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1. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



With great pleasure, I welcome the world's finest emerging open water athletes and their respective National Federations to the World Aquatics Open Water Swimming Junior Championships – Santa Fe 2026.

Since open water swimming joined the World Aquatics competition programme, the Junior Championships have cemented their importance on the international aquatics calendar. Across the six previous editions, we have witnessed outstanding performances and a strong, competitive spirit.

Reserved for the world's top age-group open water swimmers, this prestigious event will welcome more than 250 athletes from over 50 countries to compete in one of the most demanding and exciting competitions on the World Aquatics calendar. As established names continue to raise their level and new talent emerges on the global stage, the quality of open water racing continues to reach new heights—an encouraging trend that is clearly reflected at the junior level.

I am confident that our excellent hosts in Santa Fe, Argentina, will provide athletes and teams with outstanding hospitality. Nestled in northeastern Argentina at the confluence of the Paraná and Salado rivers, the provincial capital boasts a rich open water heritage, having hosted 11 editions of the Ultramarathon Swim Series from 2007 to 2019. The Championships will take place at Lago Sur in Parque del Sur, offering an ideal setting for competition.

With the support of the dedicated Local Organising Committee, local authorities, volunteers, and international media, this event will represent another milestone in the history of this competition.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the host city and sponsors for their commitment to delivering what promises to be a captivating series of races. I wish all athletes the very best of luck.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Captain Husain Al Musallam

World Aquatics President

2. MESSAGE FROM THE HOST



A Warm Welcome to Santa Fe 2026!

On behalf of the Confederación Argentina de Deportes Acuáticos (CADDA) and the entire Argentine aquatic sports community, we extend a heartfelt welcome to all junior athletes, coaches, officials, and visitors attending the World Aquatics Junior Open Water Swimming Championships.

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to World Aquatics President Captain Husain Al Musallam for the trust and confidence placed in our nation to host this prestigious global event. It is a tremendous honor for Argentina to welcome the future stars of our sport, and we are fully committed to delivering a championship that reflects the excellence and spirit of World Aquatics.

From September 3 to 6, 2026, the historic city of Santa Fe will host the world's junior open water swimming championship. This event will be held at the iconic Parque del Sud, a top-tier venue that provides an excellent setting for open water races. Located within walking distance of Santa Fe's historic district, the park enables athletes and visitors to experience the city's rich cultural heritage, with landmarks, traditional architecture, and lively local scenes just steps from the competition area.

To the athletes, we commend your dedication and spirit. We wish you fast swims, smart races, and outstanding performances. Beyond the competition, we invite you to enjoy the unique experience of Santa Fe—a city known for its warm people, rich traditions, and unwavering passion for aquatic sports.

We are committed to delivering a superb, well-organized, and safe competition for everyone involved. Get ready for an extraordinary festival of open water swimming in a place where our love for the sport flows as deep as the river itself.

¡Bienvenidos a Argentina! Welcome to Santa Fe 2026!

A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink.

SERGIO ANTONINI

President

3. INTRODUCTION

The city of Santa Fe, known as the "Cradle of the Constitution," is home to the Argentine National Constitution, which was enacted in 1853, and the Constitutional Convention of 1994, which carried out the most significant reform to date.

The city is surrounded by water, situated between the Salado and Paraná rivers and the Setúbal Lagoon.

It is the world capital of Cumbia Santafesina, a musical genre featuring accordion and guitar.

Its emblems include the alfajor santafesino (layers of pastry filled with dulce de leche and glazed), river fish (such as surubí and dorado), and its deep-rooted beer tradition, famous for "liso" (draft beer served in a smooth glass).

The city boasts a valuable architectural heritage spanning from the colonial era to modern times, most notably:

Jesuit Block: This includes the Immaculate Conception School, where Pope Francis lived as a teacher, and the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Miracles (the oldest in the province, dating back to 1635).

Suspension Bridge: Inaugurated in 1928, this is the undisputed symbol of the city, crossing the Setúbal Lagoon and connecting the east and west riverfronts.



4. EVENT CONTACTS

Should you have any questions or queries regarding the information provided in this document please feel free to contact the OC at santafeopenwater@cadda.org.ar

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5. EVENT KEY DATES

3 JUL	PRELIMINARY ACCOMMODATION DEADLINE - Submission of accommodation forms and 50% payment
3 AUG	FINAL ACCOMMODATION DEADLINE – Final rooming list and 100% payment
3 AUG	REGISTRATION DEADLINE – Final Nomination, Visa, Travel Details
3 AUG	SPORT ENTRIES DEADLINE
30 AUG – 2 SEP	OFFICIAL TRAINING
2 SEP	TEAM LEADERS MEETING
3 SEP	COMPETITION – Boys/Girls 18-19 Years – 10km
4 SEP	COMPETITION – Boys/Girls 16-17 Years – 7'5km COMPETITION – Boys/Girls 14-15 Years – 5km
5 SEP	COMPETITION – Boys/Girls OPEN – 3km Knockout Sprint
6 SEP	COMPETITION – Mixed 14-16 Years - 4x1500m Relay COMPETITION – Mixed OPEN - 4x1500m Relay

6. OFFICIAL SCHEDULE AND COMPETITION PROGRAMME

Competition Schedule

3 September 2026:

09:00 – Men 10 km

12:00 – Women 10 km

14:30 (approx.) – Medal Ceremony

4 September 2026:

09:00 – Men 7,5 km

11:30 – Women 7,5 km

14:00 – Men 5 km

15:30 – Women 5 km

17:30 (approx.) – Medal Ceremony

5 September 2026:

10:00 – Men 3 km Knockout Sprint

12:00 – Women 3 km Knockout Sprint

13:15 (approx.) – Medal Ceremony

6 September 2026:

10:00 – Mixed 14-16 Relay

11:30 – Mixed Open Relay

13:00 (approx.) – Medal Ceremony

Pool Training Schedule

Pool training will be offered by the Organising Committee in double session slots (morning and afternoon) **from the 30 August to the 6 September** based on the hotel where your team will be staying. Specific training times will be published within the AQUA Event Insider App, closer to the competition. Here below the list of pools that will be available.

- Club Regatas Santa Fe
- Club Gimnasia y Esgrima
- Club Atlético Unión de Santa Fe
- Ateneo del Colegio Inmaculada Concep.
- UNL ATE

Competition Venue Training Schedule

Official training sessions will also be offered at the main competition venue on the **1 and 2 September from 9:00 to 12:00.**

7. PARTICIPANTS

As per World Aquatics Competition Regulations, each Member Federation may enter a maximum of two (2) male and two (2) female competitors per individual event.

For team events in the World Aquatics Junior Open Water Swimming Championships, the Member Federation can enter only one (1) team per event comprised of two male and two female Competitors. Athletes may only swim in one team event. Relay-only swimmers are accepted.

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(s) during the event(s).

8. 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.

9. TEAM LEADERS MEETING

The Team Leaders Meeting will take place on **Wednesday, 2 September at 18h in [Costa Litoral Restaurant](#)**, 100m from Los Silos Hotel. At least one representative from each National Federation must attend this meeting.

10. VENUE & COURSE INFORMATION

Competition will take place in the the **Parque del Sud, Santa Fe.**



Venue Layout



Competition Courses





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7.5 K
1250 m - 6 laps

- Turn Buoy
- Direction Race
- Start
- Finish
- Finish Gate
- Intermediate Gate
- Guidance Buoy



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5 K
1250 m - 4 laps

- Turn Buoy
- Direction Race
- Start
- Finish
- Finish Gate
- Intermediate Gate
- Guidance Buoy





JUNIOR OPEN WATER
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3 K

Knock-out Sprint

- Turn Buoy
- Direction Race
- Start 1.5k - 1.0 k
- Start 0.5k
- Finish
- Finish Gate
- Turn Buoy
- 1.5K Race Course
- 1K Race Course
- 0.5K Race Course



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4x1.5 K

Relay

- Turn Buoy
- Direction Race
- Start
- Finish
- Finish Gate
- Guidance Buoy



11. RULES

Please note that all the events in the World Aquatics Junior Open Water Swimming Championships will be conducted according to latest World Aquatics Competition Regulations, in force at the time event.

World Aquatics Competition Regulations can be found [here](#).

12. ACCREDITATIONS & EVENT INFORMATION DESK

Accreditation

The Organising Committee will provide all competitors and Team Staff with 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.

Accreditation will be distributed at each official hotel. 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. Accreditations can be picked up there. There will be also a sport information desk in the Team Area at the competition venue.

13. MEDICAL

All Medical Support will be delivered by the local health authorities and in articulation with the World Aquatics Medical and Safety Delegates, as well as World Aquatics Rules and Procedures.

14. VISA INFORMATION & TRANSPORTATION

Visa Information:

The Organising Committee will facilitate the process of obtaining an entry visa to Argentina by Issuing a support letter to present at the Argentinian Embassy in your Country. All participants needing a Visa are requested to be registered in the GMS with all the necessary information by the specific deadline. The deadline to complete all your details in the GMS in order to receive an invitation letter is **3 August 2026**.

All participating teams who need a visa to enter to Argentina are strongly suggested to start the procedure as soon as possible. Visa requirements overview with more information can be found at: <https://www.migraciones.gov.ar/accesible/indexdnm.php?visas>

For any inquiry and assistance related to visa and entry requirements, please contact the OC santafeopenwater@cadda.org.ar as soon as possible and mark you need for VISA invitation letter in the GMS.

Transportation:

The Official Airport for the competition is the Aeropuerto Internacional Sauce Viejo - SFN

Transfer services will be provided free of charge only for the National Federations arriving at the official airport. Local transportation between the Hotels and training/competition venue will be provided as well by the Organising Committee.

All travel information must be completed in the GMS by the deadline of **3 August 2026**.

Transfers from the following airports can be arranged upon request. The OC will send you a quotation in case of need.

- Aeropuerto Internacional Pistarini - Buenos Aires – EZE (470km approx from Santa Fe)
- Aeroparque Jorge Newbery - Buenos Aires – AEP (470km approx from Santa Fe)
- Aeropuerto Internacional Rosario - Rosario Santa Fe – ROS (150km from Santa Fe)

15.ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

Puerto Amarras Hotel & Suites 3 * Internacional

<https://www.hotelpuertoamarras.com.ar>

InterTower Hotel 4 *

<https://intertowerhotel.com>

Hotel UNL ATE 4 *

<https://www.hotelunlate.com.ar>

Hotel de Campo Colón 4 *

<https://hoteldecampocolon.com.ar>

RATES FOR THE ABOVE HOTELS:

Room Type	U\$D per night
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SINGLE	U\$D 230
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DOBLE	U\$D 200
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TRIPLE	U\$D 180
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Hotel Los Silos 4 * Superior

<https://hotellossilos.com.ar>

RATES HOTEL LOS SILOS:

Room Type U\$D per night

SINGLE U\$D 260

DOBLE U\$D 225

Preliminary Accommodation and Final Accommodation forms can be downloaded [HERE](#). Please make sure you complete them by the deadlines in point 5 and submit them to the Organising Committee at santafeopenwater@cadda.org.ar

16. CANCELLATION POLICY

Any cancellation after registration deadline of **3 August 2026** will be subject to pay the full amount.

Any new bookings received after registration deadline **3 August 2026** will be subject to availability and 50% extra charge.

17. 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:

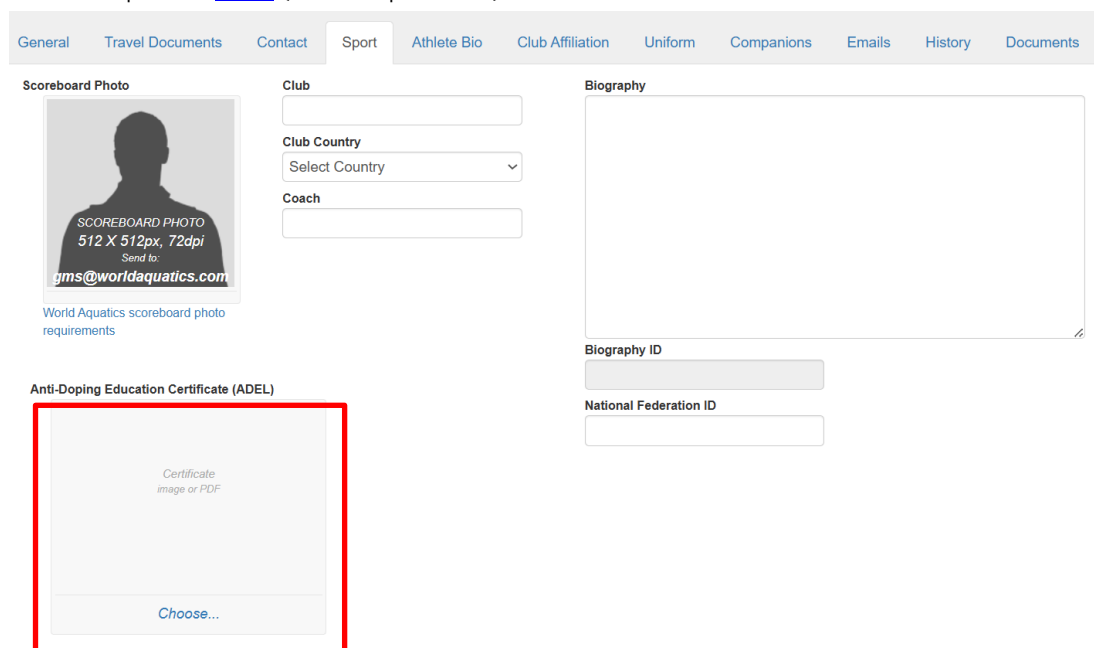
Based on the category, select the course “**International-Level Athletes Education Program**”, “**Coaches of High-Performance Education Program**” or “**ADEL for Medical Professional's Education Program**” and complete the course to obtain at least 80% at the final exam at the end of the course. You 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. The 'Anti-Doping Education Certificate (ADEL)' section is highlighted with a red box. It contains a placeholder for a certificate image or PDF with the text 'Certificate image or PDF' and a 'Choose...' button. Other sections include 'Scoreboard Photo' with a placeholder and 'Biography' with a text area and ID fields.

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

18. EVENT INSIDER APP

The **World Aquatics Event Insider App** will be used to publish all information related to the Junior Open Water Swimming Championships 2026. Please make sure you access by using the QR code and password below.

Make sure you activate push notifications within your device in order to receive latest updates and publications.



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

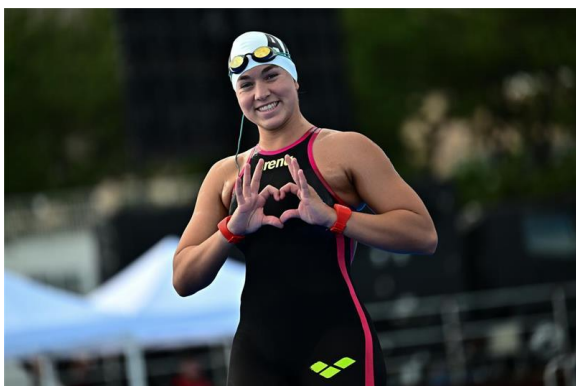
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19. ATHLETE WORKSHOP & COACHES SEMINAR



September 1 at 12:00 – Athlete Workshop with Britta Schwengle

All athletes are invited to a seminar on World Aquatics' programmes and opportunities for athletes, held in the last call room at the venue. The session will be led by former open water swimmer Britta Schwengle.

September 2 at 19:00 – Coaches Seminar – Britta Schwengle

All coaches are invited to a seminar on World Aquatics' programmes and opportunities for athletes and coaches, held at the Costa Litoral Restaurant, right after the Team Leaders Meeting. The session will be led by former open water swimmer Britta Schwengle.



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