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## WORLD AQUATICS SWIMMING WORLD CUP

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

The World Aquatics is delighted to invite all federations to participate in the World Aquatics Swimming World Cup 2026 – Baku, Azerbaijan (AZE) to be held from 1 October to 3 October 2026.

### 1. EVENT DATES

**Training:** 28 – 30 September 2026

**Competition:** 1 – 3 October 2026

### 2. HOST ORGANISATION

Azerbaijan Swimming Federation

29 Gurban Abbasov st, Bayil Plaza, AZ1003; Baku City, Azerbaijan

Website: <https://asf.az/>

### 3. CONTACT DETAILS

|                                         |                          |                                                                                      |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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### 4. VENUE INFORMATION

Venue: Baku Aquatic Palace

Address: Baku City, Sabail district, Ahad Yagubov st., 15



**The Aquatic Palace** is a sporting venue in Baku, Azerbaijan, which is fully compliant with the requirements of World Aquatics (WA). The Palace hosted the Baku 2015 European Games and 2017 Islamic Solidarity Games.

**The Aquatic Palace** has three swimming pools, including a 10 lanes 3m depth 50m Competition pool with bulkhead, 10 lanes 2m depth training/warm-up pool and 6m depth diving pool designed to host different types of competitions at local and international levels.

## 5. INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION

World Aquatics will be using the World Aquatics Events Insider app to communicate with all participants throughout the Swimming World Cup 2026 series.

This app will be used to share documents and updates and send push notifications.

Please make sure to download the app and follow the dedicated channel.



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

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## COMPETITION INFORMATION

The Swimming World Cup 2026 will be held in 25m pools.

Meets are open to entries from all World Aquatics affiliated Member Federations and from international clubs and clubs affiliated to the World Aquatics Member Federation.

The Swimming World Cup 2026 will be held under the World Aquatics Rules and Competition Regulations, in force on 1 October 2026, which can be found at <https://www.worldaquatics.com/rules/competition-regulations>. More details on the competition programme and scoring for the series can be found in the [Swimming World Cup 2026 Rules & Regulations](#) document.

### 1. OVERALL SCHEDULE

|                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 27 September 2026      | Arrival                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 28 – 30 September 2026 | <b>Official Training</b><br>Training Pool (25m   10 lanes)<br>08:00 – 12:00<br>16:00 – 20:00<br><br>Competition Pool (25m   10 lanes)<br>08:00 – 12:00<br>16:00 – 20:00^<br><br>^The competition pool will close at 18:00 on 30 September 2026 to allow for rehearsals. |
| 1 October 2026         | <b>Competition Day 1 * **</b><br>Preliminary heats: 10:00<br>Finals: 18:00                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 2 October 2026         | <b>Competition Day 2 * **</b><br>Preliminary heats: 10:00<br>Finals: 18:00                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 3 October 2026         | <b>Competition Day 3 * **</b><br>Preliminary heats: 10:00<br>Finals: 18:00                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 4 October 2026         | Departure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

\* During the competition days, the venue opens two hours before the start of each session and closes one hour after each session finishes.

\*\* Session start times are subject to change due to broadcasting and number of the entries.

### 2. COMPETITION SCHEDULE\*

Preliminary Heats

| Day 1 |                   |   | Day 2 |                   |   | Day 3 |                   |   |
|-------|-------------------|---|-------|-------------------|---|-------|-------------------|---|
| 400m  | Freestyle         | W | 400m  | Individual Medley | W | 400m  | Individual Medley | M |
| 400m  | Freestyle         | M | 50m   | Backstroke        | M | 100m  | Butterfly         | W |
| 50m   | Backstroke        | W | 200m  | Freestyle         | W | 50m   | Butterfly         | M |
| 200m  | Backstroke        | M | 200m  | Individual Medley | M | 200m  | Backstroke        | W |
| 200m  | Butterfly         | W | 100m  | Backstroke        | W | 100m  | Backstroke        | M |
| 100m  | Butterfly         | M | 50m   | Breaststroke      | M | 50m   | Breaststroke      | W |
| 200m  | Breaststroke      | W | 50m   | Butterfly         | W | 200m  | Breaststroke      | M |
| 100m  | Breaststroke      | M | 100m  | Freestyle         | M | 100m  | Freestyle         | W |
| 50m   | Freestyle         | W | 100m  | Breaststroke      | W | 200m  | Freestyle         | M |
| 50m   | Freestyle         | M | 200m  | Butterfly         | M | 200m  | Individual Medley | W |
| 100m  | Individual Medley | W | 1500m | Freestyle         | M | 800m  | Freestyle         | W |
| 100m  | Individual Medley | M |       |                   |   |       |                   |   |

## Finals

| Day 1 |                   |   | Day 2 |                   |   | Day 3 |                   |   |
|-------|-------------------|---|-------|-------------------|---|-------|-------------------|---|
| 400m  | Freestyle         | W | 400m  | Individual Medley | W | 400m  | Individual Medley | M |
| 400m  | Freestyle         | M | 50m   | Backstroke        | M | 100m  | Butterfly         | W |
| 50m   | Backstroke        | W | 200m  | Freestyle         | W | 50m   | Butterfly         | M |
| 200m  | Backstroke        | M | 200m  | Individual Medley | M | 200m  | Backstroke        | W |
| 200m  | Butterfly         | W | 100m  | Backstroke        | W | 100m  | Backstroke        | M |
| 100m  | Butterfly         | M | 50m   | Breaststroke      | M | 50m   | Breaststroke      | W |
| 200m  | Breaststroke      | W | 50m   | Butterfly         | W | 200m  | Breaststroke      | M |
| 100m  | Breaststroke      | M | 100m  | Freestyle         | M | 100m  | Freestyle         | W |
| 50m   | Freestyle         | W | 100m  | Breaststroke      | W | 200m  | Freestyle         | M |
| 50m   | Freestyle         | M | 200m  | Butterfly         | M | 200m  | Individual Medley | W |
| 100m  | Individual Medley | W |       |                   |   |       |                   |   |
| 100m  | Individual Medley | M |       |                   |   |       |                   |   |

\* Competition programme is subject to change

### 3. ENTRY PROCESS

All entries shall be made electronically via the World Aquatics General Management System (GMS) through the respective Member Federations via the link <http://data.worldaquatics.com> by the deadline of **Tuesday, 15 September 2026, 23:59 GMT**. Access to the registration system should be via the login details previously supplied to each Member Federation. If you require any assistance or support with the registration process, please contact [gms@worldaquatics.com](mailto:gms@worldaquatics.com).

For information regarding international club participation, please contact the World Aquatics Office at [swc@worldaquatics.com](mailto:swc@worldaquatics.com).

The entry times will only be accepted if they have been completed within the qualifying period of fifteen (15) months prior to the entry deadline. No times outside of this qualifying period will be accepted. For 2026 edition, times achieved in both 25m-pool and 50m-pool will be accepted.

**Qualifying period: Sunday, 14 June 2025 – Tuesday, 15 September 2026**

The minimum age for swimmers competing in the Swimming World Cup 2026 shall be at least 14 years of age on 31st December 2026 in accordance with [World Aquatics Competition Regulations](#) (Part 2. Chapter 13. AGE GROUP RULES – SWIMMING).

### 4. TECHNICAL MEETING

Technical meeting will take place on **30 September 2026, at 11:00** in the venue. This will be the only opportunity for last-minute entry changes (any withdrawals, but additional entries only for duly entered members of national teams, but no additions for club swimmers)

It is mandatory for one representative of each Member Federation and international club to take part in the Technical Meeting. The competitors should be made aware of their responsibilities in attending the Swimming World Cup and being presented at the Technical Meeting. Failing to do so will result in a fine of one hundred (100) Swiss Francs per the World Aquatics Competition Regulations.

# TRANSPORTATION & ACCOMMODATION

## 1. TRANSPORTATION

- Official airport: **Heydar Aliyev International Airport (GYD)** (27 km, 35 minutes from venue)

Free transportation is only provided for athletes, coaches and accompanying persons having booked the official event hotel with the Organising Committee.

Transportation will be provided to and from the airport as well as between the official event hotel and the competition venue during the official trainings and the competition days.

For logistical purposes, please make sure to enter the CORRECT and UP-TO-DATE travel information in the World Aquatics GMS. The Organising Committee will organise transportation according to the travel details entered in the system by **15 September 2026**.

## 2. ACCOMMODATION

All participating Member Federations and clubs are responsible for their own team's accommodation and board expenses.

Reservations for the official event hotel can be made by submitting an accommodation booking request through the **World Aquatics General Management System (GMS)**. Club reservation requests should be directed to [swc@worldaquatics.com](mailto:swc@worldaquatics.com).

Once the request is submitted by Member Federations, the invoice will be sent to the respective Federations. Please ensure that the payment is duly made according to the payment deadline.

### Reservation & Payment Timeline:

|                                        |                   |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Final Reservation and Payment Deadline | 15 September 2026 |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------|

To avoid cancellation charges, The Organising Committee must be notified of any amendments or cancellation by **15 September 2026** at the latest. After the final reservation deadline, 100% of the cancellation fee will be charged to the participating Member Federation.

For inquiries: Kamran Aliyev

By email: [communications@asf.az](mailto:communications@asf.az)

### Official Event Hotel:

|           |                                                                                                    |               |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Name      | Courtyard by Marriott Baku                                                                         |               |
| Address   | Baku City, Nasimi district, 300-303 quarter, intersection of M. Fuzuli and A. Topchubashov streets |               |
| Website   | <a href="#">Courtyard by Marriott Baku   Hotel with Modern Rooms &amp; Flexible Workspaces</a>     |               |
| Contact   | +994 12 377 4040                                                                                   |               |
| Distance  | From the venue                                                                                     | 15 mins/7 km  |
|           | From the airport                                                                                   | 45 mins/24 km |
| Check-in  | 14:00                                                                                              |               |
| Check-out | 12:00                                                                                              |               |

|       |             |                                                                                          |
|-------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Rates | Single room | <b>230 USD</b> per night/person including full board & airport and ground transportation |
|       | Double room | <b>140 USD</b> per night/person including full board & airport and ground transportation |

### 3. VISA ASSISTANCE

Please follow the link for details :<https://mfa.gov.az/en/category/visa>

World Aquatics and the Azerbaijan Swimming will do its utmost to facilitate an entry visa for all participants of the Swimming World Cup 2026 who are obligated and have been approved in the World Aquatics GMS by the registration deadline.

Please make sure that the visa fields are completed correctly in the GMS with the city and country where you will apply for the visa. Please note that preparing letters of invitation for a visa may take up to 5 business days.

There are several steps to apply for a visa. The order of these steps and how you complete them may vary by Azerbaijan Embassy or Consulate.

For inquiries: Kamran Aliyev

By email: [communications@asf.az](mailto:communications@asf.az)

## MEDICAL SERVICES & DOPING CONTROL

### 1. MEDICAL SERVICES

All the members of the Local Medical Services team are fully committed to the World Aquatics Medical Rules in order to protect the health of athletes and minimise the risk of injury.

Qualified health care personnel will be available for all training and competition sessions.

In addition to each medical basic team, lifeguards will ensure a professional and quick rescue from the water when any activity is taking place in the competition pools and training pools.

A Medical Station will be available to any accredited participant at the Venue.

The entire activity will be supervised by the Chief Medical Officer of the event or by his deputy.

**Chief Medical Officer (CMO):** Fidan Asgerova f.asgarova@bakugp.az

#### 1) Medical Services at the competition venue

A Medical Station will be set up at the competition venue and will be operated during the training and competition periods. The Medical Station provides on-site medical services and emergency and ambulance services for accredited personnel who are permitted to enter these areas.

The station is located at the competition pool. An ambulance is parked at the athletes' entrance of the venue to provide first-aid treatment and ambulance services.

After the on-site treatment, the patients - if the on-site doctor considers it necessary - shall be transferred by ambulance to the designated Hospital for further diagnosis and treatment.

The on-site medical services are available from 2 hours before the competitions/trainings start until 1 hour after the end of the competitions/trainings.

#### 2) Medical Services outside of the venue

- Event designated Hospital: Central Oil Workers Hospital, Baku, Azerbaijan

## 2. ANTI-DOPING

Urine and blood samples will be collected during the World Aquatics Swimming World Cup 2026 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.

### 2.1 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 an eLearning course developed and approved by their respective National Anti-Doping Organization that covers the same topics. 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 an eLearning course developed and approved by their respective National Anti-Doping Organization that covers the same topics. 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 an eLearning course developed and approved by their respective National Anti-Doping Organization that covers the same topics. Anyone who has not met this requirement will not be eligible to participate and thus will not have their accreditation activated.

Please follow these instructions in order to complete the 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).

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Travel Documents
Contact
Sport
Athlete Bio
Club Affiliation
Uniform
Companions
Emails
History
Documents

Scoreboard Photo


World Aquatics scoreboard photo requirements

Club
Club Country
Select Country
Coach

Biography
Biography ID
National Federation ID

Anti-Doping Education Certificate (ADEL)

Certificate image or PDF

Choose...

**Club-Affiliated Athletes and Team Officials participating in the World Aquatics Swimming World Cup**

Club-Affiliated Athletes and Team Officials must, prior to participation, have successfully completed the mandatory Anti-Doping Education course corresponding to their role. Certification of completion must be presented (hard or soft copy) at the accreditation centre in order to receive accreditation. Anyone who has not met this requirement will not be eligible to participate and thus will not have their accreditation activated.

**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](mailto:info@aquaticsintegrity.com)

## 2.2 World Records and World Junior Records

As per the World Aquatics Doping Control Rules, any Athlete equalling or breaking a World Record or World Junior Record in Swimming, shall be tested immediately after the race, or at the latest, 24 hours after the race. If not selected for doping control after the race, it is the sole responsibility of the athlete(s) to come to the doping control station to request being tested.

## 2.3 Continental or National Record

Should an Athlete equal or break a continental or a national record, it is the sole responsibility of the athlete(s) to check whether the rules of their Continental Organization or Members require a negative doping control in order to recognize the record. If this is required, the athlete must go to the doping control station to request a doping control test. This test will have to be paid by the athlete or their Member.

### 3. SAFEGUARDING

World Aquatics (AQUA) and AQIU (Aquatics Integrity Unit) are committed to strengthening safe, abuse free and respectful environments across all aquatic events.

**Athletes and Team Officials (Coach, Head Coach, Chef de Mission, Team Leader, Support Staff, Doctor, Medical Professional, Massage Therapist, Physiotherapist, Media Liaison)**

Anyone registered as an athlete or a team official—including coach, head coach, chef de mission, team leader, support staff, media liaison—for World Aquatics Events, is encouraged to complete the eLearning safeguarding course [Safeguarding Essentials \(Course 1\)](#) or a course recognised by the AQIU (Aquatics Integrity Unit)\*, prior to participation at the Event.

Please refer to the Safeguarding Essentials (Course 1) [Registration Guide](#) to access the course. To receive the certificate, complete the course in full. The course takes approximately one (1) hour to complete.

*Note: From 1 January 2027, completion of this course will become mandatory for all participating athletes and team officials at all World Aquatics Events.*

#### **AQIU Recognised Safeguarding Courses**

The AQIU recognises safeguarding courses offered at national level, provided that the course covers, at a minimum, the core areas included within Safeguarding Essentials (Course 1) and that a nominal certificate of completion is delivered afterwards. Member Federations are invited to complete the following [form](#) should they wish to have a course reviewed and recognised by the AQIU.

For any questions regarding safeguarding education requirements please contact [info@aquaticsintegrity.com](mailto:info@aquaticsintegrity.com).

## KEY DATES

|                        |                                               |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 15 September 2026      | Final registration & entries deadline         |
| 15 September 2026      | Final accommodation deadline (100% payment)   |
| 15 September 2026      | Flight details in World Aquatics GMS deadline |
| 27 September 2026      | Arrivals                                      |
| 28 – 30 September 2026 | Official training                             |
| 30 September 2026      | Technical Meeting at 11:00                    |
| 1 – 3 October 2026     | Competition                                   |
| 4 October 2026         | Departures                                    |



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