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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

As the newly elected President of the Hungarian Artistic Swimming Federation, it is my absolute privilege and honour to extend our warmest welcome to the global artistic swimming family for the 2026 World Aquatics Junior Artistic Swimming Championships in Budapest.



With our preparations now entering their final and most exciting phase, this second official bulletin delivers the essential details to ensure a seamless, successful, and memorable stay for all participating delegations. Backed by a revitalized leadership and a deeply committed organizing team, our federation is working tirelessly to create an elite environment that honours the extraordinary dedication of these young athletes.

The iconic Duna Arena is fully prepared to witness the incredible precision, artistry, and athleticism of our sport's next generation. We remain profoundly grateful to World Aquatics for their ongoing partnership and trust, which continues to fuel our passion to showcase artistic swimming at its absolute highest level.

Beyond the thrill of the competition, we hope you will immerse yourselves in the warmth, rich culture, and historic hospitality that Budapest is famous for. We are ready to make this championship an unforgettable milestone for every athlete, coach, and spectator.

We look forward to seeing you very soon in Budapest!

Yours truly,

Attila Rajnai
President of the Hungarian Artistic Swimming Federation

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

Competition Venue

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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Transportation	Judit Molnar +36 30 636 6888

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

AQUA Technical Delegate	Lisa Schott
Referee	Laura de Renzis
Assistant Referee	Marta Fiedina
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	29 July 2026	Microplus
Music and Gala Information	24 July 2026	Online Form
Music Files	1 July 2026	ClicknClear

Tentative Schedule

Date	Time	Event
9 August		Official Arrival Date
	08.00-19.00	Training day 1
10 August	08.00-19.00	Training day 2
	08.00-19.00	Training day 3
11 August	14.00	Team Leaders Meeting (at the hotel)
	16.00	Officials Meeting (at the hotel)
12 August	10.00	Women Solo Technical Final
	14.00	Men Solo Technical Final
	17.30	Open Team Technical Final
13 August	10.00	Women Solo Free Preliminary
	12.00	Men Solo Free Preliminary*
	17.00	Women Duet Technical Final
14 August	10.00	Women Duet Free Preliminary
	13.00	Mixed Duet Technical Final
	17.00	Open Team Free Preliminary
15 August	10.00	Women Duet Free Final
	12.00	Mixed Duet Free Final
	17.00	Open Acrobatic Final
16 August	10.00	Women Solo Free Final
	12.00	Men Solo Free Final
	16.00	Open Team Free Final
17 August		Departure Day

*The Men Solo Free event will proceed to a direct final on 16th August should the final sport entries not allow for a preliminary session. This schedule is tentative and subject to change based on final entries or other circumstances.

Gala

A new concept is going to be trialled out during the gala. There is no need for the teams to prepare any routines. You are invited to join an online meeting on 4th August 2026 at 16h CET for more information.

Join:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/338391996072432?p=9tYSNj9IMtgNHckAr6>

Meeting ID: 338 391 996 072 432 - Passcode: xH7Li2Bh

Additional Activities

10th August: 20.00 Athletes Seminar – Giorgio Minisini

All athletes are invited to a seminar on World Aquatics' programmes and opportunities for athletes, held at their hotel after dinner. The session will be led by former artistic swimmer Giorgio Minisini.

The seminar will be followed by a guest speaker session featuring Olympian **Anita Alvarez**, who will share her experiences and journey in Artistic Swimming. Athletes will also have the opportunity to engage with her through an interactive discussion and Q&A.

13th August: 20.00 Coaches Seminar – Giorgio Minisini

All coaches are invited to a seminar on World Aquatics' programmes and opportunities for athletes and coaches, held at their hotel after dinner and presented by Giorgio Minisini.

16th August:

The Organising Committee has the pleasure to invite all athletes to a Farewell Party to be held at the hotel.

Accommodation

Thermal Margaret Island (teams hotel)

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



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

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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.

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

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Transportation

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

All delegations are reminded to enter their travel information in the GMS and to keep it updated. **Transport cannot be provided without travel information.**

Official Airport: Liszt Ferenc International Airport Budapest

Daily Shuttles: Detailed schedules for the daily shuttles between the official hotels and the venue will be displayed at the Duna Arena, at the hotels, and will be continuously updated within the Events Insider mobile app.

Gelatine

Athletes and Coaches are requested to apply and remove gelatine in their hotel rooms before and after the event. Your cooperation in maintaining high hygiene standards is greatly appreciated, as it helps preserve the excellent condition of the Duna Arena and contributes to a positive experience for all participants. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Tickets



Admission to the event is free of charge for all spectators, but advance registration is required.

How to Register? Use the official registration link below.

Booking Limit: A maximum of 4 tickets can be reserved per booking.

Sessions: Separate registration is mandatory for the morning and afternoon sessions.

Cancellations: If you are unable to attend, please cancel your order early through your account or the app to free up places for others.

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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.

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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