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## WORLD AQUATICS ARTISTIC SWIMMING WORLD CUP

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## World Aquatics President's Message

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the ninth season of the World Aquatics Artistic Swimming World Cup!

This year, we are thrilled to see a truly global five-city competition tour across four continents, offering a stage for extraordinary performances.

The Artistic Swimming World Cup 2026 series opens with the landmark debut in Medellin, Colombia, marking the country's first time hosting a World Cup event. Having this event come to Medellín is truly special and shows just how far artistic swimming has come, both in Colombia and across Latin America.

From Medellin, the World Cup heads to Paris. A city still celebrating the triumphant Olympic Games in 2024, the French capital welcomes the Artistic Swimming World Cup for the third consecutive year, marking the 10th time the event has taken place in France.

Following Paris, the World Cup heads back to Xi'an, host of last year's Super Final. Artistic swimming continues to grow in China, and Xi'an hosting the World Cup reflects China's rise in the sport, both from elite sports and community appreciation perspectives.

After Xi'an, the Artistic Swimming World Cup moves to the northwestern Spanish city of Pontevedra for the fourth stop of the 2026 tour. With artistic swimming a popular spectator sport in Spain and the national team boasting exceptional talent, Pontevedra promises to be a must-see event in 2026.

From Pontevedra, the World Cup makes its final stop in Toronto, Canada, for the Super Final. With the event taking place at the Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre, a premier facility with multiple Olympic-sized pools built for the 2015 Pan Am Games, it makes for a fitting end to the 2026 global tour. I look forward to seeing athletes and fans enjoy a brilliant few days in the city.

As ever, all of this is only possible through the hard work and dedication of our Local Organizing Committees, local authorities, volunteers, and the international media. Your support ensures that artistic swimming and our global community continue to strengthen. Thank you for your invaluable contributions.

Best wishes to all athletes, coaches, and teams—may this event inspire and elevate artistic swimming to new heights as we are once again 'United by Water!'



**Captain Husain Al Musallam World  
Aquatics President**



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## Royal Spanish Swimming Federation President's Message

On behalf of the Spanish Swimming Federation, it is a pleasure to welcome all athletes, coaches, officials, and delegations to Pontevedra for the fourth stage of the Artistic Swimming World Cup.

We are grateful to World Aquatics for the trust placed, one more time, in our Federation and in the Local Organizing Committee to host this important event on the calendar. We are fully committed to providing the best possible conditions for the competition and a positive experience for everyone involved.

Pontevedra is a city with strong sporting spirit and a long tradition of welcoming people from around the world. As part of the historic "Camino de Santiago", it has been a meeting point for cultures, journeys, and shared experiences for centuries - values that resonate deeply with the spirit of sport.

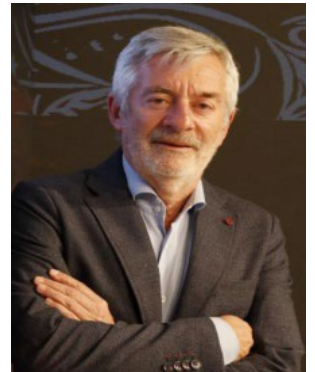
We hope this World Cup stage will be remembered not only for the quality of the performances in the pool, but also for the warmth of the city, its people, and its unique atmosphere.

We wish you a great success and enjoyable stay in Pontevedra,

With my very best wishes,

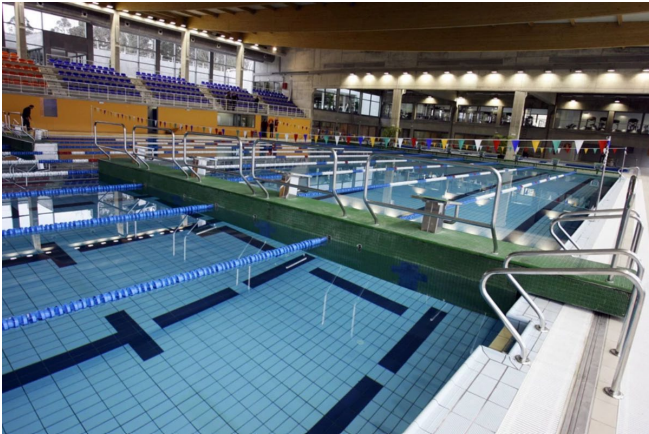


**Fernando Carpena**  
**Royal Spanish Swimming Federation President**



## Competition Venue

<b>Venue</b>	<b>Complejo Deportivo Rias Do Sur</b> Avenida Matos 10 36153 Pontevedra
<b>Competition pool</b>	50 m indoor pool 2.2 - 2.5m deep
<b>Distance to airport</b>	Vigo Airport: 32 km



## LOC Contacts

<b>Host</b>	Royal Spanish Swimming Federation
<b>Organizing Committee President</b>	Fernando CARPENA PÉREZ <a href="mailto:presidente@rfen.es">presidente@rfen.es</a>
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## Event Officials

<b>World Aquatics Delegate</b>	Lisa SCHOTT
<b>Referee</b>	TBD
<b>Assistant Referee</b>	TBD
<b>Timing &amp; Scoring</b>	MICROPLUS
<b>Music Coordinator</b>	SUPPORT FILMS

Please note, the national federations must submit to World Aquatics their proposals for international judges and international difficulty technical controllers by official email to [angela.dubuis@worldaquatics.com](mailto:angela.dubuis@worldaquatics.com) (deadline February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026). More information in the International Technical Officials section.

## Rules & Regulations

The competition will be run in accordance with the [World Aquatics Competition Regulations](#), as well as the [ASWC 2026 Rules & Regulations](#).

The competition will include 11 events, all direct finals.

<b>Women</b>	Solo Technical Solo Free Duet Technical Duet Free
<b>Men</b>	Solo Technical Solo Free
<b>Open</b>	Team Technical Team Free Team Acrobatic
<b>Mixed</b>	Mixed Duet Technical Mixed Duet Free

Prize Money will be awarded as per the [ASWC 2026 Rules & Regulations](#).

## Tentative Schedule

Date	Event
<b>25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Arrival Day
<b>26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Arrival Day and afternoon Training
<b>27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Training
<b>28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Training – Team Managers & Officials Meeting
<b>29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Competition days
<b>1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Departure Day

Provisional event schedule:

<b>29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Women Solo Technical Women Duet Technical Men Solo Technical Open Team Free
<b>30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Women Duet Free Mixed Duet Technical Open Team Technical
<b>31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Men Solo Free Women Solo Free Mixed Duet Free Open Acrobatic

*This schedule is subject to change.*

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## International Technical Officials

National Federations may propose one (1) Judge and/or one (1) Technical Controller for each stop (maximum of two (2) officials). In principle, only **one (1) official** from each Federation may officiate per session.

All officials will be evaluated by a **World Aquatics Evaluator**.

### JUDGES

Every participating National Federation may propose one (1) judge to every meet they enter. All judges must be part of the World Aquatics database and in the bronze, silver or gold category.

National Federations must apply to World Aquatics ([artisticsswimming@worldaquatics.com](mailto:artisticsswimming@worldaquatics.com)) for the registration and approval of their judge(s) in accordance with the deadline in the information bulletin for each competition.

The maximum number of judges for an ASWC stop is twenty (20). Only applications that are received within the deadline will be considered.

Officials from non-competing National Federations may apply to officiate at the competition at their own expense.

### PRACTICE JUDGES

Each National Federation is allowed to send one (1) practice judge per stop, and the host National Federation is permitted to have a maximum of three (3) practice Judges. To be eligible to be a Practice Judge at any of the aforementioned competitions, judges must be in bronze or silver category. Gold category judges cannot apply for practice judge positions. A maximum of six (6) practice judges will be accepted per competition on a first come first served basis.

### TECHNICAL CONTROLLERS

Every participating National Federation may nominate one (1) difficulty technical controller (DTC) or one (1) synchronization technical controller (STC) to every meet they enter. Any DTC or STC must be part of the World Aquatics database and in the bronze, silver or gold category.

The maximum number of DTCs for an ASWC stop is nine (9) and for STCs is three (3). Only applications that are received within the deadline will be considered. Continental distribution is considered.

The host National Federation is allowed to have two (2) practice technical controllers. Continental distribution for DTC will be done as follows on a first come first served basis as follows:

- Americas: 2
- Asia: 2
- Europe: 3
- Oceania: 1
- Africa: 1

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## Key dates

What	Deadline	Link
<b>Officials' nomination deadline (judges and TC)</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> February	<a href="mailto:angela.dubuis@worldaquatics.com">angela.dubuis@worldaquatics.com</a>
<b>Accommodation: preliminary form (with 50% payment)</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> February	<a href="https://forms.office.com/e/i6E34VAvmY">https://forms.office.com/e/i6E34VAvmY</a>
<b>Accommodation: final form (with 100 % payment)</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> March	<a href="https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1N9HZiYDk4s3BeLBcpQwslgjhYH6kXdhU/edit?usp=sharing&amp;oid=114261023328268430989&amp;rt=pof=true&amp;sd=true">https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1N9HZiYDk4s3BeLBcpQwslgjhYH6kXdhU/edit?usp=sharing&amp;oid=114261023328268430989&amp;rt=pof=true&amp;sd=true</a>
<b>Travel Details on GMS</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> March	<a href="https://data.worldaquatics.com/nomination/events">https://data.worldaquatics.com/nomination/ events</a>
<b>Registration on GMS</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> May	
<b>Final sport entries on GMS</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> May	Link to be confirmed in second bulletin  <a href="#">ClicknClear</a>  <a href="#">MicroPlus</a>
<b>Sport presentation forms</b>		
<b>Music files</b>		
<b>Coach Card initial submission</b>		
<b>Arrival Day</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> May	N/A
<b>Arrival &amp; Training Days</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> May	
<b>Team Managers &amp; Officials Meeting</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> May	
<b>Competition days</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup> , 31 <sup>st</sup> May	
<b>Departure Day</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> June	

## Visa Information

The OC will provide a visa Invitation letter to all National Federations that require visa and that are registered by 15th March 2026.

A) List of third countries whose nationals are subject to visa requirements to cross external borders:

### 1 - States

- Afghanistan
- Algeria
- Angola
- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Bahrain
- Bangladesh
- Belarus
- Belize
- Benin
- Bhutan
- Bolivia
- Botswana
- Burkina Faso
- Burma/Myanmar
- Burundi
- Cambodia
- Cameroon
- Cape Verde
- Central African Republic
- Chad
- China
- Comoros
- Congo
- Congo, Democratic Republic of the
- Cuba
- Djibouti
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- Egypt
- Equatorial Guinea
- Eritrea
- Eswatini
- Ethiopia
- Fiji
- Gabon
- Gambia
- Ghana
- Guinea
- Guineea-Bissau
- Guyana
- Haiti
- India
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Iraq
- Ivory Coast
- Jamaica
- Jordan
- Kazhakstan
- Kenya
- Kuwait
- Kyrgyzstan
- Laos
- Lebanon
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Libya
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Maldives
- Mali
- Mauritania
- Mongolia
- Morocco
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Nepal
- Niger
- Nigeria
- North Korea
- Oman
- Pakistan
- Papua New Guinea
- Philippines
- Qatar
- Russia
- Rwanda
- Sao Tome and Principe
- Saudi Arabia
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- Somalia
- South Africa
- South Sudan
- Sri Lanka
- Sudan
- Surinam
- Syria
- Tajikistan
- Tanzania
- Thailand
- Togo
- Tunisia
- Türkiye
- Turkmenistan
- Uganda
- Uzbekistan
- Vietnam
- Yemen
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

### 2 - Entities and territorial authorities not recognized as States by at least one Member State

- Kosovo<sup>1</sup>
- Palestine, Authority

<sup>1</sup> As defined in United Nations Security Council Resolution No. 1244 of 10 June 1999.

B) List of third countries whose nationals are exempt from the obligation to be in possession of a visa to cross external borders:

1 - States

- Albania<sup>2</sup>
- Andorra
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Argentina
- Australia
- Bahamas
- Barbados
- Bosnia and Herzegovina<sup>1</sup>
- Brazil
- Brunei
- Canada
- Chile
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Dominica
- East Timor
- El Salvador
- Georgia<sup>2</sup>
- Grenade
- Guatemala
- Honduras Israel
- Japan
- Kiribati
- Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of<sup>1</sup>
- Malaysia
- Marshall Islands
- Mauritius
- Mexico
- Micronesia
- Moldova<sup>2</sup>
- Monaco
- Montenegro<sup>2</sup>
- New Zealand
- Nicaragua
- Palau
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Samoa
- San Marino
- St. Kitts and Nevis
- Saint Lucia
- St. Vincent and the Grenadines
- Serbia<sup>2-4</sup>
- Seychelles
- Singapore
- Solomon Islands
- South Korea
- Tonga
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Tuvalu
- Ukraine<sup>2</sup>
- United Arab Emirates
- United Kingdom<sup>3</sup>
- Unites States of America
- Uruguay
- Vanuatu
- Venezuela

2 - Special Administrative Regions (SAR) of the People's Republic of China

- Hong Kong SAR<sup>5</sup>
- Macau SAR<sup>6</sup>

3 - British nationals who do not have the status of nationals of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland under Union law:

- British Nationals (Overseas)
- British Overseas Territories Citizens (BOTC)
- British Overseas Citizens (BOC)
- British Protected Persons BPP)
- British subjects (BS)

4 - Entities and territorial authorities not recognised as States by at least one Member State

- Taiwan<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> As defined in United Nations Security Council Resolution No. 1244 of 10 June 1999.

<sup>2</sup> The visa exemption applies only to holders of biometric passports.

<sup>3</sup> Excluding British nationals referred to in paragraph 3.

<sup>4</sup> Excluding holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate (Kordinaciona uprava).

<sup>5</sup> The visa exemption applies only to those holding a Hong Kong Special Administrative Region passport.

<sup>6</sup> The visa exemption applies only to those who are in possession of a passport of the "Macau Special Administrative Region.

<sup>7</sup> Such territories include Anguilla, Bermuda, British Antarctic Territory, British Indian Ocean Territory, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Montserrat, Pitcairn Islands, Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha, South Georgia Islands, and Turks and Caicos Islands.

<sup>8</sup> The visa exemption for entry into the European Union will apply only to those persons holding a passport issued by Taiwan containing an identity document number.

For any questions or requests, please contact [internacional@rfen.es](mailto:internacional@rfen.es)

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## Transportation

The LOC will organize airport pick-ups/drop-offs for all federations accommodated at the official hotel from:

- Vigo Airport

Transfer will be organized for all delegations having entered their travel information in the GMS.

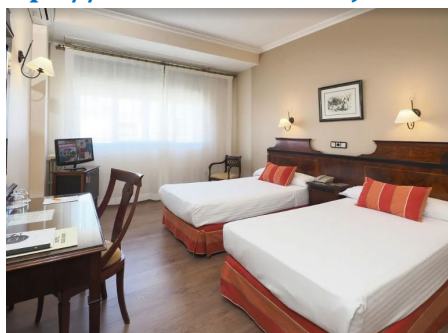
Shuttles will be provided to the venue from hotels.

## Accommodation

### Officials

**Hotel Rias Bajas** - Address: Rúa Daniel de la Sota Valdecilla, 7, 36001 Pontevedra.

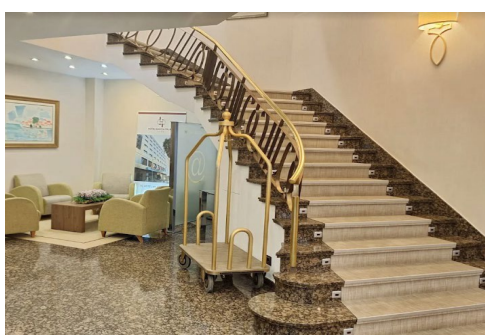
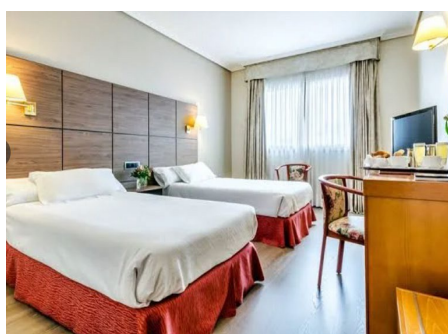
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### Teams

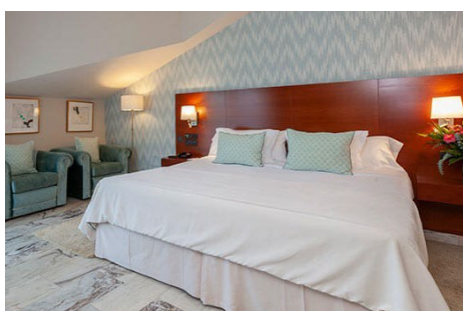
**Hotel Galicia Palace** - Address: Av. De Vigo, 3, 36003 Pontevedra

<https://www.galiciapalace.com/>



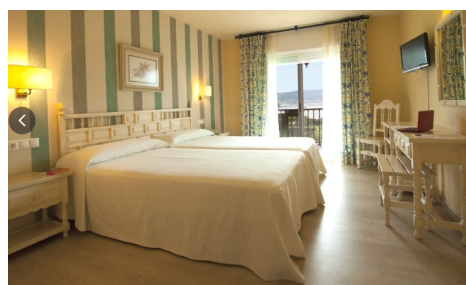
**Hotel Carlos I Silgar - Address: Rúa de Vigo, 0, 36960 Sanxenxo, Pontevedra**

<https://www.hotelcarlos.es/es/>



**Hotel Villa Covelo – Address: Covelo, 37. Samieira, 36992 – Poio, Pontevedra**

<https://villacovelo.es/>



Hotel	Distance to the pool by bus	Nº of Single rooms	Nº of Twin rooms	Nº of Triple Rooms	Nº of Quad Rooms	Single Full Board	Twin Full Board (per person)	Triple Full Board (per person)	Quad Full Board (per person)
<b>Officials: Hotel Rias Bajas</b>	15min					290€	230€		
<b>Teams: Hotel Galicia Palace</b>	15min	25	39	5	5	290€	230€	210€	200€
<b>Teams: Hotel Carlos I Silgar</b>	32min	10	50			280€	215€		
<b>Teams Hotel Villa Covelo</b>	23min	4	21			205€	190€		

\*If the rooms in the listed hotels become fully booked—allocations will be made in the order in which requests are received—the organizing committee will offer participants alternative accommodation options.

Important note: accommodation will only be confirmed after a 50% down payment.

## Payment Terms and Conditions for Booking Confirmation

### Booking Confirmation

A booking is only confirmed once a 50% deposit has been received and the signed Rules Agreement has been submitted.

### Deposit Requirement

A non-refundable deposit of 50% is required to secure the booking and must be paid by February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The remaining balance is due by March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

### Payment Methods

Payments can be made via bank transfer. Bank details will be provided on the proforma invoice. Please email payment confirmation once the transfer has been completed.

### Refund Policy

- Cancellations before February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026: Fully refundable.
- First non-refundable 50% deposit: February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
- Cancellations between February 15<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2026: 50% refundable if 100% has been paid.
- Last non-refundable 50% deposit: March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
- Cancellations after March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026: Non-refundable; full payment (100%) will be due.

### Changes to Booking

Any changes to the booking, previously confirmed by our agency with the hotel, are subject to additional charges and can be requested up until May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

## Music

Music must be submitted through the [ClicknClear](#) platform.

If you are planning to attend more than one stop of the World Cup 2026 you may select more than one competition when uploading your music.

**Clearance of Rights for Competition Music:** All music used by the competing Federations must be licensed prior to the start of each competition. World Aquatics will not be held responsible or liable in respect of any lawsuits related to copyright infringement for athletes' use of music to accompany their routines. All expenses, damages and/or costs related to such procedures will be the responsibility of each competitor and their respective Federation.

[Competition Regulations](#) – Part 1 Rule 15.1

## Coach Cards

Coach Cards must be submitted on the MicroPlus platform. The initial submission deadline is **May 15<sup>th</sup>**.

As per the [Competition Regulations](#), changes to Coach Cards can be made until **18:00** the day prior to the respective events.

Please enter your theme in the Coach Cards.

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## Doping Control

Urine samples will be collected during the ASWC Pontevedra 2026 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.

Each registered individual (athletes, supporting staff, NF rep, etc...) must complete a mandatory Anti-Doping education course prior to the event. Click [HERE](#) for the detailed information regarding the course.

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