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1. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear friends,

On behalf of World Aquatics, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 2026-27 World Aquatics Open Water Swimming World Cup, where the world's finest open water swimmers will compete for one of the most prestigious titles in the sport.

The refreshed calendar begins in Cancún, Mexico, from 6-7 November 2026. It was developed in close consultation with athletes and coaches, and will align more closely with the global swimming schedule, providing open water swimmers with ideal opportunities to prepare for the World Aquatics Championships – Budapest 2027.

The Open Water Swimming World Cup continues to play a vital role in the development of our sport, showcasing elite competition to new audiences and inspiring the next generation of open water swimmers around the world. This new format across calendar years reflects our ongoing commitment to providing athletes with opportunities that best support their performance and long-term development.

Each stop on this year's series benefits from the dedicated support of Organising Committees, local authorities, officials and volunteers, ensuring the highest standards of competition throughout the season.

We offer our heartfelt gratitude to the host cities for their trust and commitment to making 2026-27 a memorable year for open water swimming. To all athletes, we wish you success throughout this eagerly awaited World Cup series.

Captain Husain Al Musallam

World Aquatics President

2. MESSAGE FROM THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES

México abre sus brazos y sus aguas a los atletas del Mundo. Es un verdadero honor dar la más cordial bienvenida a todas y todos los atletas, entrenadores, jueces, delegados y aficionados que hoy nos acompañan en la Copa Mundial de Aguas Abiertas en las extraordinarias playas de Quintana Roo, México.

Nuestro país recibe con enorme orgullo este gran evento internacional, convencido de que el deporte es un puente que une culturas, fortalece la amistad entre las naciones e inspira a las nuevas generaciones. México ha demostrado una y otra vez que es un gran anfitrión, siempre con las puertas abiertas al mundo para recibir las competencias deportivas más importantes, poniendo de manifiesto nuestra capacidad organizativa y logística, así como el compromiso y profesionalismo de todas las instituciones y personas que hacen posible estos encuentros.

Quienes nos visitan encontrarán mucho más que un escenario deportivo de primer nivel. Descubrirán un país lleno de historia, cultura, tradiciones, riqueza natural y destinos incomparables, pero, sobre todo, conocerán la calidez, la hospitalidad y la calidad humana que distinguen al pueblo mexicano.

A nombre de la Comisión Nacional de Cultura Física y Deporte, agradezco profundamente la confianza que World Aquatics ha depositado una vez más en México para ser sede de una competencia de esta magnitud. Esa confianza nos compromete a ofrecer un evento a la altura de las expectativas de la comunidad deportiva internacional.

Deseo que esta Copa Mundial de Aguas Abiertas sea una experiencia inolvidable para todas y todos; que cada competencia esté llena de emoción, espíritu deportivo y grandes momentos que permanezcan para siempre en la memoria de quienes participan y nos acompañan.

Les deseo el mayor de los éxitos. Disfruten de Quintana Roo, disfruten de México y hagan de esta celebración del deporte una verdadera fiesta para el mundo.

¡Bienvenidos a México! ¡Mucho éxito para todas y todos!

Mtro. Rommel Pacheco Marrufo
Director General
National Commission for Physical Culture and Sport

On behalf of Aquatics México, it is a great honor to welcome you to Cancún for the World Aquatics Open Water Swimming World Cup 2026–2027. Hosting this prestigious event reflects our country's strong commitment to the development of aquatic sports and our dedication to creating world-class opportunities for athletes from across the globe.

Mexico is a nation deeply connected to water—through sport, culture, and tradition. Cancún, with its extraordinary natural beauty and warm hospitality, provides an exceptional setting for this competition, where athletes will not only perform at the highest level but also experience the spirit and energy that define our country.

We are proud to collaborate with World Aquatics and all our partners to deliver an event that meets the highest international standards. This competition represents more than sport; it is a platform to inspire new generations, strengthen international friendships, and celebrate excellence.

I wish all athletes the greatest success and invite everyone to enjoy this unforgettable experience in Mexico.

Fernando Platas Álvarez

President
Aquatics México

3. INTRODUCTION

Cancún, located on the northeastern coast of Quintana Roo in Mexico, is one of the world's most renowned destinations, celebrated for its stunning turquoise waters, white-sand beaches, and vibrant Caribbean atmosphere. As a gateway to the ancient heritage of the Mayan civilization and surrounded by natural wonders such as coral reefs, cenotes, and tropical ecosystems, Cancún offers a unique blend of sport, culture, and nature. Its modern infrastructure, warm hospitality, and international connectivity make it an ideal host city for world-class sporting events, providing athletes and visitors with an unforgettable experience both in and out of the water.

4. EVENT CONTACTS

Should you have any questions or queries regarding the information provided in this document please feel free to contact the LOC at OC general email

Name & Last Name, Role:
Daniel Delgadillo – Manager Event
Email: s.general@aquaticsmex.com

Name & Last Name, Role:
Government of Quintana Roo - LOC
Email : eventos@aquaticsmex.com

Name & Last Name, Role:
Ignasi Vendrell, Sport Manager - World Aquatics
Email : ignasi.vendrell@worldaquatics.com

5. EVENT KEY DATES

15 SEP	**PRELIMINARY ACCOMMODATION DEADLINE** Submission of preliminary accommodation forms (link to preliminary accommodation form) and 50% payment. Please send proof of payment to: dir.operaciones@aquaticsmex.com and s.general@aquaticsmex.com
6 OCT	**FINAL ACCOMMODATION DEADLINE** – Final rooming list and invoice issuance – payment of remaining 50% Link the final aaccommodation form Please send completed form to: dir.operaciones@aquaticsmex.com. You will subsequently receive an email with the invoice.
6 OCT	**VISA DEADLINE AND INVITATION LETTER REQUEST SUBMISSION**
6 OCT	**REGISTRATION DEADLINE** – Final Nomination (Personal information)
22 OCT	**SPORT ENTRIES DEADLINE & TRAVEL DETAILS**
3 - 6 NOV	OFFICIAL POOL TRAINING
5 NOV	OFFICIAL VENUE TRAINING
5 NOV	TEAM LEADERS MEETING AND OFFICIAL ROUTE RECOGNITION (17h00 - Hotel The Sens Canún)
6 NOV	COMPETITION – **10km (Men & Women)**
7 NOV	COMPETITION – **3km Knockout Sprint (Men & Women)**

6. OFFICIAL SCHEDULE AND COMPETITION PROGRAMME

Competition Schedule

NOVEMBER 6	NOVEMBER 7
10K MEN 9:00 am	3K MEN 9:00 am
10K WOMEN 12:00 pm	3K WOMEN 11:00 am

** Schedules may vary depending on the final number of registrations and/or weather conditions. Any changes to the schedule will be communicated accordingly.*

Training Schedule – Pool and Venue

DATE	MORNING SESSION	VENUE	AFTERNOON SESSION	VENUE
3 NOV	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Cancun Olympic Swimming Pool	3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Cancun Olympic Swimming Pool
4 NOV	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Cancun Olympic Swimming Pool	3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Cancun Olympic Swimming Pool
	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Competition Venue		
5 NOV	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Cancun Olympic Swimming Pool	3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Cancun Olympic Swimming Pool
	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Competition Venue – Official Training		
6 NOV	**COMPETITION**		3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Cancun Olympic Swimming Pool
7 NOV	**COMPETITION**			

CANCUN OLYMPIC SWIMMING POOL

Address:
Avenida Chichen-Itza SM 60 Mz 25 Lot 101, Central Median, 77500 Cancún, Quintana Roo.
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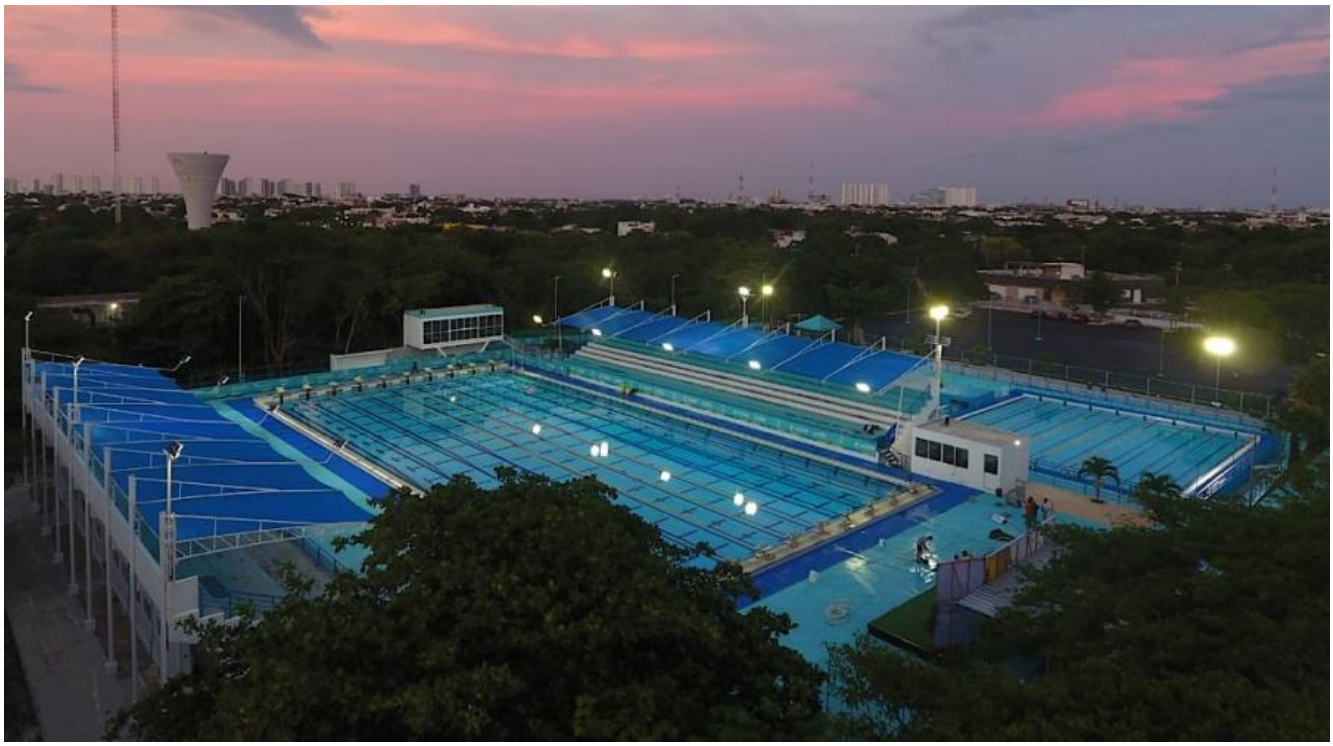

Features:

- 50-meter competition swimming pool.
- Facility designated for swimming training sessions and competitions.
- Includes areas for sports practice and complementary services for athletes.

Distance from Official Hotels:

Occidental Costa Cancún Hotel
Distance: 8.0 km
Approximate travel time by car: 17 minutes

Meliá Casa Maya Hotel
Distance: 9.0 km
Approximate travel time by car: 19 minutes.

7. PARTICIPANTS

Entries will be accepted only from National World Aquatics Member Federations which must also register a team official for each respective competitor. 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 during the event(s). A competitor without a coach present will not be allowed to start the race unless World Aquatics has been previously informed.

Please contact World Aquatics at ignasi.vendrell@worldaquatics.com in case you cannot bring a team official onsite.

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 Thursday, 5 November at 17h00 - Hotel The Sens Cancún. At least one representative from each National Federation must attend this meeting.

10. VENUE & COURSE INFORMATION

Venue :
Playa Langosta
Kukulcan Boulevard, Zona Hotelera, 77500 Cancún, Q.R.
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Course Information
The details will be communicated at the earliest opportunity.

11.RULES

Please note that all the events in the World Aquatics Open Water Swimming World Cup 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 an 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 delivered at the official hotels where the teams are accommodated. Delivery will be available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. A dedicated accreditation desk will be set up next to the reception area, where team members may collect their accreditations once the check-in process has been completed.

It is important that accreditation is collected after completing the check-in process, as it must be carried at all times within the hotel premises to access the available services. Team Officials will be required to present photographic identification for all team members.

Information Desk

The official hotels will have an Information Desk available from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., providing support regarding competition details, transportation services, and general inquiries throughout the event.

13. MEDICAL

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

14. VISA INFORMATION & TRANSPORTATION

Visa Information:

Citizens of certain countries and territories require a visa to enter or transit through Mexico. Please click HERE to check if you require a visa.

Note: Citizens holding a valid visa issued by Canada, the United States, Japan, the United Kingdom, or any country within the Schengen Area do not require a Mexican visa; however, they must complete the Mexican immigration form available at:

https://www.inm.gob.mx/spublic/portal/inmex.html

Upon request submitted to operaciones@aquaticsmex.com, the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) will provide visa assistance by issuing an invitation letter. Please note that, under the current circumstances, visa processing times may be longer than in previous years. Therefore, we strongly recommend starting this process as early as possible to avoid any travel issues due to potential delays.

Participants requiring visa assistance are encouraged to contact dir.operaciones@aquaticsmex.com as soon as possible.

All participants requiring a visa must be registered in the GMS with all the necessary information completed before the established deadline. The deadline to complete all GMS details in order to receive an invitation letter is October 6, 2026.

Please complete the registration process in GMS and send, by email, a copy of the passport identification page for all team members requiring visa assistance. Please note that submitting the passport identification page is a mandatory requirement requested by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Kindly send all required documents to: dir.operaciones@aquaticsmex.com

Transportation:

Transfer services will be provided free of charge only for the National Federations arriving at the official airport - Cancún International Airport (CUN).

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 October 22, 2026.

15. POINT SYSTEM & PRIZE MONEY

Point system and prize money distribution is explained within the Additional Rules & Regulations. World Aquatics Open Water Swimming World Cup 2026-2027 Additional Rules and Regulations can be found here.

16. ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

The event will have two official hotels, both offering the same services, subject to availability. Rates are per person, per night. Both official hotels include full board services (all-inclusive), subject to hotel policies and restrictions.

Room reservations will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject to room availability based on the hotel's occupancy at the time of confirmation.

1.- HOTEL THE SENS CANCÚN

Address: Blvd. Kukulcan KM. 4.5, Kukulcan Boulevard, Zona Hotelera, 77500 Cancún, Q.R.
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Distance from the airport: **23 km**

Distance from the pool: **9.9 km**

Distance from the venue: **700m**

Rate – single occupancy: **230 USD per night per person.**

Rate – double occupancy: **190 USD per night per person.**
**The triple room is available with either one king-size bed or two double beds.*

Rate – triple occupancy: **170 USD per night per person.**
**The triple room is available with either one king-size bed or two double beds and a sofa bed.*

2.- HOTEL MELIA CASA MAYA

Address: Blvd. Kukulcan, Kukulcan Boulevard, Zona Hotelera, 77500 Cancún, Q.R.
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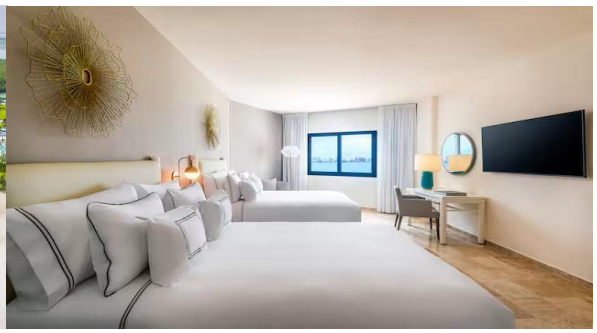


Distance from the airport: **22.6 km.**

Distance from the pool: **9.9 km.**

Distance from the venue: **150 m.**

Rate – single occupancy: **270 USD per night per person.**

Rate – double occupancy: **210 USD per night per person.**
**The triple room is available with either one king-size bed or two double beds.*

Rate – triple occupancy: **190 USD per night per person.**
**The triple room is available with either one king-size bed or two double beds and a sofa bed.*

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- 50% of the total payment: September 15, 2026 (the invoice will be sent upon booking).
- The remaining balance: October 6, 2026.

BANKING INFORMATION FOR PAYMENT

Bank name	BBVA Mexico
Bank address	Branch 0561 Toluca Colón, Paseo Colón 100, Residencial Colón, Toluca, State of Mexico
ABA Code	Not applicable
Transit/Branch number	
SWIFT Code	BCMRMXMMPYM
Account name	FEDERACIÓN DE ASOCIACIONES DE DEPORTES ACUÁTICOS AQUATICS, A.C.
Company address	Berlin 107, Valle Dorado, Tlalnepantla de Baz, C.P. 54020, Mexico
US account number	Not applicable
Not applicable Routing/institution	CLABE Account No.: 012420001241481770 Account No.: 0124148177

17. CANCELLATION POLICY

Any full cancellations **after October 6, 2026**, are subject to full payment of the total amount.

Please note that these payments are non-refundable due to hotel policies.

18. 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:

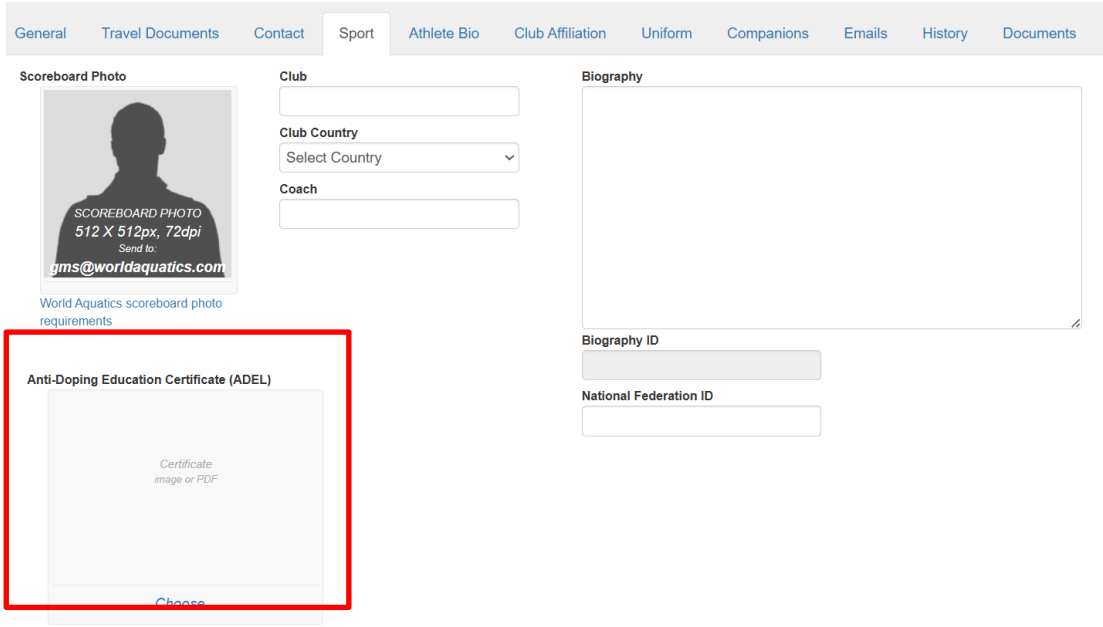
Based on the category, select the course “International-Level Athletes Education Program”, “Coaches of High-Performance Education Program” or “ADEL for Medical Professional’s Education Program” and complete the course to obtain at least 80% at the final exam at the end of the course. You can do the course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



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

19. SAFEGUARDING

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

20. 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.

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