



Music Licensing

World Aquatics Artistic Swimming Competitions
15th September 2026

Competition Regulations

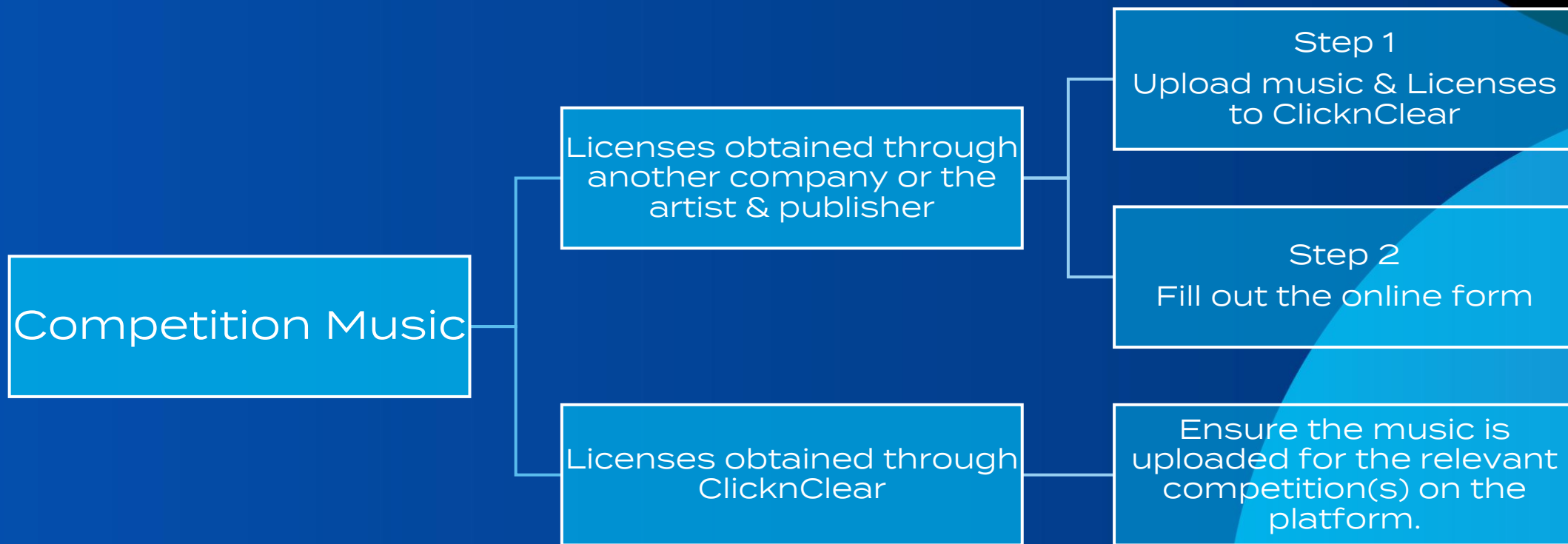
Part 1, rule 13.1

- 13.1.1 Each competing Member Federation (and/or Athlete) must ensure that all music to be used during the competition is fully licensed for such use prior to the start of each competition.
- 13.1.2 World Aquatics will not be held responsible or liable in respect of any claims or lawsuits related to copyright infringement (or other claims) in relation to use by a Member Federation or Athlete(s) of music to accompany routines. All expenses, damages and/or costs related to such procedures will be the responsibility of the relevant Athlete(s) and their respective Member Federation.

Part 7, rule 6.4.1.3

- 6.4.1.3 Each Member Federation participating in a competition must upload (1) the music to be used by their Athlete(s) and (2) proof of the corresponding licences to the specified licence clearance platform before each competition. The means by which an Athlete or Member Federation obtains the necessary licences for the music they will use is entirely at the discretion of the Athlete or Member Federation. Licences may be requested through the licence clearance platform. From 1 January 2026, World Aquatics may prevent Athlete(s) who do not hold the correct licences for the music that they will use from competing in the competition.

Process for 2027:



2027: All music and licenses must be uploaded to ClicknClear no later than four (4) weeks prior to the competition.



World Aquatics – Music Declaration Form – Fill in form

This link can also be found in every competition's information bulletin.

Deadlines

Once the four (4) week deadline is passed, World Aquatics will issue one (1) email to Federations that are missing a correct license.

This will serve as the reminder that you may not be allowed to take part in any session where you are missing a correct license.

There will only be one reminder. It is the Federation's responsibility to ensure that all licenses are uploaded and confirmed.

World Aquatics will only follow-up on individual cases that are flagged by Federations experiencing difficulties with the upload of a purchased license.

ClicknClear

ClicknClear are a partner of World Aquatics and will help you purchase licenses through their platform or directly with artists and their publishers.

ClicknClear and its staff are not responsible for the decisions made by artists, publishers, or rights holders, nor for the length of time these persons may take to respond to licensing requests.

It is the responsibility of each Federation to begin the licensing process well in advance to allow sufficient time for approvals to be obtained. Please be aware that responses can take several months, and in some cases, no response may be received.

Artists and rightsholders retain full ownership and control over the use of their music. Some artists choose not to grant permission for their music to be used, and licensing approvals can vary by country or territory. These decisions are outside ClicknClear's control.

We kindly ask that all Federations read, understand, and respect the above when working with ClicknClear throughout the music licensing process.





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