WORLD AQUATICS

2026 World Aquatics Support Programme

Guidelines

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8th edition

The **World Aquatics Support Programme** is a cornerstone of our commitment to the global growth of Aquatic Sports.

The World Aquatics Support Programme:

- Empowers Member Federations to strengthen their structures and capacities
- Supports the development of Aquatic Sports from grassroots to high performance
- Places athletes at the centre of development
- Fosters meaningful, long-term projects that promote growth, education, and good governance
- Promotes integrity, transparency, sustainability, and excellence across our global Aquatics family

2026 WORLD AQUATICS SUPPORT PROGRAMME – Application

Eligibility criteria

Member Federations must fulfill all 4 criteria below to be eligible for the Programme:

Competition participation

At least 1 athlete participated in 1 of the events below:
2025 Singapore (World Aquatics Championships)
2024 Budapest (World Aquatics Swimming (25m) Championships)

+

Congress attendance

At least 1 official representative physically attended the 2025 World Aquatics Congress
(Singapore, 29.07.2025)

+

Governance Survey submission

Completed the 2026 Governance Survey by 10 September 2025 in GMS

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Completion of Previous AQUASP editions

Successfully completed and finalised previous AQUASP editions (incl. approved final reports)

2026 WORLD AQUATICS SUPPORT PROGRAMME – Application

Application is open in GMS, from 5 November 2025 to 31 January 2026

Application Guidelines

- Eligible Member Federations have to complete the application form in GMS, by **31 January 2026**
- Only application with details explanations will be considered
- Once the application is reviewed and approved, a Confirmation Form will be sent to the Member Federation- to be signed by the President and Secretary General and to be returned to World Aquatics Development Unit.
- We encourage Members Federations to cooperate with other Aquatics Sports National Bodies (if such exist in the country) while preparing the application.

Project Requirements

- Projects must be development initiatives that contribute to the growth, capacity building, and sustainability of Aquatics Sports and their community
- At least one project must be related to the improvement and implementation of good governance (-> we encourage you to refer to your governance survey report)
- At least 75% of the total allocated funds must be invested in initiatives that benefit the athletes (directly or indirectly)

Programme Funding

- Eligible Member Federations will be allocated a budget of up to 25'000.- USD for their development projects
- A bonus of 5'000.- USD will be granted to Member Federations which improved their governance score from 2025 to 2026
- Funds will be disbursed in two parts: 70% upon 2026 application approval (and confirmation form signed and return to World Aquatics), and the remaining 30% after project completion and submission and approval of the Final Report in GMS
- Please consider your financial needs regarding the 2026 World Aquatics Swimming Championships (Beijing, China), when preparing the application and budget allocation

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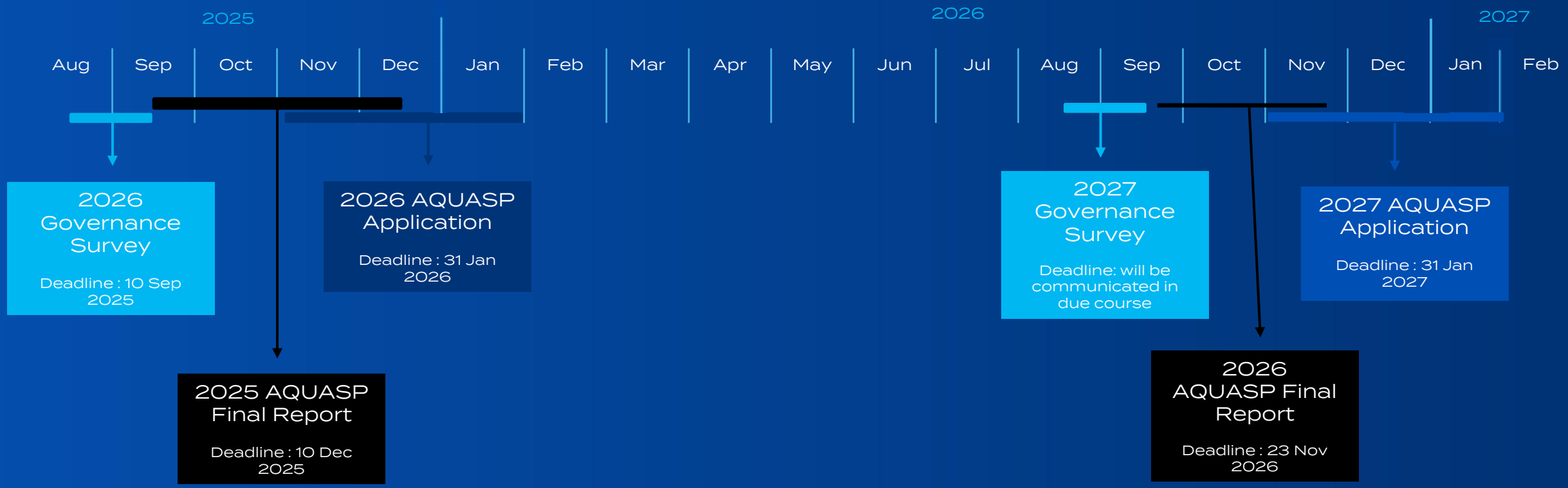
Programme Timeline



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