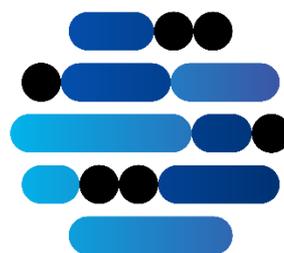


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WORLD AQUATICS JUNIOR ARTISTIC SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

BUDAPEST 2026

August 12th-16th, 2026



Duna Arena

Népfürdő utca 36,
Budapest, Hungary, 1138



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World Aquatics President's Message

Dear friends,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the World Aquatics Junior Artistic Swimming Championships, taking place from 12 to 16 August 2026 in Budapest, Hungary.

Budapest holds a very special place in the history of aquatic sports. It successfully hosted the World Aquatics Championships in 2017 and 2022, and more recently the World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) in 2024. With the World Aquatics Championships returning once again in 2027, this city has cemented its position as one of our great homes. We are proud to bring the World Aquatics Junior Artistic Swimming Championships to such a distinguished stage, and to welcome more than 200 young athletes from over 30 countries competing at the highest level of junior competition.



The Duna Arena, originally built for the 2017 World Aquatics Championships and one of the world's premier aquatic facilities, will host the competition. It is the perfect setting for the next generation of artistic swimmers to announce themselves on the international stage, and gives them a unique opportunity to experience and familiarise themselves with the competition venue one year before the 2027 World Aquatics Championships.

The World Aquatics Junior Artistic Swimming Championships have a proud record of launching careers, and we have seen multiple alumni from previous editions go on to become World champions and medallists at the senior level. The athletes competing in Budapest represent the next wave of that tradition, and some of them may even be back on the podium in the same city next year at the World Aquatics Championships.

Budapest is a proven host of world-class aquatics events. On behalf of World Aquatics, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the Local Organising Committee, the local authorities, the officials, and the many dedicated volunteers whose commitment and hard work make this event possible.

To all the athletes, I wish you every success and hope you enjoy every moment of your time in Budapest.



Captain Husain Al Musallam
World Aquatics President

Host Federation President's Message

It is a great pleasure for the Hungarian Artistic Swimming Federation to welcome the international artistic swimming community to Budapest for the 2026 World Aquatics Junior Artistic Swimming Championships.

We sincerely thank World Aquatics for the trust placed in Hungary to host this prestigious event. Their continued support enables us to contribute to the development and global promotion of artistic swimming.

Hungary has a proud tradition of hosting major aquatic events, and we are delighted to stage this championship at the iconic Duna Arena. The venue has welcomed many high-level competitions and has become one of the sport's premier homes. We are also proud that it will host the World Artistic Swimming Championships next year, further highlighting Budapest's strong connection to the international aquatic community.



This championship is an important milestone for the next generation of athletes, providing a global stage where talent, creativity, and dedication come together.

With the support of our partners and our dedicated organising team, we are fully committed to delivering a high-quality event and a memorable experience for all participants.

We look forward to welcoming you to Budapest.

Varga Szabo Andrea

Hungarian Artistic Swimming Federation

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The city

Budapest, Hungary's vibrant capital and largest city with 1.8 million residents, lies across the picturesque Danube River, uniting historic Buda and dynamic Pest.

The UNESCO World Heritage-listed city boasts treasures like Buda Castle, the neo-Gothic Parliament Building, Fisherman's Bastion, St. Stephen's Basilica, and the iconic Chain Bridge—spanning centuries from Roman origins to Art Nouveau.

Known as Europe's spa capital with over 100 thermal springs, Budapest captivates with its rich history, lively cafés, grand boulevards like Andrásy Avenue, Heroes' Square monuments, and thriving arts scene, attracting millions of visitors annually.



*Hungarian Parliament Building
Photo by Gabriel Miklós*



*Budapest Chain Bridge at Night
Photo by Dan Freeman*

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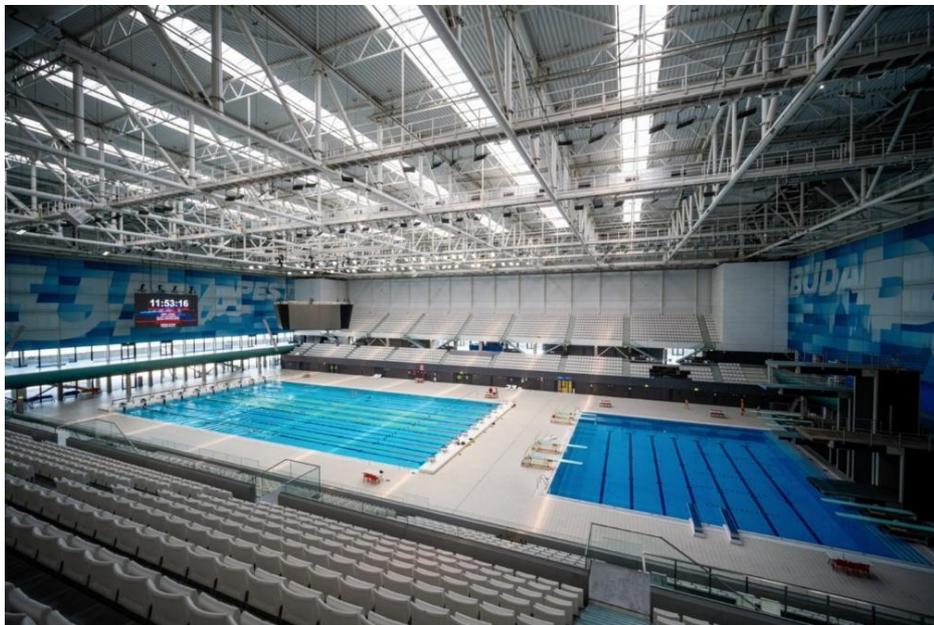


Competition Venue

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| Venue | Duna Arena Népfürdő utca 36, Budapest, Hungary, 1138 |
| Competition pool | 50m x 25m, depth: 3.0m |
| Diving pool | 25m x 21m, depth: 5.0m |
| Training pool | 50m x 25m, depth: 2.2-2.8m |

Duna Arena was constructed for the 2017 World Aquatics Championships.

This state-of-the-art facility offers ideal conditions for junior solo, duet, mixed duet team, and other events, having previously hosted the 2018 World Junior Artistic Swimming Championships, FINA Artistic Swimming World Series leg 2018, the 2019 FINA Super Final, the 2024 World Aquatics Artistic Swimming World Cup Super-Final, and scheduled artistic swimming and diving competitions for the 2027 World Aquatics Championships



LOC Contacts

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| Host | Hungarian Artistic Swimming Federation http://mszusz.hu/ |
| Organising Committee President | Andea Varga Szabó http://mszusz.hu/ |
| Contact Person | Krisztian Cseh hungary.synchro@gmail.com +36 30 7418 496 |
| Competition Director | Judit Vizi vizi.judit.2022@gmail.com +36 30 9793 897 |
| Accommodation | sport@caracolutazas.hu |
| Transportation | TBC |

Rules & Regulations

The competition will be run in accordance with the [World Aquatics Competition Regulations](#) ("CR").

COMPETITION FORMAT

As per the CR, for the World Aquatics Junior Artistic Swimming Championships, the event programme will include preliminaries for Solo Free Routine, Women Duet Free Routine, Mixed Duet Free Routine, and Open Team Free Routine, and all other events will proceed directly to finals.

Each Member Federation may enter one (1) Women Solo Technical, Women Solo Free, Men Solo Technical, and Men Solo Free; one (1) Women Duet Technical, Women Duet Free, Mixed Duet Technical, Mixed Duet Free; and one (1) team into each of the Open Team Technical, Open Team Free, and Open Acrobatic Routine (in each case, including the reserves specified at Article 4.10 of Part Seven of the CR).

Event Officials

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| AQUA Technical Delegate | Lisa Schott |
| Referee | TBD |
| Assistant Referee | TBD |
| Evaluators | TBD |
| Timing & Scoring | MicroPlus |
| Music Coordinator | László Nenov (Volumen Ltd.) |

Key Dates

| What | Deadline | Link |
|--|---------------|--|
| Entries Intention Survey | 16 March 2026 | SURVEY |
| Accommodation: preliminary form (with 50% payment) | 31 May 2026 | FORM TO SEND |
| Officials' nomination | 1 June 2026 | World Aquatics |
| Accommodation: final form (with 100 % payment) | 1 July 2026 | FINAL FORM TO SEND |
| Flight Info | 1 July 2026 | GMS |
| Visa | 15 May 2026 | hungary.synchro@gmail.com |
| Final registrations | 22 July 2026 | GMS |
| Sport entries | 29 July 2026 | |
| Coach Card | | Microplus |
| Music and Gala Information | 24 July 2026 | To be shared later |
| Music Files | 1 July 2026 | ClicknClear |

Tentative Schedule

| Date | Event |
|------------------|-----------------------------|
| 9 August | Official Arrival Date |
| | Training day 1 |
| 10 August | Training day 2 |
| 11 August | Training day 3 |
| | Team Leaders Meeting |
| | Officials Meeting |
| 12 August | Women Solo Technical Final |
| | Men Solo Technical Final |
| | Open Team Technical Final |
| 13 August | Women Solo Free Preliminary |
| | Men Solo Free Preliminary |
| | Women Duet Technical Final |
| 14 August | Women Duet Free Preliminary |
| | Mixed Duet Technical Final |
| | Open Team Free Preliminary |
| 15 August | Women Duet Free Final |
| | Mixed Duet Free Final |
| | Open Acrobatic Final |
| 16 August | Women Solo Free Final |
| | Men Solo Free Final |
| | Open Team Free Final |
| 17 August | Departure Day |

This schedule is tentative and subject to change based on final entries or other circumstances.

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Accommodation

Thermal Margaret Island (teams hotel)

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| Distance from the Liszt Ferenc International Airport Budapest | 25 km |
| Distance from Venue | 1,7 km |
| Rate-Single Occupancy | 330 EUR / person / night |
| Rate-Double Occupancy | 260 EUR / person / night |

The price includes accommodation with full board, airport and swimming pool transfers.

- Check-in: From 15:00
- Check-out: By 11:00



Grand Margaret Island (AQUA, Technical Committee, Technical Officials)

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| Distance from the Liszt Ferenc International Airport Budapest | 25 km |
| Distance from Venue | 1,7 km |
| Rate-Single Occupancy | 330 EUR / person / night |
| Rate-Double Occupancy | 260 EUR / person / night |

The price includes accommodation with full board, airport and swimming pool transfers.

- Check-in: From 15:00
- Check-out: By 11:00



Visa information

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) will assist participants of the Junior World Championships in obtaining entry visas to Budapest, Hungary, by providing an official Letter of Invitation.

Please complete your registration in the GMS and send your invitation letter request by email to hungary.synchro@gmail.com as soon as possible, not later than **15 May**.

Citizens of the following countries do not require a visa for entry into Hungary:

- EU member states (27 countries)
- EEA countries (Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein)
- Switzerland

For the complete list of visa-free countries, refer to: VISA INFO

Transportation

The LOC will organize transportation for all delegations having entered their travel information in the GMS.

Official Airport: Liszt Ferenc International Airport Budapest

LOC will also provide shuttles from the hotel to the venue and back. More details to come later.

Payment Terms

Booking Confirmation

- A booking is confirmed only upon receipt of a 50% non-refundable deposit and signed Rules Agreement.

Deposit and Payment Schedule

- Deposit: 50% by May 31, 2026.
- Balance: 50% by July 1, 2026.

Payment Methods

- Payments must be made via bank transfer. Bank details will be provided on the proforma invoice. Email confirmation of payment upon completion of the transfer.

Refund Policy

- Cancellations before May 31, 2026: Fully refundable (less any bank fees).
- Cancellations between June 1-30, 2026: 50% refundable.
- Cancellations after July 1, 2026: Non-refundable; full payment (100%) due.

Changes to Booking

- Any changes are subject to additional charges and may be requested up until the Sport Entries deadline.

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International Technical Officials

National Federations may propose (1) Judge and/or (1) Technical Controller. They will have the opportunity to get evaluated.

JUDGES

Every participating Federation must propose a judge to every meet they enter. A second judge per Federation may be considered on a case-by-case basis. 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 (artisticswimming@worldaquatics.com) for the registration and approval of their judge(s). The registration and approval must be done prior to **June 1st, 2026**. In addition to the above, all judges must complete and submit a Conflict-of-Interest form at the time of their application. The maximum number of judges will be twenty (20). Only applications that are received within the deadline will be considered.

NEUTRAL JUDGES

Federations may apply to send one (1) neutral judge at their own expense.

PRACTICE JUDGES

Each National Federation is allowed to send one (1) practice judge and the Host Federation is permitted to have a maximum of two (2) Practice Judges. To be eligible to be a Practice Judge, judges must be in Bronze or Silver category. Gold category judges cannot apply for practice judge positions.

TECHNICAL CONTROLLERS (DTC & STC)

Every participating Federation may nominate one (1) Difficulty Technical Controller (DTC) or one (1) Synchronisation Technical Controller (STC). All TC must be part of the World Aquatics database and in the Bronze, Silver or Gold category.

The maximum number of DTC will be nine (9) and STC will be three (3). Only applications that are received within the deadline will be considered. Continental distribution is considered.

Technical Controllers will be asked to provide proof of national and continental experience.

Music

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

Please fill out the Music Information Form [HERE](#) for every routine that you will be presenting. Please ensure that you indicate the Title of each song, Duration, Artist, Record Label owner, Year first released, Writers/owners, Publisher(s). This is crucial information for our partners that are broadcasting the competition. Furthermore, our new graphics display the Theme of each routine as well as the coaches' names. It is therefore important that this information be provided accurately for every routine.

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.

Coach Cards

Coach Cards must be submitted on the MicroPlus platform. The initial submission deadline is **July 29th**.

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

Please note that the theme must be entered into the Coach Cards.

Gala

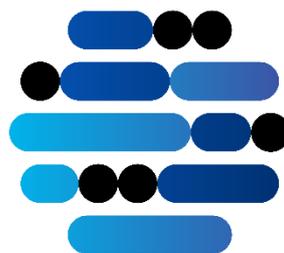
More Information will be shared by the OC closer to the event.

Doping Control

Urine and blood samples will be collected 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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