

TEAMS GUIDE

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**WORLD AQUATICS
MEN'S U18 WATER POLO
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

RIO MAIOR 2026

27th JUNE – 4th JULY 2026

 **RIO MAIOR, PORTUGAL**



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Organizers**WORLD AQUATICS**

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President	Miguel Arrobas
Organizing Committee	Mariett Matias
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TEAMS

The national teams listed below have gained right to participate In the Men's U18 Water Polo Championships Rio Maior 2026 as per World Aquatics Competitions Regulations and the Continental Qualification events.

The Draw took place on 8th MAY, and as conclusion the following groups have been determined:

#	Division 1		Division 2			
	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E	Group F
1	CRO	CHN	COL	TUR	RSA	ARG
2	HUN	ESP	SGP	HKG	GRE	POR
3	MNE	USA	NZL	BRA	AUS	CAN
4	SRB	ITA				

Officials

Name	CC
PAVLE KIS (S)	SRB
NIKOLA ARNAUT (B)	MNE
EURICO SILVA (S)	POR
ARNALDO PETRONILLI (S)	ITA
FRANK ADAM (B)	HUN
SLAVEN SIVCEVIC (B)	CRO
CHRISTOS KOURTIDIS (S)	GRE
JUAN CARLOS COLOMINAS (S)	ESP
METE KOKARAGAC (B)	TUR
LUCKY LETSHABO (S)	RSA
JUAN COMILO LOZANO (B)	COL
SCOTT VOLTZ (G)	USA
MIRCO SILVA (B)	ARG
ANDERSON CRUZ (B)	BRA
LYLE BROOKS (B)	CAN
LEILEI WANG (B)	CHN
TIGRAN SIMONYAN (B)	HKG
JEREMY CHENG (S)	SGP
DANIEL BARTELS (S)	AUS
MICHAEL BROOKS (S)	NZL
ERNESTO H. TOLEDO (B)	CUB
JONATHAN RICHARDS (B)	GBR

DELEGATES

TAMAS MOLNAR	HUN	Delegate
DON CAMERON	AUS	Delegate
VOULA KOZOMPOLI	GRE	Delegate
HADI FARID	USA	Delegate
MANUEL DE JESUS	PUR	Delegate
AMR MOBARAK	KSA	Delegate
QI ZHAO	CHN	Delegate
YASSINE BENKARA	ALG	Delegate
KEN KURODA	JPN	ROC
MLADEN RAK	CRO	RPA

Milestones

<i>DUE DATE</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
16th March	GMS Opens
8th May	DRAW
14th May	Final Competition Schedule
15th May	Registration deadline (up to 25 players, and 10 officials)
27th May	Full accommodation payment and Travel details added into the GMS
15th June	Online team-leaders meeting and officials' workshop - 14.00h CET
22nd June	Sport Entry deadline (15 players)
24th June	Start of training and transportation services
27th June	Start of the competition
4th July	Final day of the competition, Awarding ceremony
5th July	Departure day - end of transportation services

Host
CITY OF RIO MAIOR


Rio Maior is a Portuguese city belonging to the District of Santarém, with around 8,000 inhabitants. Rio Maior calls itself the city of sports because, despite its small size, it has vast and award-winning sports facilities (sports complex ranked 3rd in the international competition IOC/IAKS AWARD 2007) and three clubs with some projection. The Rio Maior Sports Union (football), the Rio Maior Swimming Club, whose main sports are swimming and athletics.

Rio Maior has invested heavily in sports facilities, having a well-equipped sports park, which includes the modern Training Centre and the Olympic Swimming Pool, although it is largely underused locally.

COMPETITION VENUE – RIO MAIOR SPORTS CENTRE

The Rio Maior Sports Centre is well-known for its high quality being the Portuguese High Performance Swimming Centre in a partnership with the Portuguese Swimming Federation having the recognition of the Portuguese Government.

With two indoor swimming pools, with 25 and 50 meters, a indoor learning pool and an outdoor diving tank our Centre full fills all requirements for any aquatic activity. Two gyms are part of these facilities, one of them equipped with VASA swimming ergometers. ent and testing possibilities related with swimming video recording, which include with a double frame shoot possibility. There are also two kinds of power platforms, one placed under the starting block platform for start analysis on three axes, reaction time recording, and another power platform placed on the top wall of the pool for back starts and different turns power data recording.

The 50m swimming pool is also equipped with an electronic timing system that allows the simulation of time recording and relay transitions. All Together, these devices installed in the lab and in the Olympic 50m pool allow the complete assessment of different sports in order to maximize your performance.

Address: Estrada das Marinhas do Sal 2040 - 332 Rio Maior

Site: WWW.DESMOR.PT



TRAINING VENUES

Piscinas Municipais de Óbidos

Address: Bairro dos Arcos, 2510-081 Óbidos

Site: <https://www.cm-obidos.pt/viver/bem-estar-e-sustentabilidade/desporto-saude-e-bem-estar/desporto-intro/complexo-desportivo-municipal/piscinas-municipais>

Distance form the hotels: 25-30 minutes drive

Pool size: 25m



Complexo Aquático de Santarém

Address: R. Prof. Américo Marinho 2, 2005-444 Santarém

Site: <https://viversantarem.pt/piscinas/>

Distance form the hotels: 25-30 minutes drive

Pool size: 25m



Visa procedure

We strongly recommend all national federations who need visa to enter Portugal to start the procedure as soon as possible.

For any inquiry and assistance related to visa and entry requirements for Portugal, please contact the LOC as soon as possible on mariett.matias@fpnatacao.pt.

Registration

The registration will run through the World Aquatics General Management System. All entries shall be made electronically via the link:

<https://data.worldaquatics.com/nomination/events>

Access to the registration system should be via the logins previously supplied to your Federation. If you require any assistance of support with the registration process, please contact gms@worldaquatics.com

A federation can enter a maximum 25 players during the registration period for this Event. By the Sport Entries deadline, the Federation will need to specify (through the sport's entry) a maximum of 15 players who will be confirmed for the competition. The remaining registered players will be rejected and their participation in the competition cancelled. A team delegation can consist of a maximum of 25 members including the referee with the team. Please keep in mind that for each game the coach has the possibility to change players from the 15-squad list.

Mandatory Anti-Doping Education

- **Athlete** – [ADEL International Level Athletes Education Program \(ILA\)](#)
- **Coach, Head Coach, Chef de Mission, Team Leader, Support Staff** – [ADEL Coaches of High Performance Education Program \(COA\)](#)
- **Doctor, Medical Professional, Massage Therapist, Physiotherapist** – [ADEL Medical Professional's Education Program](#)

ADEL Helpdesk: [Link](#)

AQIU Mandatory Education Section on the Website: [Link](#)

Contact: info@aquaticsintegrity.com

Accreditation procedure

All national federations participating in the World Aquatics Men's U18 Water Polo Championships must complete the accreditation process in order to obtain the accreditation card for their members. This process will be done through the management system available online.

The accreditation card is personal, non-transferable and must be displayed at all times in the areas requiring accreditation. The right to hold and/or use may be revoked at any time at full discretion by an official of the Organizing Committee.

Transportation

Competition transportation details are presented hereinafter. Please make sure to provide us with your travel details through GMS as soon as possible, and no later than 27th May 2026.

TRAVEL BY PLANE

Official airport is **Aeroporto Internacional de Lisboa Humberto Delgado** that has regular daily connections to most of the important flight hubs. Transportation to and from official airport is provided free of charge to all accredited participants. The airport is located 1 hour drive from the competition venue.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Transportation for the official match and training sessions will be provided to all participating teams from their arrival to Rio Maior until departure.

Local transportation does not include extra transfers to go sightseeing and similar requests. This can be arranged but is charged extra subject to availability.

Requests to change or cancel transportation service must be communicated at least 24hrs in advance via Info desk.

Training and match transfers are set to arrive at the venue 30min before the training session and 90min before the start of the match.

Training and match transfers are set to leave the venue 90min after the training session and 105min after the start of the match.

Teams will be provided with detailed online transportation schedules for each day.

Competition Schedule
PRELIMINARY ROUND

Day 1 27/06	09:00	#1	C1	COL	C3	NZL
	10:30	#2	D1	TUR	D3	BRA
	12:00	#3	E1	RSA	E3	AUS
	13:30	#4	F1	ARG	F3	CAN
	15:00	#5	A1	CRO	A3	MNE
	16:30	#6	B1	CHN	B3	USA
	18:00	#7	A2	HUN	A4	SRB
	19:30	#8	B2	ESP	B4	ITA
Day 2 28/06	09:00	#9	D2	HKG	D3	BRA
	10:30	#10	E2	GRE	E3	AUS
	12:00	#11	C2	SGP	C3	NZL
	13:30	#12	B1	CHN	B2	ESP
	15:00	#13	A1	CRO	A2	HUN
	16:30	#14	B3	USA	B4	ITA
	18:00	#15	A3	MNE	A4	SRB
	19:30	#16	F2	POR	F3	CAN
Day 3 29/06	09:00	#17	E1	RSA	E2	GRE
	10:30	#18	C1	COL	C2	SGP
	12:00	#19	D1	TUR	D2	HKG
	13:30	#20	A2	HUN	A3	MNE
	15:00	#21	B2	ESP	B3	USA
	16:30	#22	A1	CRO	A4	SRB
	18:00	#23	B1	CHN	B4	ITA
	19:30	#24	F1	ARG	F2	POR

CROSSOVERS

Day 4 30/06	10:30	#25	2C	-	3D	-
	12:00	#26	2E	-	3F	-
	13:30	#27	3C	-	2D	-
	15:00	#28	3E	-	2F	-
	16:30	#29	1D	-	1C	-
	18:00	#30	1E	-	1F	-
Day 5 01/07	09:00	#31	2E	-	2C	-
	10:30	#32	3F	-	3D	-
	12:00	#33	3E	-	3C	-
	13:30	#34	2F	-	2D	-
	15:00	#35	L29	-	3A	-
	16:30	#36	L30	-	3B	-
	18:00	#37	W29	-	4A	-
Day 6 02/07	19:30	#38	W30	-	4B	-
	09:00	#39	2C	-	3F	-
	10:30	#40	2E	-	3D	-
	12:00	#41	3C	-	2F	-
	13:30	#42	3E	-	2D	-
	15:00	#43	1A	-	W38	-
	16:30	#44	1B	-	W37	-
	18:00	#45	2A	-	W36	-
19:30	#46	2B	-	W35	-	

QUARTER FINAL ROUND, SEMI FINAL ROUND AND FINAL ROUNDS

Day 7 03/07	09:00	#47	4G	-	4H	-
	10:30	#48	3G	-	3H	-
	12:00	#49	L35	-	L38	-
	13:30	#50	L36	-	L37	-
	15:00	#51	L43	-	L46	-
	16:30	#52	L44	-	L45	-
	18:00	#53	W43	-	W46	-
	19:30	#54	W44	-	W45	-
Day 8 04/07	09:00	#55	2G	-	2H	-
	10:30	#56	1G	-	1H	-
	12:00	#57	L49	-	L50	-
	13:30	#58	W49	-	W50	-
	15:00	#59	L51	-	L52	-
	16:30	#60	W51	-	W52	-
	18:00	#61	L53	-	L54	-
	19:30	#62	W53	-	W54	-

Training schedule

All teams will be allocated a minimum of one training session on a match.

The training schedule prior to the start of the competition is subject to the arrival of all teams.

Due to many participating teams, requests for changes and/or cancellations have to be communicated on time and will be considered only if possible. The training schedule cannot be changed without the consent of the LOC.

Requests to change or cancel training session must be communicated at least 24hrs in advance via Info desk or pedro.brandao@fpnatacao.pt

Day -2 25/06	09:00	#1	C1	COL	C3	NZL
	10:00	#2	D1	TUR	D3	BRA
	11:00	#3	E1	RSA	E3	AUS
	12:00	#4	F1	ARG	F3	CAN
	13:00	#5	A1	CRO	A3	MNE
	15:00	#6	B1	CHN	B3	USA
	16:00	#7	A2	HUN	A4	SRB
	17:00	#8	B2	ESP	B4	ITA
	18:00	#9	C2	SGP	D2	HKG
	19:00	#10	E2	GRE	F2	POR
Day -1 26/06	09:00	#11	D2	HKG	D3	BRA
	10:00	#12	E2	GRE	E3	AUS
	11:00	#13	F2	POR	F3	CAN
	12:00	#14	C2	SGP	C3	NZL
	13:00	#15	B1	CHN	B2	ESP
	15:00	#16	A1	CRO	A2	HUN
	16:00	#17	B3	USA	B4	ITA
	17:00	#18	A3	MNE	A4	SRB
	18:00	#19	C1	COL	D1	TUR
	19:00	#20	E1	RSA	F1	ARG

Day 1 27/06	09:00	#21	A1	CRO	A3	MNE
	10:00	#22	B1	CHN	B3	USA
	11:00	#23	A2	HUN	A4	SRB
	12:00	#24	B2	ESP	B4	ITA
	13:00	#25	C2	SGP	D2	HKG
	15:00	#26	E2	GRE	F2	POR
	16:00	#27	C1	COL	C3	NZL
	17:00	#28	D1	TUR	D3	BRA
	18:00	#29	E1	RSA	E3	AUS
	19:00	#30	F1	ARG	F3	CAN
Day 2 28/06	09:00	#31	A1	CRO	A2	HUN
	10:00	#32	B3	USA	B4	ITA
	11:00	#33	A3	MNE	A4	SRB
	12:00	#34	F2	POR	F3	CAN
	13:00	#35	C1	COL	D1	TUR
	15:00	#36	E1	RSA	F1	ARG
	16:00	#37	D2	HKG	D3	BRA
	17:00	#38	E2	GRE	E3	AUS
	18:00	#39	C2	SGP	C3	NZL
	19:00	#40	B1	CHN	B2	ESP
Day 3 29/06	09:00	#41	B2	ESP	B3	USA
	10:00	#42	A1	CRO	A4	SRB
	11:00	#43	B1	CHN	B4	ITA
	12:00	#44	F1	ARG	F2	POR
	13:00	#45	C3	NZL	D3	BRA
	15:00	#46	E3	AUS	F3	CAN
	16:00	#47	E1	RSA	E2	GRE
	17:00	#48	C1	COL	C2	SGP
	18:00	#49	D1	TUR	D2	HKG
	19:00	#50	A2	HUN	A3	MNE

Day 4 30/06	09:00	#51	3E	-	2F	-
	10:00	#52	1D	-	1C	-
	11:00	#53	1E	-	1F	-
	12:00	#54	1A	-	1B	-
	13:00	#55	2A	-	2B	-
	15:00	#56	3A	-	3B	-
	16:00	#57	4A	-	4B	-
	17:00	#58	2C	-	3D	-
	18:00	#59	2E	-	3F	-
	19:00	#60	3C	-	2D	-
Day 5 01/07	09:00	#61	L29	-	3A	-
	10:00	#62	L30	-	3B	-
	11:00	#63	W29	-	4A	-
	12:00	#64	W30	-	4B	-
	13:00	#65	1A	-	2B	-
	15:00	#66	2A	-	1B	-
	16:00	#67	2E	-	2C	-
	17:00	#68	3F	-	3D	-
	18:00	#69	3E	-	3C	-
	19:00	#70	2F	-	2D	-
Day 6 02/07	09:00	#71	1A	-	W38	-
	10:00	#72	1B	-	W37	-
	11:00	#73	2A	-	W36	-
	12:00	#74	2B	-	W35	-
	13:00	#75	L38	-	L37	-
	15:00	#76	L36	-	L35	-
	16:00	#77	2C	-	3F	-
	17:00	#78	2E	-	3D	-
	18:00	#79	3C	-	2F	-
	19:00	#80	3E	-	2D	-

Day 7 03/07	09:00	#81	L43	-	L46	-
	10:00	#82	L44	-	L45	-
	11:00	#83	W43	-	W46	-
	12:00	#84	W44	-	W45	-
	13:00	#85	W35	-	W38	-
	15:00	#86	W36	-	W37	-
	16:00		4G	-	4H	-
	17:00		3G	-	3H	-
	18:00	#87	L35	-	L38	-
	19:00	#88	L36	-	L37	-
Day 8 04/07	09:00	#89	L51	-	L52	-
	10:00	#90	W51	-	W52	-
	11:00	#91	L53	-	L54	-
	12:00	#92	W53	-	W54	-
	13:00			-		
	15:00			-		
	16:00	#93	2G	-	2H	-
	17:00	#94	1G	-	1H	-
	18:00	#95	L49	-	L50	-
	19:00	#96	W49	-	W50	-

Venue and facilities

INFO DESK

Info desk will be operating in the competition venue (in the 25 meters pool).

FIRST AID AND TEAM MEDICAL SERVICES

The Chief Medical Officer will lead a first aid team at the competition venue for the duration of the event, including training and competition, and will take care of general medicine needs.

Lifeguards will be stationed at the competition and training venues.

We urge you to take travel healthcare insurance for all delegation members.

INSURANCE (WORLD AQUATICS TRAVEL AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE)

TSM ASSISTANCE

EMERGENCY PHONE: +41 22 819 44 66

CONTRACT NO.: 20 00 190

FAX: +41 22 819 44 99

EMAIL: operations@tsm-assistance.com

DOPING CONTROL

Athletes can be requested to take a doping test at anytime during the competition. A number of tests and types of samples and analyses are at the sole discretion of the World Aquatics and/or International Testing Agency. Any player selected to do the test, will be escorted by the doping chaperones to the Medical & Doping designated areas of the venue.

TEAM STANDS

Accredited team members can enter the competition venues and watch the games free of charge. However, all group visits to watch the games must be communicated with the LOC at least 24hrs prior.

TEAM VIDEO POSITIONS

Team video analysts will have designated places to record the games at the competition venues.

PRESENTATION

12 minutes before the start of the game teams will be called into the Call area. Strict protocol for the sports presentation will be established and share well in advance at the team leaders' meeting that must be followed.

MEDIA COVERAGE

The results system will be provided by Microplus. Official scoring websites will be available soon.

Live streaming of all matches will be available on a World Aquatics platform.

TICKETING

Spectators have to buy tickets for the competition through:

wawpmu18c.ticketswaterpolo.com