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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 – Astana, Kazakhstan (KAZ) to be held from 15 October to 17 October 2026.

1. EVENT DATES

Training: 12 - 14 October 2026

Competition: 15– 17 October 2026

2. HOST ORGANISATION

Republican Public Association Qazaq Aquatics

17/10 Syganak ZO5T1D8; Astana, Kazakhstan

Website: <https://aquatics.kz/en>

3. CONTACT DETAILS

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4. VENUE INFORMATION

Venue: Barys Arena

Address: Turan avenue 57, Astana, Kazakhstan

Location: [Maps](#)



OLYMPIC-STANDARD AQUATICS VENUE

Located within Barys Arena, Barys Arena Pool is an Olympic-standard swimming facility designed to host international-level aquatics events, including swimming, diving, artistic swimming and water polo.

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50 m
POOL LENGTH
10
LANES
2 m
POOL DEPTH
Official website: bapool.kz
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

11 October 2026	Arrival
12 – 14 October 2026	Official Training Training Pool (25m 6 lanes) 08:00 – 12:00 16:00 – 20:00 Competition Pool (25m 10 lanes) 08:00 – 12:00 16:00 – 20:00 [^] [^] The competition pool will close at 18:00 on 14 October 2026 to allow for rehearsals.
15 October 2026	Competition Day 1 * ** Preliminary heats: 10:00 Finals: 18:00
16 October 2026	Competition Day 2 * ** Preliminary heats: 10:00 Finals: 18:00
17 October 2026	Competition Day 3 * ** Preliminary heats: 10:00 Finals: 18:00
18 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	Individual Medley	W	400m	Freestyle	W	400m	Individual Medley	M
100m	Freestyle	M	50m	Freestyle	M	100m	Freestyle	W
50m	Butterfly	W	100m	Individual Medley	W	50m	Butterfly	M
50m	Breaststroke	M	200m	Breaststroke	M	50m	Breaststroke	W
200m	Freestyle	W	200m	Backstroke	W	200m	Freestyle	M
200m	Butterfly	M	100m	Butterfly	M	200m	Butterfly	W
100m	Breaststroke	W	100m	Butterfly	W	100m	Breaststroke	M
100m	Backstroke	M	200m	Backstroke	M	100m	Backstroke	W
50m	Backstroke	W	200m	Breaststroke	W	50m	Backstroke	M
200m	Individual Medley	M	100m	Individual Medley	M	200m	Individual Medley	W
1500m	Freestyle	W	50m	Freestyle	W	800m	Freestyle	M
1500m	Freestyle	M	400m	Freestyle	M	800m	Freestyle	W

Finals

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

* 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.

For information regarding international club participation, please contact the World Aquatics Office at 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

Times achieved during the first two stops of the 2026 Swimming World Cup will be considered for athletes participating in the Astana stop.

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 **14 October 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.

5. HOST CITY TOUR OFFER

Reservation - [LINK](#)

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National Museum
Ak Orda • Khan Shatyr

⌚ APPROX. 3 HOURS

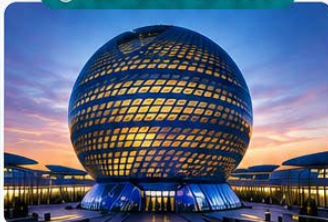


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See the city's most iconic landmarks,
the National Museum and
modern architecture.

02 FUTURE ASTANA EXPO EXPERIENCE

EXPO Territory • Nur Alem
Grand Mosque

⌚ APPROX. 2 – 2.5 HOURS



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discover innovation and sustainable
energy at Nur Alem Museum and
admire the beauty of the
Grand Mosque.

03 DISCOVER KAZAKHSTAN CULTURE & HERITAGE

National Museum • Palace of Peace
& Reconciliation • City Panorama

⌚ APPROX. 2.5 – 3 HOURS



Discover Kazakhstan's rich history
and culture at the National Museum
and Palace of Peace & Reconciliation,
with a beautiful city panorama.



CITY TOUR DATE & TIME

📅 13 OCTOBER 2026

🕒 13:30 – 15:30



MEETING POINT
TBC (The exact meeting point will
be informed after registration)



FOR ATHLETES, COACHES
& TEAM OFFICIALS



TOURS ARE FREE OF CHARGE

REGISTER HERE

Click the link to register:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe2pZFqxWwD8H84JPVV8FBHLtslUHXHRSrmWbr0I8Dn7uPjeA/viewform?usp=publish-editor>

Limited capacity. Registration is required.

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TRANSPORTATION & ACCOMMODATION

1. TRANSPORTATION

- Official airport: **Nursultan Nazarbayev International Airport (NQZ)** (20 mins/12 km to 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 the 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.

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
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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.

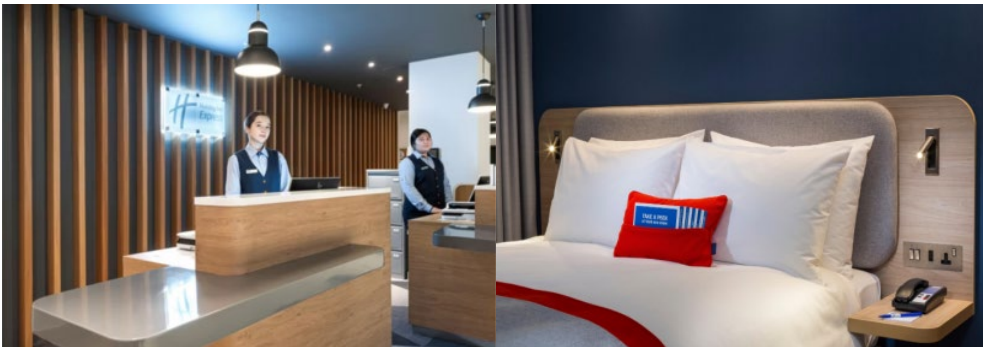
For inquiries: Shin Valeriya

By email: swcloc.astana@gmail.com

By Phone/WhatsApp: +7 707 555 78 65.

Official Event Hotels:

Name	Holiday Inn Express Astana	
Address	Turan avenue 44, Astana, Kazakhstan	
Website	https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/ru/ru/astana/tseat/hoteldetail	
Contact	+7 7172 47 65 63	
Distance	From the venue	4 mins/2 km
	From the airport	20 mins/13 km
Check-in	14:00	

Check-out	12:00	
Rates	Single room	80'000 KZT (₸) approx. 172 USD per night/person including full board & airport and ground transportation
	Double room	65'000 KZT (₸) approx. 140 USD per night/person including full board & airport and ground transportation
Information	Amenities: • Daily housekeeping • On-site parking • 1 on-site restaurant • Wi-Fi • Copying services • Storage space available • Wake up calls • Iron and ironing board • Coffee & tea making facilities • Complimentary bottled water   	

Name	Hilton Garden Inn Astana	
Address	Kabanbay batyr str 15, Astana, 010000	
Website	https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/tseakgi-hilton-garden-inn-astana/	
Contact	+7 7172 75 67 56	
Distance	From the venue	15 mins/4.2 km
	From the airport	20 mins/12 km
Check-in	15:00	
Check-out	12:00	

Rates	Single room	242 USD per night/person including full board & airport and ground transportation
	Double room	355 USD per night including full board & airport and ground transportation
Information	Amenities: • Daily housekeeping • On-site parking • Wi-Fi • Sauna • Fitness center • Coffee & tea making facilities • Complimentary bottled water  	

3. VISA ASSISTANCE

All international participants travelling to the Republic of Kazakhstan must hold a valid entry visa, unless they are nationals of a country that has a visa-free regime with Kazakhstan. The Organising Committee will assist all accredited participants who are approved in the World Aquatics GMS by the registration deadline in obtaining their entry visa.

Visa category: the relevant visa for the Swimming World Cup is category “**B1**”, issued to participants of sporting and other events by the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan on the basis of an invitation letter.

Passport requirements: at least 2 blank pages; passport validity of no less than 3 months beyond the visa expiry date.

Invitation letters: participants must complete the visa fields in the GMS (city and country of application). The Organising Committee prepares and registers the invitation letter with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Kazakhstan. Registration takes 5 working days by the Rules, but may take **up to 10 working days** in practice – early submission is strongly advised. Nationals of 48 economically developed / migration-stable countries are exempt from the invitation requirement for a B1 visa.

There are three ways to obtain a visa:

1. Electronic visa (e-Visa) – available to nationals of 107 eligible countries; entry and exit only through Astana and Almaty international airports; processing time 1 working day; fixed fee 30,275 KZT (~USD 63). Apply at www.vmp.gov.kz using the invitation number provided by the Organising Committee.
2. Visa via Embassy / Consulate – submitted in person; processing time 5 working days; fee ~30,275 KZT (~USD 63, may vary by mission); fingerprint (biometric) registration required for applicants aged 16 and above.
3. Visa at the airport – for members of official delegations and nationals of countries where Kazakhstan has no Embassy, on the basis of an invitation letter. For this event, the invitation will indicate Astana International Airport as the place of visa issuance.

The full country lists (107 e-Visa eligible countries; 48 invitation-exempt countries; visa-free regime by passport type; Kazakhstan Embassy/Consulate contacts and the invitation letter template are provided in https://egov.kz/cms/en/articles/kz_foreign_establishments

For inquiries: Aidar Sauranbayev, +7 776 153 1822, email: aidar40981@gmail.com, swcloc.astana@gmail.com

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 through his deputy.

Chief Medical Officer (CMO): Vladimir Ryabinkin, vova_rabbi@mail.ru

1) Medical Services at 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 between the training and the competition pools. An ambulance is parked at the back door of the venue to provide first-aid treatment and ambulance services.

After the on-site treatment the patients – if the onsite 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: Municipal Multidisciplinary Hospital No. 2, Ryskulova 6, Astana.

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:

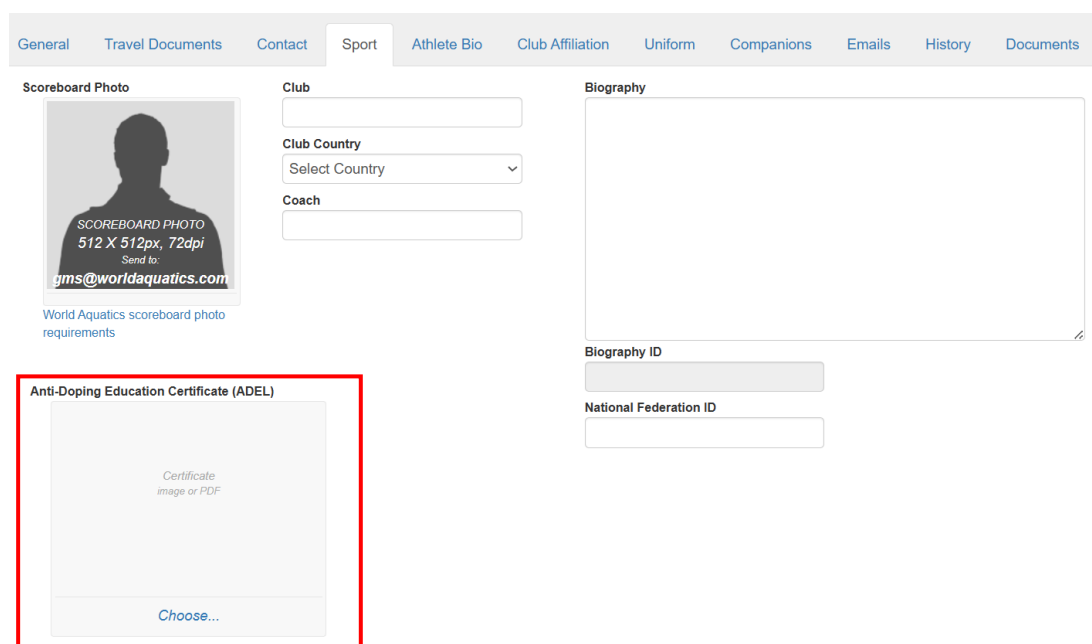
Based on the category, select the course **“International-Level Athletes Education Program”**, **“Coaches of High-Performance Education Program”** or **“ADEL for Medical Professional’s Education Program”** and complete the course to obtain at least 80% at the final exam at the end of the course. You 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).



The screenshot shows the 'Sport' tab of a GMS profile. It includes a 'Scoreboard Photo' section with a placeholder image and instructions to send the photo to gms@worldaquatics.com. Below this is a red-bordered box for the 'Anti-Doping Education Certificate (ADEL)', which contains a 'Certificate image or PDF' placeholder and a 'Choose...' button. To the right, there are input fields for 'Club', 'Club Country' (a dropdown menu), 'Coach', 'Biography', 'Biography ID', and 'National Federation ID'.

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

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.

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
11 October 2026	Arrivals
12 – 14 October 2026	Official training
14 October 2026	Technical Meeting at 11:00
15 –17 October 2026	Competition
18 October 2026	Departures



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