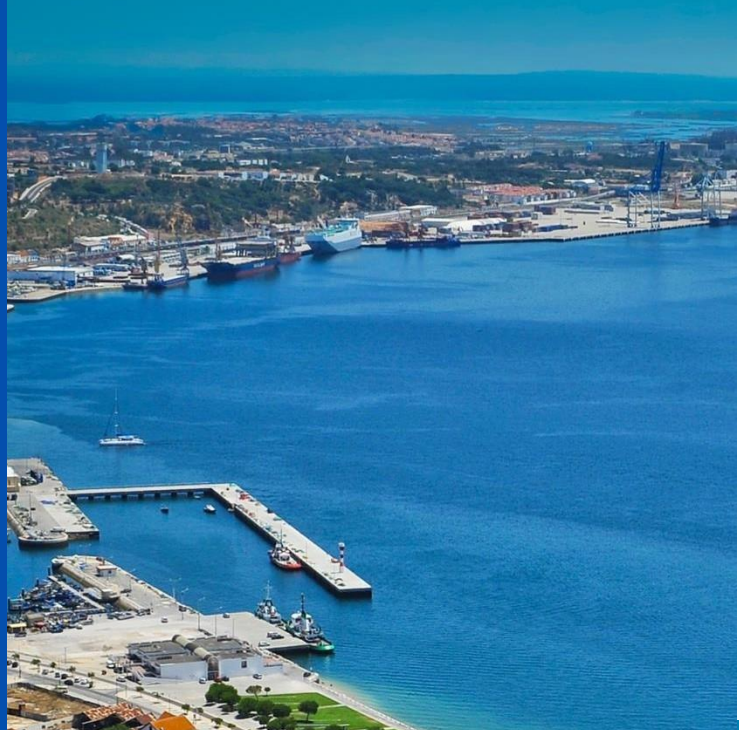


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1. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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

2. MESSAGE FROM THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES



WELCOME

It is with renewed pride that Setúbal welcomes again the best swimmers on the planet for another stage of the World Aquatics Open Water Swimming World Series.

The River Sado, framed by the unique landscape of the Arrábida Mountains, is once again the venue for a competition that over the years has become an international benchmark in sport. Setúbal was also the venue for the qualifying events for 2012, 2016 and 2020 Olympic Games, reinforcing the idea that the investment and effort made in promoting the municipality and its potential in the field of aquatics sports have produced consistent results.

This year, Setúbal World Cup takes on special significance, as it is here that the circuit reaches its decisive moment. The winners of the 2026 World Cup will be announced in Sado waters, ending a season of intense competition.

To all the athletes, coaches, managers and delegations who join us, we wish an excellent competition and we hope that Setúbal continues to be an excellent location for sport, achievement and excellence in open water swimming.



Maria das Dores Meira

Mayor of Setúbal

3. MESSAGE FROM THE HOST MEMBER FEDERATION



Dear Friends,

The Portuguese Swimming Federation has the honor to organize, once more, in partnership with Setúbal Municipality, in the beautiful Albarquel Urban Park, the Open Water World Cup, in the stage of three Olympic Qualifying Events, and as the aquatic's world recognizes it, one of the most challenging stages that really shows the true spirit of the discipline.

Since 2006 Portugal and the city of Setúbal receive the best world swimmers of the Olympic Marathon that face a 10km Open Water course in the ending of Sado river embraced by the Sado's and Serra da Arrábida's natural reserve, in an astonishing landscape and a rich local culture.

Knowing that the sport needs to reinvent itself as competition model and that World Aquatics (AQUA) is developing, together with the LOC's, new references that adjust the model in order to gather the swimmer's interests and the organizational costs, and that set the discipline as major interest to all great swimmers in medium and long distance as they do in the pool.

Also together with this competition, we will have the challenge of a promotional event that contribute for the development of a discipline that in Portugal gathers leisure, physical activity, competition and health, all together with beautiful sightseeing's and the Portuguese gastronomy.

A deep welcome to all wishing that the success of this organization be also yours and the fulfilment of your goals.

Best of luck to you all!



Miguel Arrobas

Portuguese Swimming Federation President

4. INTRODUCTION

This Venue is one of the most iconic in the World Aquatics Open Water Swimming World Cup, generation after generation, Setúbal stays as a challenging race. Continuously since 2006, it was a stage for all the World Top OW Swimmers, and stage for 3 Olympic Qualifiers.

The following information has been prepared in order to assist your National Federation on your attendance to the competition.

5. EVENT CONTACTS

Should you have any questions or queries regarding the information provided in this document please feel free to contact the Portuguese Swimming Federation.

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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

May 2	ACCOMMODATION DEADLINE – Submission of Accommodation Form
May 2	VISA DEADLINE - If Visa is required, complete registration in GMS
June 1	FINAL REGISTRATION & SPORT ENTRY DEADLINE
June 16 to 19	OFFICIAL TRAINING
June 19	TEAM LEADERS MEETING – 17:00 (Competition Venue)
June 20	COMPETITION – 10k Individual (M/F)
June 21	COMPETITION – 3km Knockout (M/F)

8. OFFICIAL SCHEDULE AND COMPETITION PROGRAMME

Training Schedule will be as follows:

Date	Morning Period	Venue	Afternoon Period	Venue
June 16	9h00 – 11h00	Swimming Pool	15h00 – 17h00 16h00 – 18h00	Ocean* Swimming Pool
June 17	9h00 – 11h00	Swimming Pool	15h00 – 17h00 16h00 – 18h00	Ocean* Swimming Pool
June 18	9h00 – 11h00	Swimming Pool	15h00 – 17h00 16h00 – 18h00	Ocean* Swimming Pool
June 19	9h00 – 11h00	Swimming Pool	15h00 – 17h00 16h00 – 18h00	Ocean* Swimming Pool
June 20	9h00 – 10h30	Swimming Pool		

**If the weather conditions do not favour outdoor training, a 25m indoor pool will be available*

Competition Programme:

June 20:

11h00 – 10k Women Race;

16h30 – 10k Men Race;

June 21:

10h30 – 3k Women Knockout Race;

12h30 – 3k Men Knockout Race;

Medal ceremony will take place at the competition venue. Immediately after the race.

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.

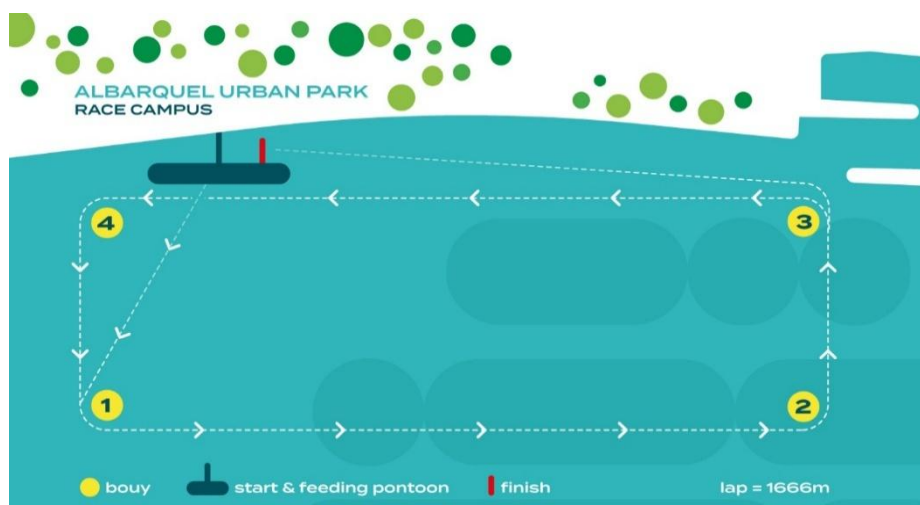
11. TEAM LEADERS MEETING

The Team Leaders Meeting will take place on Friday the **19th of June at 17h00 at the competition venue** – right after the official training session. At least one representative from each National Federation must attend this meeting.

12. VENUE & COURSE INFORMATION

The **10k** Competition will be organized on a **1.66km** course, swimmers must complete **6 laps**.

Sprint laps: 1, 3, 5



The **3k knockout** Competition will be organized on a **1.5km /1km /0.5Km** courses, same shape (Closer to event, detailed Info will be added).

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 Organising 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 hotels upon arrival. Team Officials will be required to present photographic identification for all team members.

Information Desk

The official hotels 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 & TRANSPORTATION

All visitors to Setúbal, Portugal should have a valid visa for their entry and stay in the country.

The Portuguese Swimming Federation will facilitate an entry visa to Portugal to all participants and coordinate all the required procedures upon completion of registration in the World Aquatics GMS no later than **2 May 2026**.

For additional information on whether a Visa is needed for entry into the Setubal, Portugal please visit <http://www.sef.pt/portal/v10/PT/aspX/page.aspx> Please note that application for Visa may take up to 3 or more days depending on various criteria.



Federations at the Lisbon International Airport ([https:// www.ana.pt/pt/lis/home](https://www.ana.pt/pt/lis/home)) at the Welcome Desk, providing transportation services only between the Airport, the Official Team hotel and the Competition /Training Venue.

Transportation schedules will be provided upon arrival and as part of the detailed Information Pack.

18.ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

The Portuguese 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.

The Official Event hotel for the World Aquatics Open Water Swimming World Cup, Setubal 2026 (Portugal) will be the Hotel Novotel Setubal and Melia Setúbal Hotel. Please make sure you send the accommodation form to the Organizing Committee at goncalo.casquinha@fpnatacao.pt and secretaria@fpnatacao.pt by **2 MAY 2026**. The accommodation form can be found [here](#).

Hotel Novotel Setúbal ****		Melia Setúbal Hotel ****	
https://all.accor.com/hotel/1557/index.pt.s.html		https://www.melia.com/pt/hoteis/portugal/setubal/melia-setubal	
			
Type	Price (full board) per night/per person		
Single	260 €		
Twin	200 €		
Triple	180 €		

Rooms Allocation: Both Hotels have limited number of rooms, so OC will allocate the teams on a first come first served basis upon submission of the Accommodation Form

19. CANCELLATION POLICY

Any cancellation after the registration deadline of **2 MAY 2026** will be subject to pay full amount of the accommodation.

Any new bookings received after registration deadline of **2 MAY 2026** will be subject to availability and 20% extra charge.

Payment deadline: **18 MAY 2026** (after this date 20% extra charge)

20. 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:

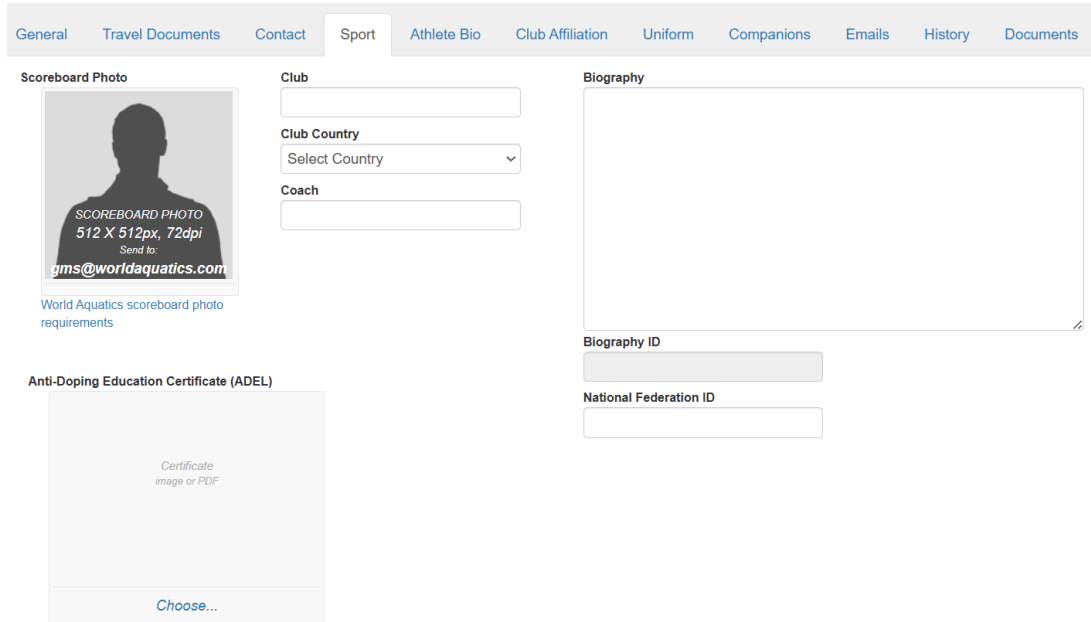
Based on the category, select the course “**International-Level Athletes Education Program**”, “**Coaches of High-Performance Education Program**” or “**ADEL for Medical Professional's Education Program**” and complete the course to obtain at least 80% at the final exam at the end of the course. You 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 'Sport' tab of a GMS profile with the following sections:

- Scoreboard Photo:** A placeholder image with text: "SCOREBOARD PHOTO 512 X 512px, 72dpi Send to: gms@worldaquatics.com". Below it is a link: "World Aquatics scoreboard photo requirements".
- Club:** A text input field.
- Club Country:** A dropdown menu with "Select Country" selected.
- Coach:** A text input field.
- Biography:** A large text area for entering biographical information.
- Biography ID:** A text input field.
- National Federation ID:** A text input field.
- Anti-Doping Education Certificate (ADEL):** A large placeholder area with text: "Certificate image or PDF" and a "Choose..." button at the bottom.

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

21. EVENT INSIDER APP

**For direct event information,
please download the Events
Insider app and insert this
password:**

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