team Arrival at the Venue

Teams will enter the competition venue via their dedicated entrance from the bus drop-off point, which is located in front of the Aspire Dome. Athletes and team officials must wear their accreditation card in order to access the competition venue. Without accreditation card, access will not be granted. Please ensure that accreditation cards are worn at all times in order to avoid any inconveniences and problems.



All teams are required to arrive at the competition venue 90 minutes before their game begins.

4.3.2. Accreditation Cards

The accreditation card contains all the information necessary to identify the owner, his/her role at the event and his/her privileges to access the competition venues and the restricted areas as well as his/her right to use the transportation service of World Aquatics Championships - Doha 2024.

This Card is personal, nontransferable, must be displayed at all times while in zones requiring accreditation and is valid only in zones specified on this Card. During games, players' accreditation cards will be placed on the World Aquatics Doping Control Table at the Field of Play, they shall be collected upon the conclusion of the game by the Team Manager of the athletes. Athletes must exit the FOP via the Mixed Zone with their accreditation cards.

4.3.3. Identification

All competitors are required to participate in the athletes' parade and introduction prior to the competition.

Competitors will be escorted from the Call Room to the Field of Play where they will be introduced by name.

Detailed instructions of the Sport Presentation procedures will be provided at the Team Leader Meeting.

4.3.4. Warm-Up Pool

The access to the warm-up pool is allowed 60 minutes before the game begins. The warm-up area will be equipped with a regular Field of Play (one goal net per Team), 10 water polo balls per team.

4.3.5. Call Room

Reporting to the Call Room is required 12 minutes before the game begins, where the preliminary checks will proceed with: athlete's identification, WP caps, swim suits, finger nails, skin cleanliness, absence of any potentially harmful object may be checked.

The Team Leader collects the Accreditation cards and gives them to the Doping Control Responsible at the reserved table at the exit of the FOP on the pool deck level.

4.3.6. Access Control and Field of Play Protocol



The access to the competition venue is allowed only for the 20 members of each team (15 Players, 2 Coaches, 1 Team Leader and 2 Physicians) with the appropriate accreditation cards.

The professional presentation of the Field of Play during the competition is of the utmost importance during the Championships. For this reason, only the staff and officials integral to the operation of the event will be permitted on or around the Field of Play. Similarly, no personal or non-essential equipment will be permitted on the pool deck during the competition.

All athletes and team officials are asked to respect the need for a clear deck during the competition by ensuring only competing athletes are on the Field of Play. Access to the Field of Play will be strictly limited to persons with the correct accreditation, hence the athletes and the team officials are required to wear their accreditation card at all times where appropriate.

4.3.7. Entry to the Field of Play

Teams enter the Field of Play immediately after the clearing of the pool deck from the Teams of the previous game from the Call Room upon the signal of the Sport Presentation Floor Manager. During competition all athletes must enter and exit the Field of Play through the designated athletes' entrance.

The athletes and team members who are not participating in the competition must respect the space to assure that only the competing athletes are in the competition area and follow the guidelines given by the organisers and volunteers.

4.3.8. Order of Entrance

The order of entrance and sport presentation procedure will be made in cooperation with the Sport Presentation Team and explained to teams at the Team Leader Meeting in detail.

4.3.9. Benches

Each bench will be equipped with a board with the name of the Country. On the back of the bench, there will be positioned a cart with a hanger for the robes of the players. An assistant will take care of switching the carts at the end of the 2nd period when the Teams switch bench.

A total of eleven (11) persons only will be allowed on the team bench, namely three (3) officials and six (6) substitutes and Medical Doctor and Physiotherapist.

All officials must be attired similarly in official team uniform. Please note that shorts and/or sport uniforms will not be allowed.



4.3.10. Water Polo Equipment

Clothing and equipment worn or used by athletes and officials of World Aquatics Championships – Doha 2024 must comply with World Aquatics Rules. Dress on the bench: all officials must be attired similarly in official team uniform. Please note that shorts and/or sports uniform will not be acceptable.

The World Aquatics official Mikasa water polo ball will be used, WP550C for men and WP440C for women, supplied for both training and competition by Mikasa.

4.3.11. Conclusion of the Game

- The Player of the Game is going to be awarded
- Athletes must collect all their gear from the FOP.
- All players and the Head Coach must pass through the Mixed Zone.
- The athletes must collect the accreditation cards from the doping control desk. as the desk is at the exit, the athletes should collect the cards. Control representatives will notify players selected for doping control procedures to be followed.
- The World Aquatics will give notice in case that any disciplinary actions or player suspensions are to be applied as a result of an incident during the match.

4.3.12. Videotaping

Team videotaping is permitted from a designated area. This will be policed by staff. No other area will be set aside for videotaping. Positions are non-reservable and come strictly on a first-come basis daily. Access passes for the team videotaping zone will be distributed at the Technical Meeting (one for each team).

4.3.13. Kinesiology tape

The usage of Kinesiology Tape to assist and support musculoskeletal conditions is permitted, however to avoid the usage of different colour tapes only nude (skintone) colour tape should be used.

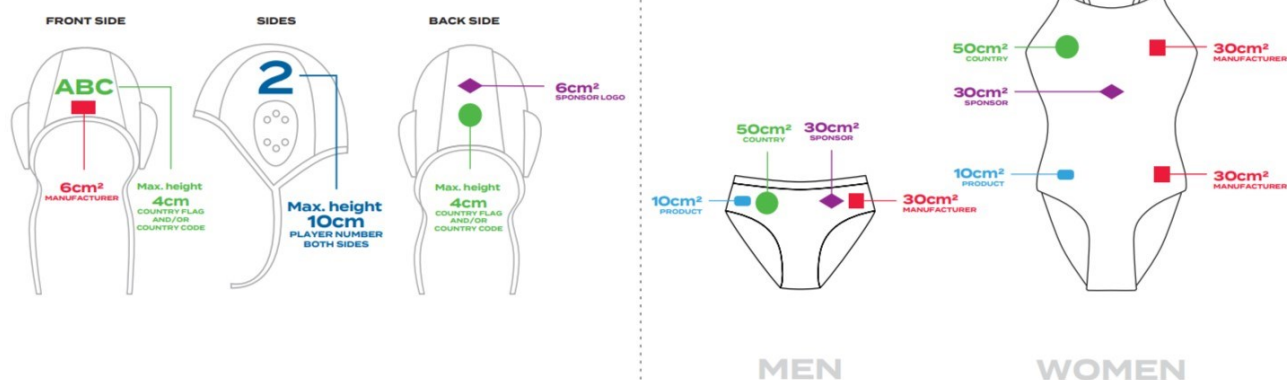


5. ATHLETE UNIFORM

All Athletes are obliged to wear the uniform as outlined in the **World Aquatics Competition Regulations**, Part One, Section 8 – ADVERTISING IDENTIFICATION.

Advertising identification appearing on swimwear, pool deck equipment and official's uniforms at World Aquatics Championships and World Aquatics Competitions, with exception for World Aquatics Masters Championships, is permitted as outlined under in this Section.

For better understanding please review the World Aquatics Uniform and Equipment Guidelines [HERE](#).



MANUFACTURER LOGO IDENTIFICATION



PRODUCT TECHNOLOGY LOGO IDENTIFICATION



SPONSOR LOGO IDENTIFICATION



COUNTRY FLAG AND/OR COUNTRY NAME OR CODE



6. PRESENTATION, CEREMONIES AND CONFERENCES

6.1. Sports Presentation

The Doha 2024 OC has appointed a sport production company to conduct sport presentation for the Championships. World Aquatics staff have been fully involved in the planning and delivery of all venues pertaining to Sport Presentation.

Sport Presentation involves:

- Announcers, Commentary & MCs
- All in-venue music and production
- Material displayed on the video board
- Medal Ceremony production and delivery
- Audience interaction
- Creating an atmosphere that builds the excitement for the spectators, as well as creating an environment that allows athletes to perform at their best.
- Keeping the competition on time and allow the sports to flow best for TV coverage.

6.2. Timing, Scoring and Results

World Aquatics Partner Omega will provide all timing, scoring and result services for the Championships.

6.3. Medal Ceremonies

The Medal Ceremonies will be held at the competition venue. Following the presentation of medals, the national anthem of the gold medallist will be played and the national flags of the medallists will be displayed. All finalists shall wear the World Aquatics bib, as provided by World Aquatics, on top of their National Federation uniform during the Medal Ceremony and lap until they leave the field of play arena. Athletes will be briefed about ceremony procedures in the assembly area. Athletes are reminded to attend all Medal Ceremonies in their official National Federation tracksuit with appropriate footwear. Not coming prepared with this full uniform will create delays in the TV coverage. Items such as flags, caps, mobile phones or any other symbols in addition to the national kit and World Aquatics bibs are not allowed on the podium.

6.4. World Aquatics Bibs

Every competitor participating in the awarding ceremony will be provided with a World Aquatics bib. The bib is to be worn on the chest over their tracksuit, just below the tracksuit logos. As per World Aquatics Competition Regulations, Part



One, Article 8.9., the bibs must be fully visible during athletes introduction and Medal ceremonies. Bibs will be distributed to the competitors when they report to the Call Room before the start of each semi-final or final, and in the assembly area before medal ceremonies.

6.5. Press Conference

No medalist press conference is scheduled for the World Aquatics Championships - Doha 2024.

7. TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The Doha 2024 OC will provide transfers from/to Hamad International Airport for all participants registered at the Championships, based on their flight details uploaded into the GMS. Please make sure the information is fully completed and kept up to date.

Failure to do so may result in no transportation being arranged by the OC and may be the responsibility of the World Aquatics Member.

During the Championships, a dedicated bus service will be provided from all official hotels to/from the venue, based on a pre-determined schedule for each team. Further details regarding this matter will be provided in the Transportation Guide.

The transportation schedule can be modified upon request submitted 24H before the actual transportation.



8. FIRST AID AND MEDICAL SERVICES

8.1. First Aid

The Organising Committee of the World Aquatics Championships – Doha 2024 will organise medical care to cover any emergency issues, acute injuries and illnesses of athletes and Team AQUA that may occur during the period of the World Aquatics Events and to respond to injuries and illness that arise to anyone at the competition and non-competition venues.

However, it is important to remember that each accredited participant (including athletes) shall have their **own personal medical and repatriation insurance**.

Limits

Chronic injury and illness are not covered by the LOC Medical Services and World Aquatics is not responsible for any failure to diagnose or treat any chronic injury or illness.

Operational period

Athlete medical services must be provided on all days of official training and competition, starting 30 minutes before training or competition begins.

8.2. Medical Services

Access to Medical Facilities

During the World Aquatics Championships, access to the venue medical rooms will be provided exclusively to medical staff, athletes, coaches, team managers, and the members of Team AQUA with appropriate accreditation accesses.

Separate medical stations will be available to Media and Spectators.

Designated Hospitals

- ASPETAR Hospital* (Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Hospital). It is located near the Aspire Dome.
- Hamad General Hospital** / Hospital of the Hamad Medical Corporation HMC (Public General Hospital)

To benefit from the medical services at Aspetar or HMC, the participant needs to consult an OC doctor in the medical station (or the on-call doctor for emergency cases). The OC doctor will evaluate the condition and if necessary, coordinate for a referral to be done.

** For participants under 18, a consent form signed by the parents is mandatory.*



*** For participants under 18, a consent form signed by an adult (chief of mission, team doctor, NF Official) would be requested.*

Health Care Personnel (HCP)

HCP Staff (e.g. sports physicians, nurses, paramedics, etc.) will be provided by ASPETAR and HMC Hospitals at the designated venues.

Training Venue Medical Desks

During the official training periods, medical desks with physician and paramedics will be operated at the training venues. In case of an emergency, patients will be transferred to designated hospitals after receiving first aid.

After hours Medical Services

On-call Doctor, paramedics and ambulances will be available to the participants.

Details to be further communicated.

Emergency Transport

In case of emergency, 24 hours/day, please Call "999".

8.3. Medical Expenses, Insurance & Liability

A traveling health insurance is mandatory for non-residents visiting Qatar.

For those requiring a visa before entering the country the Health Insurance should be done before travel.

For participants doing the visa at Doha Airport, they can make it on their arrival in the country. However, it is strongly recommended to make it prior to travel.

The Insurance Premium costs QAR 50 (around US\$ 15 or € 13).

The insurance companies approved and recognised by the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) are described in the below-mentioned website.

<https://www.moph.gov.qa/english/derpartments/policyaffairs/hfid/Pages/Health-Insurance-Scheme.aspx>

<https://www.moph.gov.qa/english/derpartments/policyaffairs/hfid/hirs/insurancecompanies/Pages/default.aspx>

8.4. Team Doctors

Team doctors must register in advance with OC to provide medical services to the members of their delegation during the World Aquatics Championships.

World Aquatics and the OC assume no responsibility for any healthcare provided by NF healthcare personnel to NF team members and delegates.



It is recommended that NF healthcare professionals inform their insurance company that they are traveling abroad with a sport's team, and check whether their professional liability insurance covers this activity. Each NF should make its own arrangements for professional liability insurance.

8.5. Lifeguards

Lifeguards are ILS Certified and undergoing regular training. The authorized body in Qatar is the Qatar Swimming Association.

A minimum of two (2) lifeguards per swimming pool (competition pool or training pool) are required for the duration of the training and competition.

8.6. Food and Drinks

The OC will provide with water and carbohydrate-electrolyte replacement ('sports drink') and a variety of food/snacks options to aid athlete recovery.

8.7. Other services

For imaging or pharmacy, the Chief Medical Officer or the Venue Medical Officer must be contacted.

Ice will be available for teams.

8.8. Organising Committee Medical Staff

Chief Medical Officer

Dr. Nejib Benzarti

Contact details to be communicated.

Venue Medical Officer(s)

Contact details to be communicated.

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9. DOPING CONTROL

9.1. General Information

Urine and blood samples will be collected during the World Aquatics Championships for the purpose of doping controls. The doping controls will be done in accordance with the World Aquatics Doping Control Rules and the World Anti-Doping International Standards which can be consulted [here](#). The operations will be supervised and coordinated by the International Testing Agency (ITA).

The list of prohibited substances can be consulted [here](#). For reminder, all athletes are strictly responsible for any prohibited substance found in their sample and it is particularly important for them to check any medication they take against the prohibited list and remember that in case they need to take a prohibited substance for medical reasons, a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) must be obtained beforehand by contacting the International Testing Agency (ITA) at tue@ita.sport.

Teams' Medical Personnel should also be reminded of the strict conditions governing the intravenous route of administration of any substance for clinical purposes. Information regarding these can be found on the websites of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), International Testing Agency (ITA) and Aquatics Integrity Unit (AQIU). www.wada-ama.org ; www.aquaticsintegrity.com ; www.ita.sport.

9.2. Mandatory education course prior to participation

As per the World Aquatics Doping Control Rules, any athlete participating in the World Aquatics Championships must, prior to participation, have successfully completed the [eLearning Anti-Doping Education course "International-Level Athletes Education Program"](#) or an eLearning course developed and approved by their respective National Anti-Doping Organization that covers the same topics. Any athlete who has not met this requirement will not be eligible to compete and thus will not have their accreditation activated.

Please follow these instructions in order to complete the course:

Step 1: Access the eLearning course webpage [here](#).

Step 2: Click on "Register here" and follow the steps to register an account.

Step 3: Sign in to the new account just created.

Step 4: Select the course "International-Level Athletes Education Program" and complete the course to obtain at least 80% at the final exam at the end of the course. You can do the course again if you do not achieve 80% the first time. The course is available in 9 different languages.



Step 5: Once the course has been successfully completed, download the certificate of completion, and send it to your World Aquatics Member.

Step 6: The World Aquatics Member must upload the certificate of completion of each athlete on their respective GMS profile [here](#) (in the Sport tab).

In order to avoid any issues, Members should not wait until their teams are finalized to inform their athletes about this requirement. Rather, they should ask all athletes who could potentially participate in the event to complete the course immediately.

Athletes who have already completed the course for previous World Aquatics events and who have uploaded their certificates of completion to their GMS profile do not need to follow the course again.

For any questions regarding this requirement, please contact info@aquaticsintegrity.com



10.ACCREDITATION

10.1.Accreditation Cards

All National Federations participating in World Aquatics Championships – Doha 2024 must complete the accreditation process in order to obtain the accreditation cards for their members. An accreditation card contains all the information necessary to identify its owner, his/ her role at the event, and his/ her access rights to the competition venues and restricted areas inside them, as well as his/her rights to use transport services at World Aquatics Championships – Doha 2024. The card is personal and non-transferable. It must be presented at all times while in a zone requiring an accreditation card and is valid only in zones specified on the card.

10.2. Accreditation Centre

Opening on the 27th of January 2024, the Accreditation Centre for Athletes and Officials will be located in the Qatar Women's Sport Committee's building, which is approximately 600 meters away from the Aspire Dome. In order to pick up accreditation cards, Team Leaders (or designated team representatives with written official authorization) need to visit the Accreditation Centre in person to pick up the team's accreditation cards. Team Leaders (or designated representatives) are required to present ALL ORIGINAL IDENTITY DOCUMENTS (original passports used as identification in the GMS) of their team members.

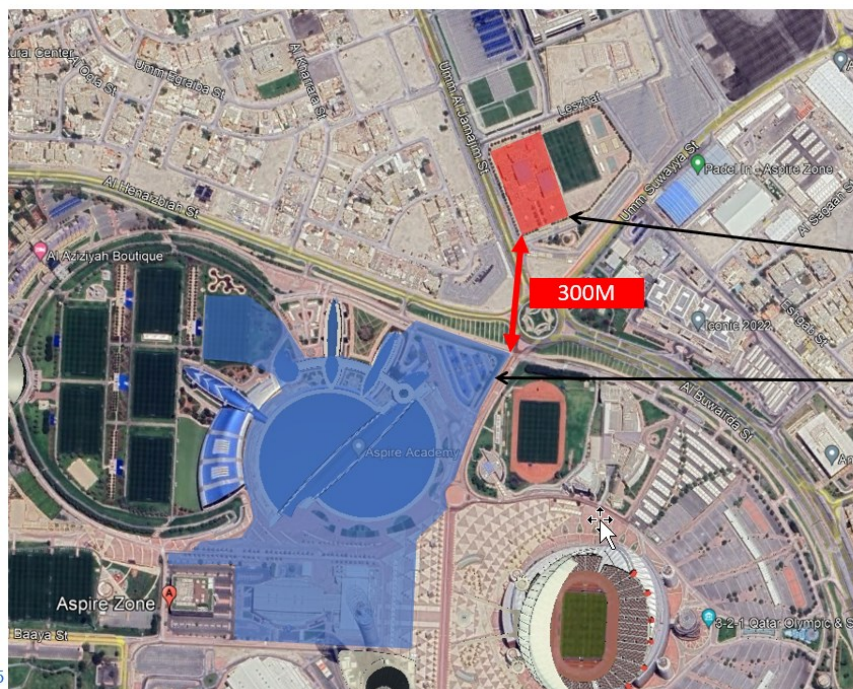
Accreditation Centre Opening hours: 07.00 – 19.00 h (TBC)

Accreditation Centre Location QR Code:





Accreditation Center Venue Map:



**Uniform and
Accreditation
Center**

VENUE

Access Codes and Zones

Access Codes

ALL: All Venues

COM: All Competition Venues

ASD: Aspire Dome

HAC: Hamad Aquatic Centre

ODP: Old Doha Port

TRA: Training Venues

IBC: International Broadcast Centre

Access zones

Code color blue: Field of play

Access areas

Code 2: Athlete Preparation Area

Transport

Code TT: Shuttle bus services for athletes

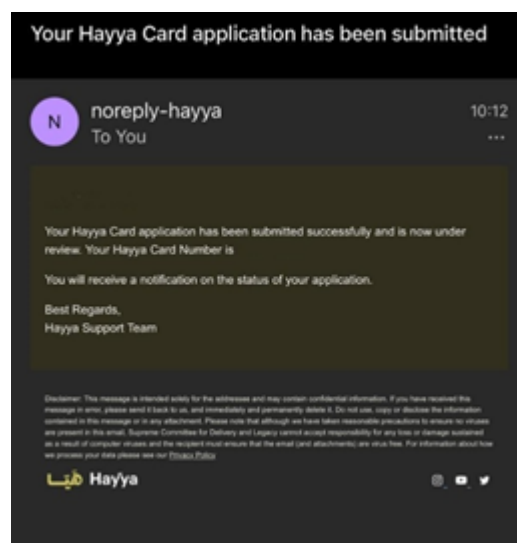


10.3. Lost or Damaged Accreditation Card and Replacement

If an accreditation card is lost or damaged, please immediately report to the Accreditation Centre or Sports Information Desk. A new card will be issued at the Accreditation Centre.

10.4. Visa Information

Every participant whose participation has been approved by the World Aquatics will receive a visa from the Organising Committee. The Local Organizing Committee (Doha 2024) will be responsible for processing and issuing visas for all participants in the Doha 2024 World Aquatics Championships. When we submit your Qatar visa application, you will receive an auto-generated confirmation email from noreply@hayya.qa at the registered email address you entered in the GMS. This serves as a standard notification and does not require any action on your part. A sample of the email is provided below:



You will also receive a copy of the Qatar entry permit at the registered email address you provided in the GMS, and if applicable, we will ensure that copies are sent to your respective NFs in a timely manner.

According to our latest information, the mandatory insurance will be waived for all accredited participants arriving to the World Aquatics Championships.