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1. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear friends,

On behalf of the entire World Aquatics family, I welcome you to the World Aquatics Open Water Swimming World Cup 2025 series.

This year, the world's top open water swimmers will compete in a series of stunning destinations: Somabay, Egypt (21-22 February); Ibiza, Spain (25-26 April); Setubal, Portugal (14-15 June); and Golfo Aranci, Italy (10-11 October). The venue and date for the World Cup Finals will be announced later.

The crystal-clear waters of Somabay, Egypt, have become a favourite destination on the Open Water Swimming World Cup circuit. Following successful editions in 2023 and 2024 as part of the Egypt Aquatics Festival, this beautiful Red Sea venue will launch the 2025 season again.

The second stop takes us to Ibiza, where athletes will compete in the pristine waters of the Mediterranean Sea. Although Spain has hosted an impressive 49 World Aquatics events, this marks Ibiza's debut as a host for the world's finest aquatic athletes.

From Ibiza, the tour continues to Setubal, Portugal, a well-established locale for open-water swimming. Known for hosting key events such as the Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifiers in 2012 and 2016 and the Open Water Swimming World Cup for the past three years, Setubal's open ocean waters provide a familiar and challenging stage for the athletes.

Golfo Aranci, Italy, located on the beautiful Sardinian coast, returns as a host for the third consecutive edition of the Open Water Swimming World Cup. This Mediterranean venue is renowned for its vibrant local culture and breathtaking natural scenery.

With the dedicated support of the Local Organising Committees, local authorities, officials, and volunteers, I know you are in very safe hands in these great cities.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the host cities and sponsors for their continued trust and unwavering support in making 2025 a very special year for open water swimming. To all the athletes, I wish you the very best throughout this much-anticipated racing series.



Captain Husain Al-Musallam

World Aquatics President

2. MESSAGE FROM THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Golfo Aranci once again proves to be a stunning setting for the 2025 stage of the World Aquatics Open Water Swimming World Cup!

It is with immense pride that our community welcomes athletes, coaches, organisers, and spectators from around the world to this prestigious competition, which will take place on October 10 and 11 in our crystal-clear waters.

Golfo Aranci confirms itself as an ideal venue for international sporting events, thanks to the beauty of its sea, its tourism-oriented spirit, and the hospitality of our people. We are honoured to host this event once again—an occasion that is not only about sport but also about promoting our territory and its values.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all those who, with dedication and passion, make this extraordinary event possible. A special greeting to the athletes competing in Golfo Aranci, who embody the values of sport through their enthusiasm.

I wish everyone a competition marked by fairness and excellence, and to all visitors an unforgettable stay in our town.

Giuseppe Fasolino
Mayor of Golfo Aranci



MESSAGE FROM THE HOST

Sardinia is proud to host the third edition of the Open Water Swimming World Cup, an event that celebrates both sport and the beauty of our region.

The first two editions gave us unforgettable emotions, and we are confident that this year will also be a great success.

A heartfelt thank you goes to the Region of Sardinia, the Italian Swimming Federation, and World Aquatics for their support, which made this event possible. A special thanks to the Municipality of Golfo Aranci for their warm hospitality, and to Silvia Fioravanti, President of the Aquatic Team Freedom, for her invaluable organisational collaboration.

Praise goes to all the staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure a flawless experience.

In recent years, we have worked with dedication to make our seas a recognised international hub for open water swimming, and today we can proudly say we have reached this important milestone.

Thank you all for believing in this project and for your continued support.

Danilo Russu
President, Sardinia Regional Committee FIN



3. INTRODUCTION

The Italian Swimming Federation has the honour and pleasure to invite you to the World Aquatics Open Water Swimming World Cup 2025 in Golfo Aranci – Sardinia (ITA).

Our organization is very glad to welcome all Open Water Swimming World Cup 2025 athletes. Golfo Aranci is proud to offer this beautiful event the population of Sardinia and is also honoured to be part of the Open Water Swimming World Cup for the third time.

The following information has been settled to assist your National Federation in its decision to attend this event.

4. EVENT CONTACTS

Should you have any queries regarding the information provided in this document please feel free to contact the following event contacts:

Italian Swimming Federation:

Phone: +39 06 36200457 or 406

Email: logistics@federnuoto.it

Local Organising Committee:

Phone: + 39 3386212062

Email: ows.worldcup.ita@gmail.com

World Aquatics:

Name & Last Name, Role: Ignasi Vendrell, Sport Manager - World Aquatics

Email: ignasi.vendrell@worldaquatics.com

5. CALENDAR

LEG	DATE	LOCATION
#1	FEBRUARY 21-22	SOMABAY (EGY)
#2	APRIL 25-26	IBIZA (ESP)
#3	JUNE 14-15	SETUBAL (POR)
#4	OCTOBER 10-11	GOLFO ARANCI (ITA)

6. EVENT KEY DATES

AUG 25	VISA DEADLINE
AUG 25	PRELIMINARY ACCOMMODATION BOOKING DEADLINE Submission of accommodation forms and Deposit payment 50%
SEP 20	REGISTRATION & SPORT ENTRIES DEADLINE, FINAL ACCOMMODATION DEADLINE & TRAVEL DETAILS Submission of ROOMING LIST and Balance payment 50%
OCT 7 – OCT 9	OFFICIAL TRAINING
OCT 9	TEAM LEADERS MEETING – 17:00 at Hotel Marana
OCT 10	COMPETITION – Men's 10km 09:00 COMPETITION – Women's 10km 12:00
OCT 11	COMPETITION – Mixed 4x1500m Relay 09:00 COMPETITION – Men's 3km KNOCKOUT SPRINT 15:00 COMPETITION – Women's 3km KNOCKOUT SPRINT 17:00

7. OFFICIAL SCHEDULE AND COMPETITION PROGRAMME

Training Schedule:

The official training sessions will take place at

- **Tuesday 7 October:**
 - o 09:00-12:00 - pool training
 - o 16:00-18:00 - sea training reduced course
- **Wednesday 8 October:**
 - o 09:00-12:00 - pool training
 - o 16:00-18:00 - sea training reduced course
- **Thursday 9 October:**
 - o 09:00-12:00 - sea training official course (10km)
 - o 16:00-18:00 - pool training
- **Friday 10 October:**
 - o 16:00/18:00 - sea training official course (3km Knock Out)
 - o 16:00-18:00 - pool training

Competition schedule:

- **Friday 10 October:**
 - o 09:00 - Men's 10km
 - o 12:00 - Women's 10km
- **Saturday 11 October:**
 - o 09:00 - Mixed 4x1500m Relay
 - o 15:00 - Men's 3km Knockout Sprint
 - o 17:00 - Women's 3km Knockout Sprint

Award ceremonies will take place at the competition venue, immediately after the race. All Announcements, instructions, and commands during the event will be in English.

8. PARTICIPANTS

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

9. ENTRY PROCESS

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

10. TECHNICAL & TEAM LEADERS MEETING

The Team Leaders Meeting (TLM) will take place on **October 9 at 17:00** at the Hotel Marana.

11. VENUE & COURSE INFORMATION

The **10km** competition will be organised on a **1666m** course. Swimmers will have to complete **6 laps**.

Sprint Winners: Prize Money will be awarded for the top 3 ranked athletes at the first lap of the 10km event.

For the **Mixed 4x1500m Team Relay**, the same shape of the 10km event will be used, but the course will be only **1500m**.

The **3k Knockout Sprint** event will be organized on a **1.5km /1km /0.5Km** courses, same shape

The exact design of the competition courses will be shared with the teams closer to the competition.

12. RULES

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

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

13. ACCREDITATIONS & EVENT INFORMATION DESK

The Organising Committee will provide all Athletes and Team Officials with an official Accreditation card. Only accredited people will be allowed to access certain venue areas. All accredited people are requested to always carry their Accreditation Cards with them and to show them upon request.

Where to collect:

Accreditation can be collected at the Information Desk in the official hotels. Team Leaders will be required to present photographic identification for all team members. The team Hotel will have an Information Desk where all the information will be provided, and where the accreditations will be delivered.

14. POINT SYSTEM & PRIZE MONEY

Point system and prize money distribution is explained within the 2025 Rules & Regulations World Aquatics Open Water Swimming World Cup 2025, Rules and Regulations can be found [here](#).

Additionally, World Aquatics shall pay a minimum net total amount of five thousand United States dollars (US\$ 5.000) each to the men's and women's top 3 qualified athletes in the 3km Knockout Sprint, as follows:

Position	Prize Money
1 st	US\$ 2'500
2 nd	US\$ 1'500
3 rd	US\$ 1'000

15. MEDICAL

All Medical Support will be delivered by the local health authorities and in articulation with the World Aquatics Medical and Safety Officers, as well as World Aquatics Rules and Procedures.

16. VISA INFORMATION & TRANSPORTATION

The Italian Swimming Federation will facilitate the process of obtaining an entry visa to Italy by issuing a support letter to present at the Italian Embassy in your Country. All participants needing a Visa are requested to contact us (logistics@federnuoto.it) no later than the **25th of August 2025**.

For additional information on whether a Visa is needed for entry into Italy please visit <https://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/>

Transfers services will be provided free of charge only for the National Federations arriving at the Olbia Airport and harbour (15/20 minutes to both hotels). Local transportation between Hotels and training/competition venue will be provided as well.

The LOC will facilitate Airport Welcome and Transportation services upon filling in the Travel Information in the World Aquatics GMS by the deadline of **September 20th**.

Transfers from other airports can be organised upon request. We will send you a quotation if needed.

If support is needed for your travel to Golfo please contact us, We are ready and glad to help you.

Please contact: logistics@federnuoto.it ; ows.worldcup.ita@gmail.com

17.ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

In order to book your accommodation, please send the accommodation forms completed at logistics@federnuoto.it ; ows.worldcup.ita@gmail.com by the deadlines below:

- **25 August 2025:** PRELIMINARY ACCOMMODATION BOOKING & 50% DEPOSIT DEADLINE
- **20 September 2025:** FINAL ACCOMMODATION BOOKING, BALANCE PAYMENT & ROOMING LIST

You can download the accommodation forms [here](#)

Rates by night per person per day in Full Board

260 Euros in single room

200 Euros in double room

185 in triple rooms

Hotel Marana**** <https://www.maranahotel.com/>

Punta Marana Località Marana, Golfo di Marinella 07020 Golfo Aranci (OT)

25 minutes from the Airport

20 minutes from Training Venue – Air Sporting Club

15 minutes from the Competition Venue in Golfo Aranci

Hotel Sestante **** <https://www.hotelsestante.com>

Via della marina 2 07026 Porto Rotondo

25 minutes from the Airport

20 minutes from Training Venue – Air Sporting Club

15 minutes from the Competition Venue in Golfo Aranci

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations made before the 20th September 2025 will not incur any penalty.

Cancellations between 21st and 30th September 2025 will incur a 50% charge of the total cost of the cancelled reservation.

Cancellations from 1st October 2025 onwards will be charged 100% of the total cost of the cancelled reservation.

18. AQUA EVENTS INSIDER APP

**For direct event information,
please download the Events
Insider app and insert this
password:**

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19. ANTIDOPING

Urine and blood samples will be collected during the Open Water Swimming World Cup 2025, Golfo Aranci 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. Additionally, all athlete support personnel are responsible to be knowledgeable about anti-doping regulations and procedures.

1.1. Mandatory Anti-Doping education course prior to participation

Athlete

As per the World Aquatics Doping Control Rules, any athlete participating in World Aquatics Events 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.

Team Official: Coach, Head Coach, Chef de Mission, Team Leader, or Support Staff

As per the World Aquatics Doping Control Rules, anyone registered as a team official—including coach, head coach, chef de mission, team leader, support staff—for World Aquatics Events must, prior to participation, have successfully completed the eLearning Anti-Doping Education course "[Coaches of High Performance Education Program](#)" or an eLearning course developed and approved by their respective National Anti-Doping Organization that covers the same topics. Anyone who has not met this requirement will not be eligible to participate and thus will not have their accreditation activated.

Team Official: Doctor, Medical Professional, Massage Therapist, or Physiotherapist

As per the World Aquatics Doping Control Rules, anyone registered as a team official—including doctor, medical professional, massage therapist, physiotherapist—for World Aquatics Events must, prior to participation, have successfully completed the eLearning Anti-Doping Education course "[ADEL for Medical Professional's Education Program](#)" or an eLearning course developed and approved by their respective National Anti-Doping Organization that covers the same topics. Anyone who has not met this requirement will not be eligible to participate 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:

Based on the category, select the course **“International-Level Athletes Education Program”**, **“Coaches of High-Performance Education Program”** or **“ADEL for Medical Professional’s 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 athletes’ course is available in twenty-three languages, the coaches’ course in seventeen languages, and the medical professionals’ course is offered in three languages. Each course takes up to 2-3 hours to complete. The courses can also be accessed through the **“ADEL by WADA”** mobile application.


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).

General
Travel Documents
Contact
Sport
Athlete Bio
Club Affiliation
Uniform
Companions
Emails
History
Documents

Scoreboard Photo


Club
Club Country
Select Country
Coach

Biography
Biography ID
National Federation ID

Anti-Doping Education Certificate (ADEL)

Certificate image or PDF
Choose...

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

Athletes and team officials are encouraged to renew their certifications every four years to stay up to date with the latest anti-doping regulations and procedures.

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

1.2 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 being tested.

1.3 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 or Members require a negative doping control in order to recognize 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 by the athlete or their Member.

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