

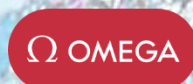
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JUNIOR SWIMMING
CHAMPIONSHIPS

OTOPENI 2025

TEAM LEADERS' GUIDE

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Otopeni, Romania

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A. ABOUT CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. WORLD AQUATICS

World Aquatics is the sole and exclusive world governing body for all Aquatics. World Aquatics comprises 210 National Member Federations over five continents and oversees six sports: Swimming, Water Polo, Diving, Artistic Swimming, Open Water Swimming and High Diving.

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2. OTOPENI 2025 ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Key Personnel

President of Romanian Swimming & Modern Pentathlon Federation	Camelia Alina Potec
General Secretary of Romanian Swimming & Modern Pentathlon Federation	Matei Giurcaneanu

World Aquatics Members should communicate with the respective personnel of the Organising Committee of the World Aquatics Junior Swimming Championships – Otopeni 2025 through:

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3. COMPETITION VENUE

Aquatic Centre Otopeni

Address: Strada Gării Otopeni 5-11, Otopeni 075100, Romania

[Maps](#)

The competition will take place in the Aquatics Centre, a facility purpose-built for hosting world-class international swimming events with a seating capacity of 2,400. The venue opened with the European Junior Swimming Championships in 2022 and hosted the European Short Course Swimming Championships in 2023.

Athletes will have the opportunity to use one of 16 available lanes for training (10 in the competition pool (50m) and 6 in the warm-up pool (25m)). Additional 10 lanes (25m) will be available for cool/warm down in the diving pool.



B. SPORTS INFORMATION

1. SWIMMING OVERVIEW

Swimming Summary

Dates: 19 – 24 August 2025 (6 days)

World Aquatics Swimming Manager: Namhee Cho

Otopeni 2025 Swimming Competition Manager: Matei Giurcaneanu

Sports Programme

The Championships will be staged over six (6) days with heats in the morning sessions and the semifinals and finals in the evening sessions.

Ten (10) lanes of the competition pool may be used for the morning heats, while semifinals and finals will be swum using eight (8) lanes.

W: Women, M: Men, MX: Mixed, IM: Individual Medley, SF: Semifinals, F: Final, MC: Medal Ceremony

Date	Event	Round	Provisional Time*
Day 1 19 August	400 m Freestyle M	Heats	09:30-
	50 m Breaststroke W		
	100 m Backstroke M		
	400 m IM W		
	100 m Breaststroke M		
	100 m Backstroke W		
	4x100 m Freestyle M		
	4x200 m Freestyle W		
	F: 400m Freestyle M	Semifinals & Finals	18:00-
	SF: 50m Breaststroke W		
	SF: 100m Backstroke M		
	MC 400m Freestyle M		
	F: 400m IM W		
	SF: 100m Breaststroke M		
	SF: 100m Backstroke W		
	MC 400m IM W		
	F: 4x 100m Freestyle M		
	F: 4x 200m Freestyle W		
	MC 4x 100m Freestyle M		
	MC 4x 200m Freestyle W		



Day 2 20 August	200m IM M	Heats	09:30-
	100m Freestyle W		
	100m Butterfly M		
	200m Butterfly W		
	200m Freestyle M		
	4x 100m Medley Mixed		
	800m Freestyle W – slow heats		
	F: 100m Backstroke M	Semifinals & Finals	18:00-
	F: 200m Butterfly W		
	F: 200m Freestyle M		
	F: 50m Breaststroke W		
	MC 100m Backstroke M		
	SF: 100m Butterfly M		
	MC 200m Butterfly W		
	SF: 100m Freestyle W		
	MC 200m Freestyle M		
	F: 100m Breaststroke M		
	F: 100m Backstroke W		
	MC 50m Breaststroke W		
	F: 200m IM M		
	MC 100m Breaststroke M		
	F: 800m Freestyle W – fastest heat		
	MC 100 m Backstroke W		
	F: 4x 100m Medley Mixed		
	MC 200m IM M		
	MC 800m Freestyle W		
	MC 4x 100m Medley Mixed		
Day 3 21 August	50m Butterfly W	Heats	09:30-
	50m Backstroke M		
	100m Breaststroke W		
	50m Freestyle M		
	200m Backstroke W		
	4x 100m Freestyle Mixed		
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Day 6 24 August	200m Backstroke M	Heats	09:30-
	200m Breaststroke W		
	200m Butterfly M		
	200m Freestyle W		
	4x 100m Medley M		
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*All timelines are provisional and subject to minor changes following the conclusion of the Team Leaders' Meeting.

Key Dates

Date	Event	Time
Qualification Period: 15 April 2024 – 22 July 2025		
11 June	Preliminary entries Close	23:59 UTC
30 June	Accommodation Reservation Close	
22 July	Final Nominations & Sport Entries Close	
16 August	Accreditation Centre Opening	07:30
16 August	Start of Official Training	08:00
18 August	Team Leaders' Meeting	11:00
19-24 August	Competition Days	Heats: 09:30 Finals: 18:00



2. TECHNICAL SWIMMING COMMITTEE 2025-2029

The list of Technical Swimming Committee 2025-2029 will be released in August 2025.

3. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

International Technical Officials

Continent	NF	Name	Role
Africa	ALG	Redouane AYAD	Judge
Africa	BOT	Puni GAETSEWE	Judge
Africa	KEN	Collins MARIGIRI	Judge
Americas	CAN	Pierre CLOUTIER	Judge
Americas	COL	Cesar GALARZA NAVARRO	Judge
Americas	GUA	Mabel MATEO	Judge
Americas	PER	Janet LLERENA RODRIGUEZ	Judge
Americas	TTO	Francis Maxime Akasha SAMPSON	Judge
Americas	USA	Mickey SMYTHE	Judge
Asia	UAE	Ahmed AL ZAHMI	Judge
Asia	JOR	Osama AL-ASMAR	Judge
Asia	KSA	Ali Abdullah A ALWAHABI	Judge
Asia	TPE	Yu-Cheng LIN	Judge
Europe	ALB	Helda ROCK	Judge
Europe	BEL	Martine DOLPHEN	Judge
Europe	GEO	Giorgi SIRBILADZE	Judge
Europe	IRL	Katie MAHER	Judge
Europe	POL	Jakub KRZYWDA	Judge
Europe	POR	Sérgio MANSO	Judge
Europe	SLO	Sonja ULRIH	Judge
Europe	SWE	Stefan PERSSON	Judge
Europe	TUR	Hakan AKCAN	Judge
Oceania	AUS	Darren James MCLACHLAN	Judge
Oceania	FIJ	Susau ELAISA	Judge
Oceania	NZL	Ellie SHERWOOD	Judge
Asia	SGP	Tina ONG	Starter
Americas	USA	Jason Keith JOHNSON	Starter

National Technical Officials

ROU	Marius-Mihai Grigore	Ligia Medrea
	Florin Cotos	Mădălin-Marian Marinescu
	Marian Aron	Cristina-Nicoleta Flutur
	Oana-Loredana Hristov	Luminița-Gabriela Deșliu

4. TEAM LEADERS' MEETING

Monday, 18 August 2025 at 11:00

Location: Conference Room

At the Team Leaders' Meeting, important details of the competition will be presented. Participation is **mandatory** for all National Federations, and if an NF is absent, it is subject to a penalty fee of one hundred (100) CHF.

The Team Leaders' Meeting will include the following topics:

- a. Swimming competition technical information including final confirmation of entries
- b. Venue and athlete flows
- c. Other items related to the competition

Team Leaders are responsible for checking all given information, including personal details and spelling of the athletes' names, and the entries. Changes will not be accepted after the meeting.

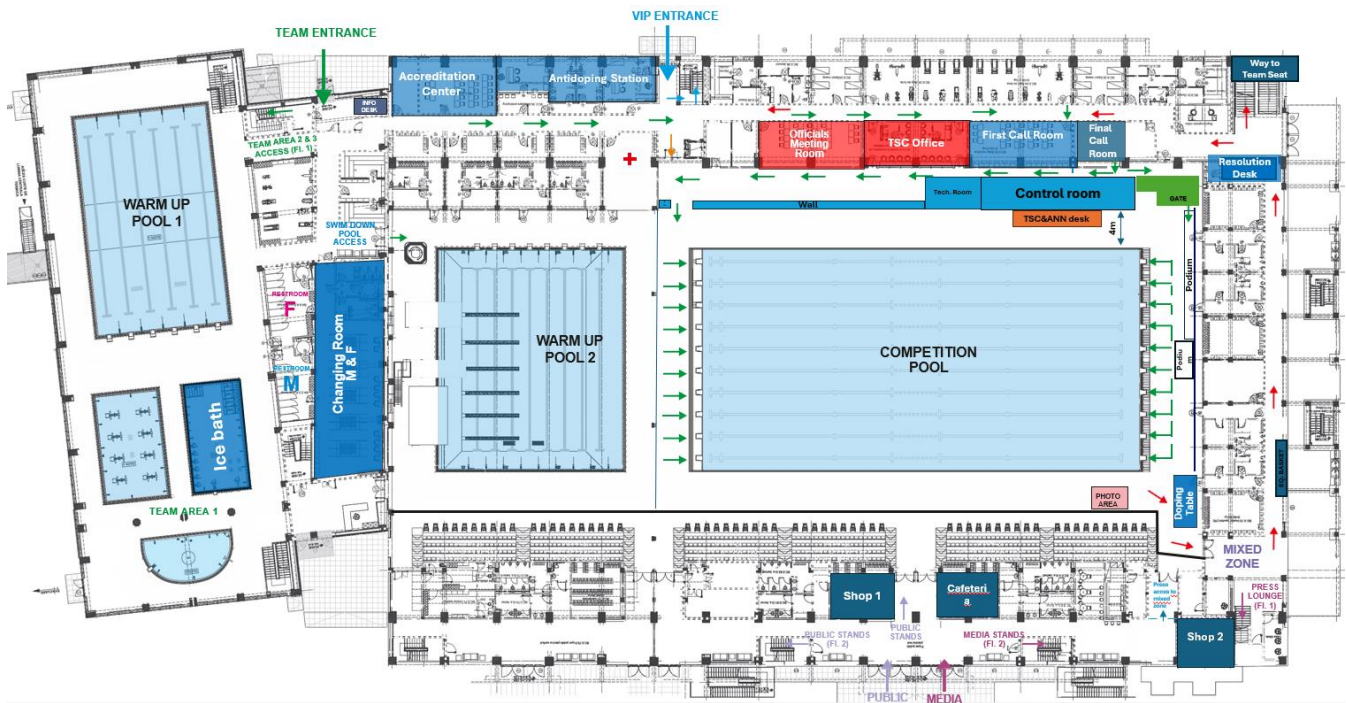
Due to the capacity of the room, a maximum of two representatives per NF may attend. Other representatives may join the meeting via a live-streaming service. The dial-in detail will be provided closer to the date.



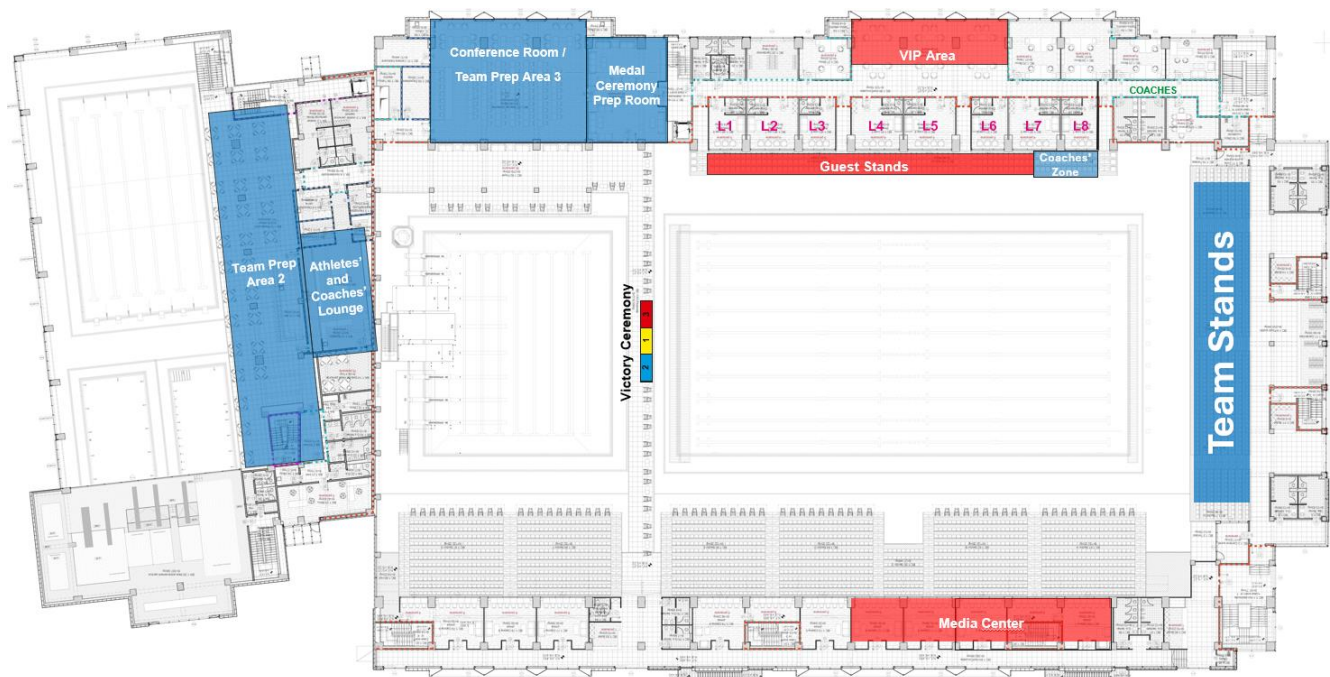
C. VENUE INFORMATION

1. VENUE OVERVIEW

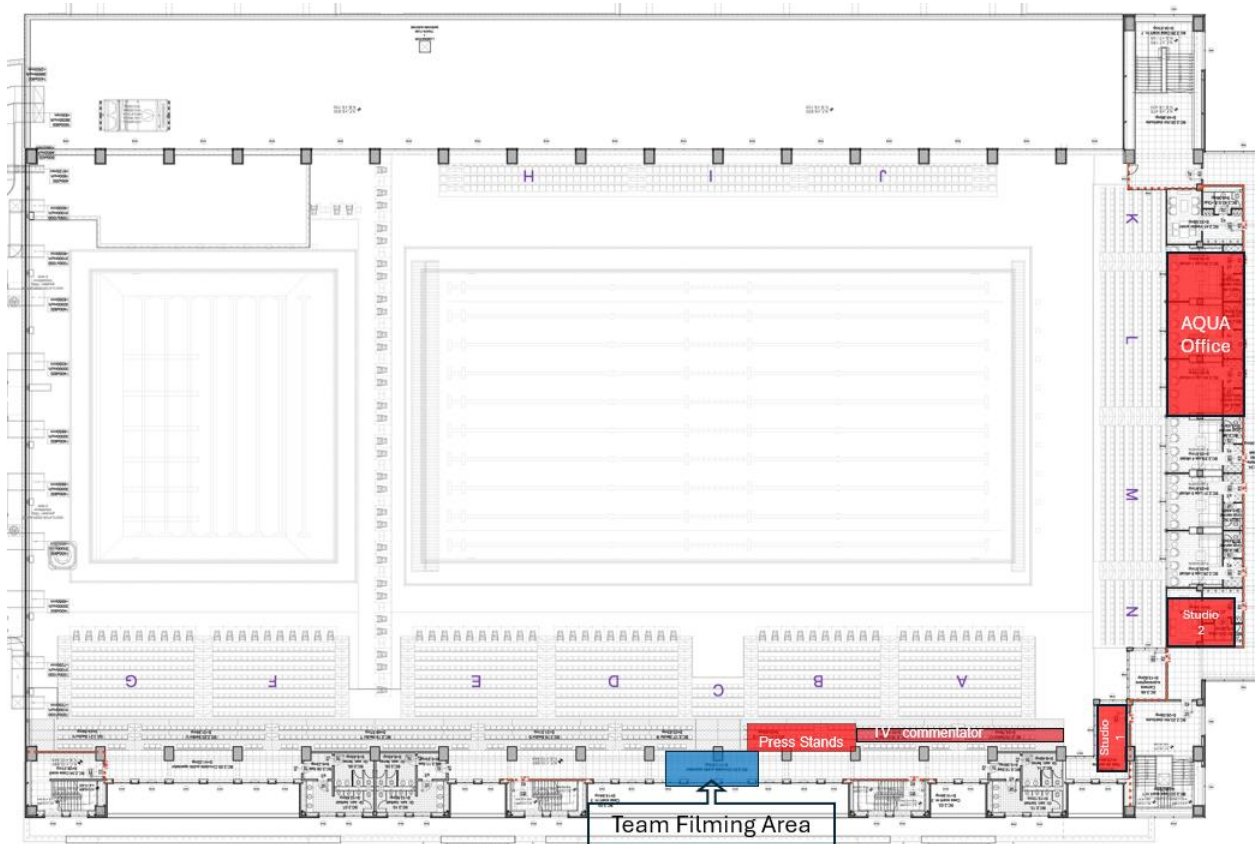
Ground Floor (Pool deck level)



First Floor (Seating level)



Second Floor (Team Filming Area)



2. VENUE FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Team Preparation Area

The teams will be assigned to a space near the warmup pool on the ground floor or first floor. The team locations will be based on the number of participating athletes. These areas will be marked with country codes and flags.

The exact team locations will be finalised after the confirmation of participating countries and team sizes.

Athletes' Changing Rooms

Changing rooms and showers are available for athletes and team officials at the competition venue.

Athletes' and Coaches' Lounge

The Athletes' and Coaches' Lounge will be located near the Team Preparation Area on the first floor and will be open every day during the training and competition days.

This dedicated space will offer resting area for athletes and coaches with refreshments, live feeds, and cultural activities.

Team Seating

At the competition venue 545 seats will be available on the stands for athletes, coaches and team officials. Seats will be allocated based on a Team's size.

Coaches' Zone

A dedicated zone for coaches will be available in the VIP stands. Only the coaches whose swimmer(s) are competing in a given event should access this area.

An additional accreditation will be required to access this zone, with further details to be communicated to the participating teams.

Sport Information Desk (SID)

Sport Information Desk (SID) will operate throughout the training and competition days for Swimming. The following information will be available:

- Sport-specific information for the competition
- Official communication with teams
- Transportation schedules
- Lost and found items
- Other miscellaneous enquiries

Information on the Championships can also be obtained from the World Aquatics Events Insider app.

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. Operations staff will manage the Mixed Zone and provide support for broadcasters and other media.

Medical Stations

First aid and medical treatment will be available at the venue medical stations. Anyone who needs more than first aid will be transferred to one of the designated hospitals for further treatment.

Doping Control Notification Table

The Doping Control Notification Table will be located on the pool deck, and athletes must collect their accreditations from the table after their race.

Team Filming Area

Team filming is only permitted from the designated area on the second floor. A limited number of team filming positions are allocated to the teams who have duly requested the position through the online form*. No other area will be set aside for team filming.

Ice Baths

A limited space for ice baths is available at the training pool. Space will be allocated based on the request made through the online form*.

*Each Member Federation will be requested to submit information regarding their requirements for ice bath space and team filming through the online form, which will automatically be closed on **Friday, 1 August 2025 at 23:59 GMT**.

D. COMPETITION AND TRAINING

1. TRAINING INFORMATION

Official training will be organised three (3) days before the start of the competition. The Championships training period is from 16 to 18 August 2025.

All training sessions are OPEN (no scheduled sessions).

Training Venues

Venue	Type	Pool Details	Lanes
Aquatics Centre Otopeni	Competition Pool	50mx25mx2-3m	10 lanes
	Warm Up Pool	25mx15mx1.35-1.8m	6 lanes
	Diving Pool (Warm up/down pool)	25mx21mx5m	10 lanes

Training Schedule

Date	Opening Hours	
	Competition Pool (50m)	Warm Up Pool (25m)
16 – 18 August	08:00-13:00 15:00-20:00	
19 – 24 August* (Competition days)	07:30-09:15 16:00-17:45	07:30 – approx. 60 mins after the end of the session 16:00 – approx. 60 mins after the end of the session

*50m long course training will not be available during the competition hours.

2. COMPETITION INFORMATION

Competition Rules and Regulations

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

Appeals

Appeal Procedure

An appeal must be submitted on the official World Aquatics appeal form, which can be found on the [World Aquatics website](#) and at the resolution desk.

- The Appeal Form must be submitted in accordance with the following timelines:
 - Swimming: within thirty (30) minutes of the respective event's completion.
- The following can be appealed in Swimming:
 - Any decision of a referee as to the consequence of an Athlete's rule infraction.

The appeal must be submitted to the designated World Aquatics representative, who shall be identified at the beginning of the applicable competition. The appeal shall only be considered complete if it is accompanied by a deposit of five hundred (500) United States dollars (or an equivalent amount in the applicable local currency).

The World Aquatics Representative will present the appeal to the Chair of the Jury of Appeal, who will review the appeal and determine its validity. The Chair shall determine the validity as soon as reasonably possible following the appeal's submission.

If the Chair deems the appeal to be invalid, pursuant to the criteria in World Aquatics Competition Regulations, Part One – Section 14, the deposit shall be forfeited. If the appeal is deemed to be valid, the Chair shall initiate a review by the Jury of Appeal which shall render a final decision on the appeal as soon as reasonably practical. The Chair's decision regarding validity is final.

The Jury of Appeal may consult video footage, documents and witnesses when making its decision, and may additionally choose to consult any other potentially impacted party, in person or in writing.

Decisions of referees shall be afforded a significant degree of deference. The Jury of Appeal shall not substitute its view of the appealed matter for that of the referee unless the appellant presents clear evidence that the referee's decision was made arbitrarily, irrationally, or in abuse of the discretion afforded to the referee.

If the Jury rules in favour of the appealing party, the deposit shall be returned to the appealing party, and the ensuing course of action shall be decided on a case-by-case basis.

If the Jury rules against the appealing party, the deposit shall be forfeited.

The decision of the Jury is final.

All appeals at the World Aquatics Championships shall follow the [World Aquatics Competition Regulations](#), Part One – Section 13 and 14.

Competition Procedures

Team arrival at the venue

Teams will be dropped off near the dedicated Athletes' Entrance. 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.

Accreditations

All athletes must present their accreditation when reporting to the First Call Room prior to their event. A World Aquatics Technical Official will verify the athletes' identity and collect their accreditation. The accreditation will then be taken to the Doping Control Notification Table on the Field of Play. On exiting the Field of Play after their event, athletes must pick up their accreditation from the Table.

Athletes will parade onto the Field of Play during the Heats. For Semifinals and Finals, the introduction will be made by lane. During competition, there will be strictly no access to the Field of Play for non-competing athletes and team officials.

Call Room

Call Rooms will be operated under the direction of the World Aquatics Technical Swimming Committee.

Swimmers must report to the First Call Room, where swimwear and other equipment will be checked prior to their event, a minimum of 20 minutes before their scheduled race time for Heats, Semifinals, and Finals.

Access Control and Field of Play Protocol

A clean Field of Play policy will be implemented during the competition. For this reason, only 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 policy 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 always wear their accreditation where appropriate.

Exit from the Field of Play

Competitors must exit the Field of Play via Mixed Zone after the race.

Resolution Table & TSC Desk

A Resolution Table will be operated by the Technical Officials.

The Technical Swimming Committee (TSC) Desk will be located on the pool deck from 1 hour 30 minutes before the start of each session during the competition days and will resolve all matters pertaining to the competition including:

- a. Relay Entries (must be submitted via online not later than one (1) hour before the start of the respective session where the event will be conducted)
- b. Withdrawals
- c. Appeals
- d. Specific enquiries from Team Leaders concerning the conduct of the Championships.

Once the competition session begins, all matters pertaining to the competition will be handled in the first instance at the Resolution Table near the Field of Play.

World Aquatics Events Insider app

World Aquatics will be using the World Aquatics Events Insider app to communicate with all participants throughout the World Aquatics Junior Swimming Championships – Otopeni 2025.



This app will be used to share documents and updates and send push notifications. Please make sure to download the app and follow the dedicated channel.



Warm-Up Guidelines

All lanes in the Competition Pool are CIRCLE SWIMMING ONLY, until 45 min. prior to the advertised time of end of warm up, when the competition pool converts to the following diagram:

COMPETITION POOL 50M START END

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No entry	Back stroke Starts	Circle Only	Circle Only	Circle Only	Circle Only	Circle Only	Circle Only	Pace lane	Dive Start Sprint Lane
									
Dive Start Sprint Lane	Back stroke Starts	Circle Only	Circle Only	Circle Only	Circle Only	Circle Only	Circle Only	Pace lane	No entry
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

START/FINISH END

Competition Pool

- There is NO DIVING OR BACKSTROKE STARTS AT ALL until 45 min. prior to the end of warm up, and then diving only in those lanes marked to do so.
- There is NO DIVING IN CIRCLE SWIMMING LANES, entry to these lanes is to be feet first. Circle swimming is anti-clockwise.
- No other equipment than kickboards or pull buoys are allowed in the Competition Pool (e.g. no paddles, no fins, no rubber bands, no parachutes, etc.)**
- Any time between sessions, the Competition Pool must be set up as above.

Warm Up Pool

- All lanes will be anti-clockwise circle swimming, with feet first entry at all times.
- Lanes zero (0) and nine (9) can be used for dive in sprints or relay exchange practice. The starting blocks will reflect the blocks used in the competition pool.
- Backstroke ledges will also be available in the Warm Up pool.

World Aquatics Technical Swimming Committee reserves the right to modify the above guidelines should the situation warrant.

3. UNIFORM, SWIMWEAR AND EQUIPMENT

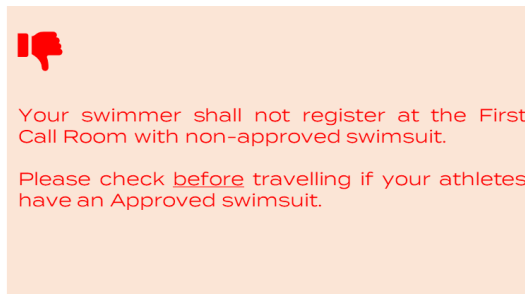
Uniform

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](#).

Swimsuit

Swimmers must only wear World Aquatics Approved Swimwear (swimsuit, goggles and caps). All swimsuits must have the proper QR Code.



The List of Approved Swimwear is available on the website [HERE](#).

Wearables

AQUA Competition Regulations: Part Two, Article 15.3, Swimwear and Wearables:

15.3 ... The use of technology and automated data collection devices is permissible for the sole purpose of collecting data. Automated devices shall not be utilised to transmit data, sounds, or signals to the swimmer and may not be used to aid their speed.

Only AQUA approved equipment may be used.

Competitors must declare all wearables when reporting to the First Call Room. Failure to declare prior to racing may result in disqualification.

The List of Approved Wearables is available on the website [HERE](#) (version February 19, 2024).

E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. PRESENTATION, CEREMONIES AND CONFERENCES

Timing, Scoring and Results

World Aquatics Partner Omega will provide all timing, scoring and result services for the Championships. This will also include all digital Championships outputs, which will be distributed to teams via the World Aquatics Events Insider app.

World Aquatics Bibs

Every competitor participating in Semifinals and Finals 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 athlete introductions and Medal Ceremonies.

Bibs will be distributed to the competitors when they report to the Call Room before the start of each Semifinal or Final, and in the assembly area before Medal Ceremonies.

Medal Ceremonies

The Medal Ceremonies will be held at the competition venue's Medal Ceremonies stage to honour and celebrate their achievement. Following the presentation of medals, the national anthem of the gold medallist will be played, and the national flags of the medallists displayed.

All finalists must wear the World Aquatics bib, as provided by World Aquatics, on top of their National Federation uniform during the Medal Ceremony 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. Non-compliance with any of the above instructions may result in delays in the TV coverage.

Items such as flags, caps, or any other symbols are not allowed on the podium.

Press Conference

Athletes and team officials who need to attend a press conference will be advised when to report for the conference so please make sure to attend. Non-English-speaking athletes must be accompanied by interpreters as press conferences will be conducted in English.

Athletes' Photo Shooting

All athletes are requested to attend the designated photo booth located at the competition venue to capture portrait photos. These assets will be used for in-venue presentations, TV graphics, social media, and other promotional outputs.

Athletes must wear their official national team uniforms during the shoot.

It is essential that athletes complete the photo session **before the start of the competitions**. Detailed information regarding the booth schedule and location will be communicated closer to the event.

2. TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Official port of entry: Bucharest Henri Coandă International Airport

The Otopeni 2025 Organising Committee will provide ground airport transfers from/to Bucharest Henri Coandă International Airport for all registered participants staying at official hotels, based on the latest flight details updated in 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 shuttle bus service will be provided from all official hotels to/from the venue, based on a pre-determined schedule.

If participants are not staying in any of the official hotels or do not require ground airport transfer, participants may indicate in the GMS **“I have made my own travel arrangements.”**

Further information including shuttle bus timetable and transport hotline will be provided through the World Aquatics Event Insider app as well as the Information Desk upon arrival at your hotel.

3. FIRST AID AND MEDICAL SERVICES

First Aid

Otopeni 2025 Organising Committee has organised the medical care to manage any emergency issues, acute injury and illnesses of athletes & teams and World Aquatics Family that may occur during the period of the World Aquatics Junior Swimming Championships – Otopeni 2025.

Limits

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

On-Venue Medical Services

Operational Period

Athlete medical services will be available on all days of official training and competition.

At Competition Venue

A Medical Station will be set up at the competition venue. The Medical Station provides on-site medical services and emergency-and-ambulance services for accredited personnel who are permitted to enter these areas. Ambulances are parked at the back door of the venue to provide first-aid treatment and ambulance services.

After the on-site treatment the patients – if the onsite doctor considers it necessary – shall be transferred by ambulance to the designated hospital for further diagnosis and treatment.

Medical Services outside of the venue

Emergency Hotline: Call **112**

Chief Medical Officer: Call +40 744838694 (Dr. Marian Anghelescu)

Designated Hospital

Bucharest Emergency Clinic Hospital

Address: Calea Floreasca 8, 014461 Bucharest

Importation of personal medication

Details on the importation policy of personal medication to Romania will be shared with the teams in due course.

Health Insurance

Every national federation is responsible for ensuring that each nominated member of its delegation (athlete, officials, etc.) has valid a personal medical insurance covering the medical costs in the host country.

The Medical Service Provider is entitled to request compensation for healthcare services not included in onsite and hotel care, which the user shall pay in cash or by credit card at the location when the service is utilised.

European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)

Participants insured by or covered by a state social security system in any Member State of the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland or United Kingdom may use their valid EHIC in Romania. More information regarding EHIC can be found at <https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=559&langId=en>

World Aquatic Travel Assistance Insurance (TSM)

World Aquatics' Travel Assistance Insurance offers coverage for flight cancellations, travel assistance, and baggage support.

In terms of healthcare, it provides supplementary or 'umbrella' coverage, which means it is not a standalone health insurance policy. Instead, it is intended to supplement the participant's existing personal health insurance, if necessary. In fact, if a participant does not have their own coverage, the World Aquatics insurance has a cap, and in cases like expensive repatriation, it would not cover the full costs

Organising Committee Medical Staff

Chief Medical Officer (CMO)

Dr. Marian Anghelescu (+40 744838694/mariananghelescu@yahoo.com)

Team Doctors

Team doctors must register in advance with the Otopeni 2025 Organising Committee to provide medical services to the members of their delegation during the Championships.

World Aquatics and the local Organising Committee 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.

4. DOPING CONTROL

General Information

Urine and blood samples will be collected during the World Aquatics Junior Swimming Championships - Otopeni 2025 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.

Mandatory Anti-Doping education course prior to participation

As per the World Aquatics Doping Control Rules, any athlete participating in the World Aquatics Junior Swimming 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:

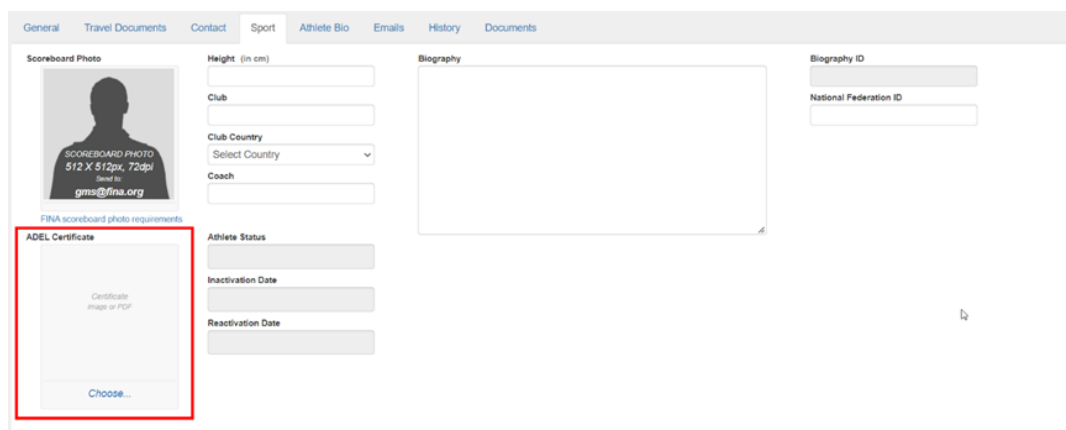
Select the course “**International-Level Athletes Education Program**” and complete the course to obtain at least 80% at the final exam at the end of the course. You can do the course again if you do not achieve 80% the first time. The course is available in 23 different languages.

Step 5:

Once the course has been successfully completed, download the certificate of completion, and send it to your World Aquatics Member. The ADEL guidelines to download the certificate can be found [here](#).

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).



The screenshot shows the GMS profile page with the 'Sport' tab selected. The 'ADEL Certificate' field is highlighted with a red box, indicating where to upload the certificate. The page includes various fields for athlete information, such as Height, Club, Club Country, Coach, Biography, and ADEL Status.

Note: In order to avoid any issues, Members should not wait until their teams are finalised 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@aquaticsimpunity.com.

World Records and World Junior Records

As per the World Aquatics Doping Control Rules, any Athlete equalling or breaking a World Record or World Junior Record in Swimming, shall be tested immediately after the race, or at the latest, 24 hours after the race. If not selected for doping control after the race, it is the sole responsibility of the athlete(s) to come to the doping control station to request a test.

Continental or National Record

Should an Athlete equal or break a continental or a national record, it is the sole responsibility of the athlete(s) to check whether the rules of their Continental Organization(s) or Member(s) require a negative doping control test in order to recognise the record. If this is required, the athlete must go to the doping control station to request a doping control test. This test will have to be paid for by the athlete or their Member.

4. SAFEGUARDING MEASURES

World Aquatics and the Aquatics Integrity Unit are taking safeguarding actions prior to and during the World Aquatics Championships – Otopeni 2025 to ensure (i) the safety of all participants, (ii) a safe and abuse-free environment throughout the event, and (iii) the enforcement of the [World Aquatics Rules on the Prevention from Harassment and Abuse](#).

What is a Safeguarding concern?

Anything that causes a person to be concerned for their own safety or that of another person, or that makes them feel uncomfortable is potentially a safeguarding concern.

Who will handle safeguarding concerns during the event?

The Aquatics Integrity Unit will handle safeguarding concerns during the event. The Aquatics Integrity Unit will be available to the Team Leaders to provide support, guidance and advice if a safeguarding concern arises.

What is my role in Safeguarding as a Team Leader?

As the Team Leader you are responsible for reporting concerns and providing support, advice and guidance to all team members.

Your tasks are:

- Know your team and make sure they know who you are and your contact details.
- Know the contact details of the Aquatics Integrity Unit

- Make sure your team members understand the [World Aquatics Rules on the Prevention from Harassment and Abuse](#), your safeguarding responsibilities and the support you can provide to them.
- If a Safeguarding concern is reported to you:
 - Listen to their concerns
 - Stay calm
 - Be empathetic
 - Write down the information and facts they share with you
 - Report the concern to the Aquatics Integrity Unit

How should I report a Safeguarding concern?

Safeguarding concerns can be reported to the Aquatics Integrity Unit by phone or email.

Phone: +41 21 552 75 01

Email: report@aquaticsintegrity.com

Any safeguarding concern requiring urgent police intervention should be reported immediately by dialing 112 on your phone.

5. ACCREDITATION

Accreditation Cards

Participating World Aquatics Members must comply with the quotas, as in principle, World Aquatics will not allow any extra officials. Only exceptional and motivated requests for additional officials will be considered and reviewed by World Aquatics for approval. In this case, a fee of one hundred-fifty (150) USD will be charged for each additional accreditation duly approved. Payment will only be possible by bank transfer or in cash.

Only persons aged of 18 or older as of the first day of the registered Championships are allowed to be accredited as Team official. Concerning World Aquatics Member Representatives, the President, and the General Secretary, officially recognised by World Aquatics, will be entitled to free accreditation (this cannot be transferred to any other person). Any other individual registered under the World Aquatics Member Representative category will be charged a fee of one hundred-fifty (150) USD for their accreditation.

All National Federations participating in World Aquatics Junior Swimming Championships – Otopeni 2025 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 the Championships. 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.

World Aquatics has final approval for all Team Official and Member Representative Accreditation requests that have been registered through the World Aquatics GMS by the registration deadline. Quotas are not transferable from one discipline to another, or from one category to another. The following access privileges will be given to the persons depending on their function:



ZONE – CODE	ZONE DESCRIPTION	ZONE ACCESS
BLUE	Field of play	Blue, Red, White
RED	Operational areas	Red, White
WHITE	General circulation areas	White
2	Athlete preparation areas	2
4	Media areas	4
5	Broadcast areas	5
6	Guest Areas	6
7	Honorary Guest Areas	7
T	Team Tribune	T
G	Guest Tribune	G
TT	Shuttle Bus - Teams	TT

CATEGORY	FUNCTION	PRIVILEGES	SEATING	TRANSPORT
Athlete		Blue, 2	T	TT
Member Representative	President	Blue, 2	G	TT
	General Secretary	Blue, 2	G	TT
	Executive Board Member	Red, 2	G	TT
	Official Representative	Red, 2	G	TT
	Senior Staff	Red, 2	G	TT
	Accompanying Guest	Red, 2	G	TT
Team Official	Chef de Mission*	Blue, 2	T	TT
	Head Coach	Blue, 2	T	TT
	Coach	Blue, 2	T	TT
	Team Leader	Blue, 2	T	TT
	Doctor	Blue, 2	T	TT
	Massage Therapist	Blue, 2	T	TT
	Media Liaison	Blue, 2, 4, 5	T	TT
	Medical Personnel	Blue, 2	T	TT
	Physiotherapist	Blue, 2	T	TT
	Support Staff	Blue, 2	T	TT

Important Note:

Access privileges and zone allocations listed above are subject to change based on the final venue setup, operational requirements, and other needs specific to the Championships. Adjustments may be made at the discretion of World Aquatics or the Organising Committee to ensure smooth event operations. Participants will be informed of any changes in advance whenever possible.

Venue Access

Each person must be registered under the function and role they will be fulfilling during the Championships. If an individual will perform multiple functions, please select the most senior position as only one function can be selected during registration.

e.g. If a Member representative Board Member is also the coach of the team, this person should be registered as a "Team Official" and "Coach" in order to have the correct access to fulfill their duties at the event.

The World Aquatics Member is entirely responsible for registering the participants with their correct functions and roles, so that the correct accreditations will be issued. No accreditations will be changed or re-printed during the event.

Accreditation Centre

Accreditation Centre will be located next to the Team Entrance at the competition venue, which will be in operation from 16 to 24 August 2025. Team Leaders (or designated representatives with official written authorisation) must visit the Accreditation Centre in person to collect accreditation cards for the team. They are required to present the original identity documents (passports used as identification in the GMS) for each team member.

Opening Hours

16-24 August 2025	07.30-13.00
	15:30-20:00

Lost or Damaged Accreditation Card and Replacement

If your accreditation badge is lost, it must be reported immediately to the nearest security personnel from the Organising Committee. A penalty fee may be charged for the reproduction of lost accreditation badges.

Visa Information

Every eligible participant whose participation has been approved by World Aquatics will receive an invitation letter from the Organising Committee. It is the participant's responsibility to apply for a visa promptly to ensure it is received in time for the event.

5. ATHLETES & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

An Athletes' Lounge will be available close to the team preparation area. More information on the exact location and the activities will be shared on the Event Insider App at the beginning of the event.

The World Aquatics Development and Athletes Services Department remain available to answer any questions you may have.

Feel free to contact us development@worldaquatics.com

6. RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

For Athletes, Coaches and National Federations	Summons (March 2025)
	Visa Information
	Team Accommodation Information