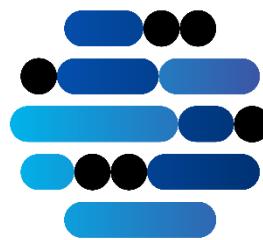


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1. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear friends,

On behalf of the entire World Aquatics family, I invite you to experience the thrilling competition of the World Aquatics Open Water Swimming World Cup 2026 series.

This year, the world's premier open water swimmers will compete across spectacular venues: Somabay, Egypt (27-28 March); Ibiza, Spain (24-25 April); Golfo Aranci (1-2 May); and Setubal, Portugal (20-21 June).

The crystal-clear waters of Somabay, Egypt, have become a top destination for elite open water racers. Following standout editions in 2023 and 2024 as part of the Egypt Aquatics Festival and last year's Open Water Swimming World Cup opener, this stunning Red Sea setting launches the 2026 season.

The second stop brings us to Ibiza, where athletes will race in the pure waters of the Mediterranean Sea. Spain has staged an impressive 51 World Aquatics events, and this marks Ibiza's second consecutive time hosting the sport's elite competitors.

From Ibiza, the tour moves to Golfo Aranci, Italy, a distinguished destination for open water swimming – a Sardinian seaside village that most recently held the sport's 2025 World Cup Final.

Renowned for staging 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 offer a familiar and rigorous stage for this year's World Cup Final.

With dedicated support from organising committees, local authorities, officials, and volunteers, you are in safe hands in these great cities.

I offer my heartfelt gratitude to the host cities and sponsors for their steadfast trust and commitment to making 2026 a remarkable year for open water swimming. To all athletes, I wish you success throughout this eagerly awaited racing series.



Captain Husain Al Musallam

World Aquatics President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Husain Al Musallam".

2. MESSAGE FROM THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Dear friends,

Welcome to Ibiza, the island of sports.

Every year, the roads, coastline, countryside and waters of our beautiful island welcome thousands of athletes who enjoy the beauty of our surroundings and the high standard and quality of the sporting events held in Ibiza. In 2026, for the second consecutive year, we are delighted to add a major event such as the 2026 Open Water Swimming World Cup to our sporting calendar, which will be held on 24 and 25 April.

It is a real honour for us to have the trust of the organisers of this World Cup, which will bring together more than a thousand competitors on our island, with swimmers who will be able to discover the beauty of our blue waters and the hospitality of our people.

I would like to invite everyone who joins this event to get to know the real Ibiza: its culture, its gastronomy, its traditions and its folklore.

We are a tourist destination that will surprise you with our varied offerings, allowing everyone to enjoy the island in many different ways.

I wish you every success in your sporting endeavours and hope you enjoy your stay on our island.

Vicent Mari Torres

President of Consell d'Eivissa



Dear friends,

Welcoming once again a stage of the Open Water Swimming World Cup is a true honor for Santa Eulària des Riu and a reflection of the success achieved during last year's edition. Hosting this event for the first time was both a challenge and a privilege, and the outstanding response from athletes, federations and spectators confirmed that our municipality is ready to be part of the world's top-level open water swimming calendar.

The experience of the previous edition has reinforced our commitment to this competition and has allowed us to grow, improve and consolidate Santa Eulària des Riu as an ideal setting for international sporting events. The professionalism of the organization, the quality of the competition and the unique natural surroundings of our bay made last year's event a memorable milestone for our town.



Santa Eulària des Riu has a deep-rooted relationship with water that goes beyond sport. Our river, the only one in the Balearic Islands, and our close connection with the sea form an essential part of our identity and our history. This natural heritage inspires us to promote a model of sport that respects the environment and highlights the value of our landscape.

I would like to thank World Aquatics for once again placing their trust in Santa Eulària des Riu, as well as the Consell d'Eivissa and all the professionals and volunteers whose dedication makes this event possible. I am confident that this edition will build on last year's success and will once again offer an unforgettable experience for everyone involved.

I wish all the athletes the very best in their competition and hope they enjoy both the race and their stay in Santa Eulària des Riu.

Carmen Ferrer

Mayor of Santa Eulària des Riu

3. MESSAGE FROM THE HOST FEDERATION

On behalf of the entire RFEN Aquatics family, I would like to welcome you once again to IBIZA 2026, the second stage of the Open Water Swimming World Cup season.

This event, which will feature some of the world's best open water swimmers, is part of the World Aquatics international season, which for the second consecutive year has entrusted us with hosting this prestigious competition on 24 and 25 April.

Firstly, I would like to thank World Aquatics for their complete confidence in our work and results, which they were able to see for themselves at our debut last year.



Secondly, my thanks go to the Consell d'Eivissa, an institution that has once again shown us its full support. Also to the Santa Eulària des Riu Town Council, the spectacular venue for the competition, not forgetting the additional support of the Yacht Club and La Marina. And also to the Government of the Balearic Islands.

Organisational expertise and sporting prestige are two axioms that go hand in hand in our aquatic specialities. In open water swimming, in particular, we have the world silver medallist in Doha 2024, María de Valdés, as well as the 10k world champion in Ibiza 2025, Ángela Martínez. Both are in the world's top 5.

This international stop is also very important to us, as we combine it with the Spanish Championships as a great sporting incentive for our community, together with our admired master swimmers, who will be able to swim in a World Cup in their country for the second time.

Enjoy your stay in Ibiza, everyone.



Fernando Carpena Pérez

RFEN Aquatics President

4. INTRODUCTION

The quiet municipality of Santa Eulalia del Río - officially Santa Eulària des Riu - occupies the entire northeast coast of the island of Ibiza. Its main population center is also known by this name, a small coastal city located less than 20 kilometers from the Ibizan airport.

Santa Eulària des Riu has established itself, over the years, as an authentic tourist destination for families with children and lovers of relaxation. So much so that, on many occasions, said city has been seen as the quiet obverse of that festive and excessive Ibiza projected by other towns on the island, such as San Antonio or Ibiza capital. If you want to get lost among coves, visit typical towns or taste authentic local cuisine, this is your municipality.



5. EVENT CONTACTS

Should you have any questions or queries regarding the information provided in this document please feel free to contact the Spanish Swimming Federation at internacional@rfen.es

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Email: ignasi.vendrell@worldaquatics.com

6. CALENDAR

STOP	DATE	LOCATION
#1	MARCH 27-28	SOMABAY (EGY)
#2	APRIL 24-25	IBIZA (ESP)
#3	MAY 01-02	GOLFO ARANCI (ITA)
#4	JUNE 20-21	SETUBAL (POR)

7. EVENT KEY DATES

MARCH 13	VISA DEADLINE PRELIMINARY ACCOMMODATION & CHARTER BOOKING Submission of accommodation & charter preliminary form and 1st Payment (50%)
APRIL 07	REGISTRATION DEADLINE – Final Nomination and Travel Details FINAL ACCOMMODATION & CHARTER BOOKING Submission of accommodation & charter final form and 2nd Payment (50% remain) SPORT ENTRIES DEADLINE
APRIL 21	FIRST TEAMS ARRIVAL
APRIL 21-23	OFFICIAL TRAINING / APRIL 23 - RACE COURSE (09:00-12:00)
APRIL 23	TEAM LEADERS MEETING – 16.30h - INSOTEL FENICIA PRESTIGE
APRIL 24	COMPETITION – 10km Individual Women - 09:00 COMPETITION – 10km Individual Men - 12:00
APRIL 25	COMPETITION – 3km Individual Knock-Out Sprint Women - 09:00 COMPETITION – 3km Individual Knock-Out Sprint Men - 11:00

8. OFFICIAL SCHEDULE AND COMPETITION PROGRAMME

TRAINING SCHEDULE

The official training sessions will take place at **Santa Eulária des Riu pool** (25m, 6 lanes), just 3km away

from the official hotel (Insotel Fenicia Prestige):

- Tuesday, 21 April: 09:00 - 12:00 / 16:00 - 19:00
- Wednesday, 22 April: 09:00 - 12:00 / 16:00 - 19:00
- Thursday, 23 April: 16:00 - 19:00
- Friday, 24 April: 16:00 - 19:00
- Saturday, 25 April: 16:00 - 19:00

LOCATION - SANTA EULÁRIA DES RIU POOL



Depending on the total number of participants, different shifts and training spaces will be established within the time slots indicated above.

Race Course (Official Training): Thursday, 23 April: 09:00 - 12:00

COMPETITION PROGRAMME

Friday, 24 April:

09:00	10K Individual Women
12:00	10K Individual Men
14:30	Awards Ceremony

Saturday, 25 April:

09:00	Women's 3K Knock-Out Sprint
11:00	Men's 3K Knock-Out Sprint
12:30	Awards Ceremony

The LOC offers all teams the possibility to participate in the events belonging to the **Spanish Open Water Nationals**. The competition program is as follows:

- Friday, 24 April: 17:00 - 7.5K Junior (16-17 years)
- Saturday, 25 April: 13:00 - 3K Knock-Out Junior & Youth (14-17 years)
- Saturday, 25 April: 17:00 - 3K Mass Event (Masters)
- Sunday, 26 April: 09:00/11:00 - 5K OPEN (all ages)
- Sunday, 26 April: 13:00 - Relay 4x750m Masters

To formalize the registration process, you should contact:

Competition Manager (Competition Manager - scalle@rfen.es) before 7th April 2026.

9. PARTICIPANTS

Entries will be accepted only from National World Aquatics Member Federations which must also register a team official for each respective competitor. A team official can be responsible for up to two (2) competitors only. The team official is responsible for representing their competitor(s) at the Team Leaders Meeting, and feeding the competitor during the event(s). **A competitor without a coach present will not be allowed to start the race** unless World Aquatics has been previously informed.

Please contact World Aquatics at ignasi.vendrell@worldaquatics.com in case you cannot bring a team official onsite.

10. ENTRY PROCESS

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.

11. TEAM LEADERS MEETING

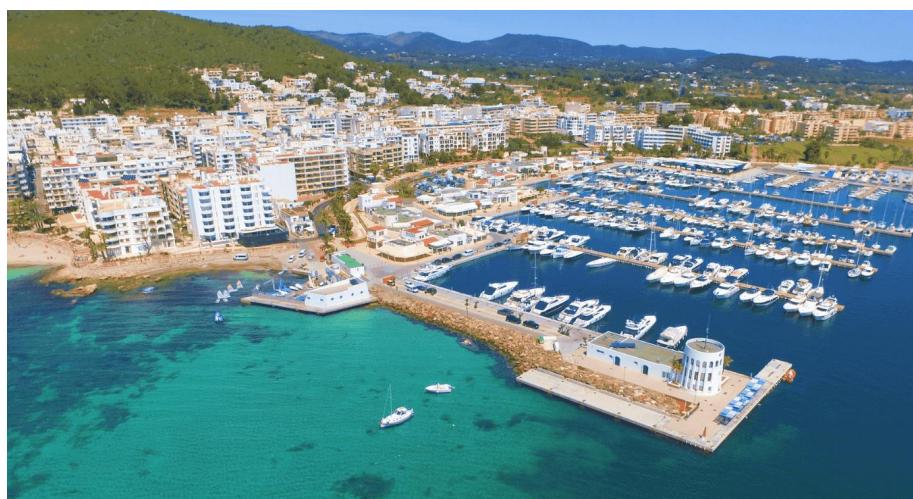
The Team Leaders Meeting will take place on **Thursday, 23 at 16:30** at the **Insotel Fenicia Prestige**. At least one representative from each National Federation must attend this meeting.

12. VENUE & COURSE INFORMATION

The Venue will be in CNSE Sailing Club (Santa Eulària des Riu, Ibiza, SPAIN) / [LOCATION](#)

Distance: 800m walk (12 min) from the official hotel.

Predicted conditions: Air +/- 20°C and Water +/- 18°C

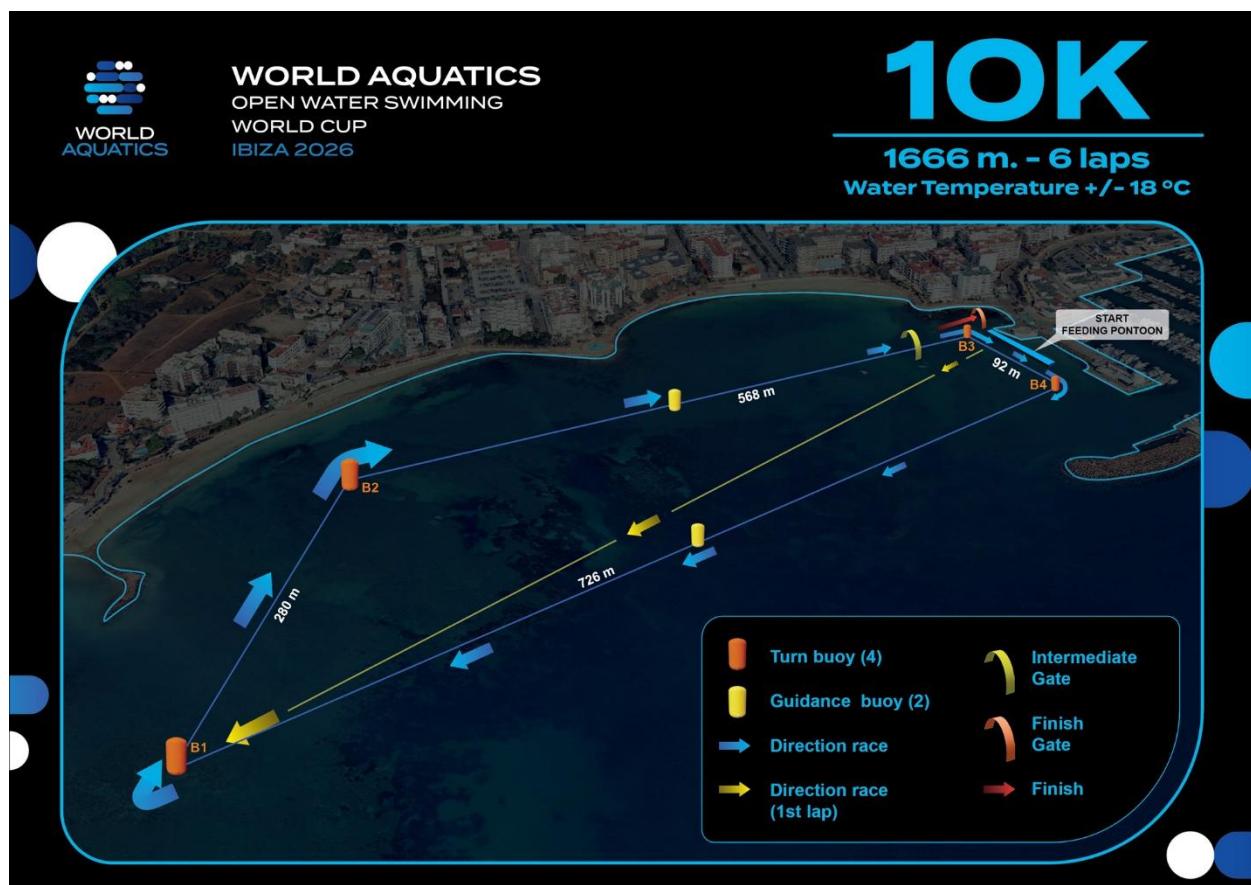




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13. RULES

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](#).

14. ACCREDITATIONS & EVENT INFORMATION DESK

Accreditation:

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

Accreditations will be collected at the Information Desk in the official hotel upon arrival (INSOTEL FENICIA PRESTIGE RESORT & SPA). Team Officials will be required to present photographic identification for all team members.

Information Desk

The official hotel will have an Information Desk where all the information related to the competition will be provided.

15. POINT SYSTEM & PRIZE MONEY

Point system and prize money distribution is explained within the 2026 Rules & Regulations. World Aquatics Open Water Swimming World Cup 2026, Rules and Regulations can be found [here](#).

16. 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.

17. VISA INFORMATION

Visa Deadline: The OC will provide a visa invitation letter to all National Federations that require visa and that are registered by the **13 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
- Guinea-Bissau
- Guyana
- Haiti
- India
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Iraq
- Ivory Coast
- Jamaica
- Jordan
- Kazakhstan
- 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

- Kosovo¹
- Palestine, Authority

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

- Albania²
- Andorra
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Argentina
- Australia
- Bahamas
- Barbados
- Bosnia and Herzegovina¹
- Brazil
- Brunei
- Canada
- Chile
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Dominica
- East Timor
- El Salvador
- Georgia²
- Grenade
- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Israel
- Japan
- Kiribati
- Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of¹
- Malaysia
- Marshall Islands
- Mauritius
- Mexico
- Micronesia
- Moldova²
- Monaco
- Montenegro²
- New Zealand
- Nicaragua
- Palau
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Samoa
- San Marino
- St. Kitts and Nevis
- Saint Lucia
- St. Vincent and the Grenadines
- Serbia²⁻⁴
- Seychelles
- Singapore
- Solomon Islands
- South Korea
- Tonga
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Tuvalu
- Ukraine²
- United Arab Emirates
- United Kingdom³
- United States of America
- Uruguay
- Vanuatu
- Venezuela

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

- Hong Kong SAR⁵
- Macau SAR⁶

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)

18. TRANSPORTATION

Pick-up and drop-off will be available from Ibiza airport to the official hotel. It will be free of charge as long as the flight details are registered in the GMS 48 hours prior to arrival.

All transportation related to the event and training schedule is provided free of charge.

Transportation not subject to the event and training schedule will be of extra charge.

Internal shuttles will be available for participants according to fleet schedules.

19. ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

The Royal Spanish Swimming Federation will organize accommodation to all participating athletes and team officials of that event as per World Aquatics Open Water Swimming World Cup Rules & Regulations.

► Booking forms can be found [HERE](#) ◀

Insotel Fenicia Prestige Resort & Spa

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Type	Price (full board) per night/per person
Single	265 €
Twin	205 €
Triple	190 €

All prices are per person, on a full-board basis (3 meals included).
Inclusive of VAT and applicable taxes.

All extra charges are to be paid directly at the hotel.

Payment and booking deadlines:

1 st Payment (50%) & Preliminary Booking	Before March 13th, 2026.
2 nd Payment: (50% remains) & Final Booking	Before April 7th, 2026.

Contact for inquiries: natacion@bcdme.es & internacional@rfen.es



20. CHARTER SERVICE IBIZA→GOLFO ARANCI

In collaboration, the Organizing Committees of the Ibiza and Golfo Aranci stages will provide teams with a charter flight between the two islands to ensure an optimal and efficient transfer for all participants.

- Date of departure: Monday, April 27, 2026 – 12:00 (noon).
- Route: **Ibiza → Olbia** (Golfo Aranci).
- Estimated duration: **1 hour 15 minutes**.
- Price per ticket: **€325 per person**. One piece of checked luggage (23 kg) and one piece of carry-on luggage (5 kg) are included. Any extra weight or additional luggage must be requested in advance and may be subject to an additional cost.
- To be eligible for the charter service, teams must be accommodated in the official hotels for all nights between both stages.
- Booking and payment deadlines:
 - o First payment (50%) & preliminary booking: before March 13, 2026.
 - o Second payment (remaining 50%) & final booking: before April 7, 2026.
- Contact for inquiries: natacion@bcdme.es & internacional@rfen.es

► **Booking forms can be found [HERE](#)** ◀

21. CANCELLATION POLICY

Every payment is not refundable.

Between March 14 and April 7, 2026 – 20% of the total rooms can be changed. If the reduced room number exceeds this 20%, the cancellation fee is 50%.

After April 7, 2026 – 100% cancellation fee.

Any new bookings received after final booking deadline April 7, 2026 will be subject to availability and 50% extra fee of charge.

22. ANTI-DOPING

Urine and blood samples will be collected during the competition 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.

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 a course developed by their respective NADO and recognised by the AQIU (Aquatics Integrity Unit).* 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 a course developed by their respective NADO and recognised by the AQIU (Aquatics Integrity Unit).* 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 a course developed by their respective NADO and recognised by the AQIU (Aquatics Integrity Unit).* Anyone who has not met this requirement will not be eligible to participate and thus will not have their accreditation activated.

*** AQIU (Aquatics Integrity Unit) Recognised NADO Education Programs**

Please refer to the list of anti-doping education programs from National Anti-Doping Organisations (NADOs) whose certifications are recognised by the AQIU [here](#). These certifications will be accepted as fulfilling the mandatory anti-doping education requirements for all World Aquatics competitions.

Steps to Complete the ADEL Certification

Please follow these instructions in order to complete the ADEL 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](#). In case of any queries that may arise regarding downloading the certificate, you may also reach out to ADEL Helpdesk at [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 interface with the 'Sport' tab selected. The 'Scoreboard Photo' section contains a placeholder image of a swimmer and text: 'SCOREBOARD PHOTO 512 X 512px, 72dpi Send to: gms@worldaquatics.com'. Below it, a note says 'World Aquatics scoreboard photo requirements'. The 'Club' section includes fields for 'Club', 'Club Country' (with a dropdown menu 'Select Country'), and 'Coach'. The 'Biography' section has a large text area and fields for 'Biography ID' and 'National Federation ID'. The 'Anti-Doping Education Certificate (ADEL)' section has a placeholder image and a note: 'Certificate image or PDF'. At the bottom, there is a 'Choose...' button for file upload.

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

23. AQUA EVENTS INSIDER APP

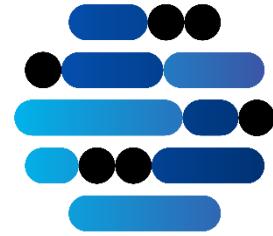
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