

To: All National Federations

The Open Water Swimming World Cup 2026 will consist of four stops staged by Organising Committees "OC's" under the recognition of the "Host," and will be staged throughout the year on the dates specified within point 1 below.

Aligned with the [Open Water Swimming Technical Officials Pathway](#), World Aquatics will open nominations for OWS International Technical Officials (ITOs) to participate at the Open Water Swimming World Cup 2026. Note there will be 5 ITO positions available per stop (AQUA will select 1 ITO per continent).

Final nominations will be reviewed by the Open Water Swimming Referees and Officials Committee (ROC), who will proceed with the approval of the ITO's and final nominations.

Here below you will find some key information to proceed with your nominations:

1. EVENT KEY DATES

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| #1 - SOMABAY (EGY) | 28-29 March 2026 |
| #2 - IBIZA (ESP) | 24-25 April 2026 |
| #3 - GOLFO ARANCI (ITA) | 1-2 May 2026 |
| #4 - SETUBAL (POR) | 20-21 June 2026 |

2. NOMINATION PROCESS

There will be a unique nomination for all OWS World Cup stops with a deadline set for **23 January 2026**.

By the deadline above, each National Federation is invited to nominate **two (2) ITOs to each of the stops of the OWS World Cup** (ideally with gender balance) by using the nomination form attached within this communication.

IMPORTANT: In order to be considered, each ITO has to be at least Bronze Level within the [AQUA OWS Officials Lists](#). ITOs that are not listed will not be considered.

After the deadline, the ROC will review all nominations and select the final candidates. Selected ITOs' National Federations will be informed accordingly after the selection.

After confirmation of participation from the ITO, each National Federation will be responsible to proceed with the ITO's registration via World Aquatics GMS at <http://data.worldaquatics.com> before each stop's registration deadline, which will be specified within each stop's information bulletin.

3. ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

Accommodation & full board will be provided by the OC of each stop of the OWS World Cup 2026 at the stop's official hotel. A total of 4 nights will be covered -

Check In on the day prior to the Team Leaders Meeting and check out the day after the last day of competition.

Please note that any nominated official arriving before or leaving after the above-mentioned dates is responsible for his/her own accommodation and meal expenses for the extra days.

Reminder that all extra expenses such as telephone, laundry, mini bar, gym, etc. are to be covered by each invited official.

4. TRAVEL

Flights must be covered by either the nominated ITO or their respective National Federation.

As soon the ITO's flight details are confirmed, the National Federations will be responsible to upload them to the World Aquatics General Management System (GMS). The OC/World Aquatics will arrange transportation as well as reconfirm the hotel reservation in accordance with the flight details on the GMS.

5. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Transportation will be provided by the OC during the official dates. This includes pickup and drop-off at the airport and transportation from the hotel to the competition venue during official competition dates.

6. VISA & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

If required, the OC will provide an invitation letter and visa support to all those nominated ITOs who are correctly registered in the GMS prior to the registration deadline established by each OC.

7. UNIFORM & ACCREDITATION

7.1 Uniform

Event uniform will be provided by World Aquatics as per the sizes provided on the Technical Official's profile within the GMS Portal <http://data.worldaquatics.com>.

Please make sure you access to the "Uniform" tab and enter all the correct information including tops, bottoms, jacket and shoes. Remember to click on "Save" in order to save the data. You are kindly requested to submit the uniform sizes in the GMS no later than **23 January 2026**. Any sizes submitted after that date, or not submitted at all, are not guaranteed to be available in the requested size

7.2 Accreditations

Accreditations will be provided by the OC upon the ITO's arrival to the official hotel.

8. PER DIEM

No per diem will be provided for ITOs nominated for the World Aquatics OWS World Cup 2026.

9. MEDICAL INFORMATION & INSURANCE

9.1 Medical Services

Medical Services for Injury and Illness will be available at the competition venue and will be covered by the Organising Committee.

A 24/7 Medical hotline will be set up to assist with general medical enquiries from accredited participants. World Aquatics will also have a Medical Delegate available at the Official Hotel.

Please note that ID/Passport may be requested if you go to the clinic/hospital.

9.2 Insurance

As accredited participant, you must have a valid personal medical insurance covering the medical costs at the destination. Medical expenses at the destination could be high, so your insurance shall cover both healthcare and repatriation within the destination.

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 your existing personal health insurance, if necessary, and comes with a coverage limit.

10. CONTACT INFORMATION

We look forward to receiving your ITO nominations for the World Aquatics Open Water Swimming World Cup 2026.

Please do not hesitate to contact ignasi.vendrell@worldaquatics.com should you have any questions.