WORLD AQUATICS
WATER POLO WORLD CUP 2027

Additional Rules and Regulations

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Purpose of this Document: This document serves to supplement the World Aquatics Competition Regulations (the "Competition Regulations") by specifying additional rules, regulations and technical components that are specific to the 2026 World Aquatics Water Polo World Cup (the "Event"). This document also offers further World Cup-specific operational guidance to support consistent application across all stops of the Event. Unless specified otherwise, all technical components referenced in this document can be found in the Competition Regulations. For the avoidance of doubt, if any conflict arises between these additional rules and regulations and the Competition Regulations, the Competition Regulations shall prevail.

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

World Aquatics owns all rights to the WATER POLO WORLD CUP and its Divisions except where rights are granted to the Host as set out in the staging agreement between World Aquatics and the relevant Local Organising Committee (LOC).

The WATER POLO WORLD CUP 2027 will consist of two Divisions (Division 1 and Division 2) and a Final Stage. Events will be held under the recognition of the host National World Aquatics Member Federation on dates approved by World Aquatics.

The WATER POLO WORLD CUP 2027 shall be open to all World Aquatics Member Federations (except those suspended). All matches shall be conducted according to the World Aquatics Water Polo Competition Regulations.

2. PARTICIPATION, COMPETITION FORMAT AND REGISTRATION

2.1 Participation and Division Allocation

All World Aquatics Member Federations, except suspended Federations, are eligible to participate, subject to the Division allocation criteria below. The participating teams are listed in Appendix 1.

- Division 1: Top 7 national teams per gender based on the official World Aquatics Rankings as of 30 August 2026, plus the Division 2 winner from the previous edition.
- Division 2: Open to all other interested and eligible national teams.

2.2. Competition Format

Overview

- The same competition structure applies to the men's and women's tournaments, with the Division 2 formats adapted to the number of participating teams.
- Each Division includes a preliminary tournament, from which the highest-placed teams qualify for the World Cup Final Stage, as set out below.
- The Host of the World Cup Final Stage receives an automatic qualification place, subject to the qualification and seeding provisions below.
- The highest-ranked team in each gender at the World Cup will qualify for the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028.
- The final classification of the 2027 World Cup will determine the seeding for the 2027 World Aquatics Championships.

Host of the World Cup Final stage

- The Host must participate in the Preliminary Phase of the World Cup in the Division corresponding to its World Aquatics Ranking.
- For the 2027 edition, both the Greek women's and men's teams will participate in Division 1.
- The Host is guaranteed a place in the World Cup Final Stage.
- For seeding purposes at the Final Stage, the Host will be ranked according to its position in the preliminary tournament, unless it finishes among the top five (5) teams in the final classification of Division 1.

Division 1 Tournament — Summary (full procedure and schedules in Appendix 2)

- Duration: 6 days (with one day break, 5 competition days per team)
- Structure: (Group A & B → Group 1 & 2).
    - Day 1-3: Group A and B (two groups of 4 teams).
    - Day 4-6: Group 1 and 2 (first two placed teams in each group form a new group and play a full round robin, same with the group of 3rds and 4ths).
- Teams participate in both rounds.
- Points earned in the Group Phase are not carried forward as an aggregate total. However, the result and match statistics from the match against the team advancing from the same preliminary group are carried forward.
- Points earned in the Group Phase are not carried forward as an aggregate total. However, the result and match statistics from the match against the team advancing from the same preliminary group are carried forward.

Division 2 Tournament — Summary (full formats and schedules in Appendix 3)

- Duration: Seven (7) calendar days, subject to adjustment depending on the number of registered teams.
- Entry: Open to eligible teams not allocated to Division 1.
- The competition format depends on the number of participating teams and provides a final classification for every placement.
    - Women's Tournament: A group phase followed by a knockout phase comprising Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Finals.
    - Men's Tournament: A league phase followed by a knockout phase comprising Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Finals.
- The two (2) highest-placed teams qualify for the World Cup Final Stage in Athens, Greece.
- The winner of Division 2 earns the right to participate in Division 1 at the 2029 World Cup.

Final Stage — Summary (full programme in Appendix 4)

- Duration: Five (5) competition days.
- Eight (8) teams per gender participate: five (5) from Division 1, two (2) from Division 2 and the Host, subject to the Host reallocation provision.
- The men's and women's tournaments will be staged together to enhance visibility, atmosphere and operational efficiency.

Schedule of the Finals:

- Day 1 – Women's Quarter Finals
- Day 2 – Men's Quarter Finals
- Day 3 – Women's Semi Finals & Classification
- Day 4 – Men's Semi Finals & Classification
- Day 5 – Finals (Women's and Men's)

Awards ceremonies will be staged following the Finals.

Dates and venues:

Round	**Date**	**Host city**
Division 2Women	7-13 December 2026	Coimbra (POR)
Division 1 Women	14-19 December 2026	Coimbra (POR)
Division 1 Men	11-16 January 2027	Istanbul (TUR)
Division 2 Men	18-24 January 2027	Istanbul (TUR)
Finals Women & Men	24-28 February 2027	Athens (GRE)

2.3 Registration, Entry Requirements and Withdrawals

- Teams must be entered by their National Federation in the **World Aquatics GMS** (https://data.worldaquatics.org) according to the published deadlines.
- Each National Federation must ensure entries are submitted accurately for each Division or Stage they participate in.
- If a team withdraws from a World Aquatics Water Polo event any time after the draw has been concluded, and without the approval of World Aquatics, it shall be subject to sanctions in accordance with the World Aquatics Competition Regulations, or a decision of World Aquatics Integrity Unit.
- All athletes must be registered in accordance with World Aquatics athlete registration procedures.
- Maximum Number of registered players: twenty-five (25)
- Maximum Number of registered Team Officials: eight (8)
- Sport entries for all competitions: sixteen (16) players.

2.4 Information Bulletin

World Aquatics will issue an Information Bulletin for each tournament at least three (3) months before the event, covering entry forms, official hotels and transport, prize money, competition schedules, venues and other operational details.

2.5 Team Leaders Meeting

A Team Leaders Meeting(s) shall be held online not later than 10 days prior to the start of competition, led by World Aquatics and the LOC.

3. SCORING, RANKNING & PRIZE MONEY

3.1 Scoring and Ranking System

All matches shall be conducted in accordance with the World Aquatics Water Polo Competition Regulations. The detailed points and tie-breaking procedures are reproduced in Appendix 7.

Preliminary Group ranking and Leage Phase Table Ranking shall be based on total points accumulated. Each match must have a winner. If the score is tied at the end of regular time, the winner shall be determined by a Penalty Shootout. Group ranking is based on accumulated competition points, as follows:

1. Three (3) points for a victory in regular time
2. Two (2) points for a victory in penalty shoot-out
3. One (1) point after losing the penalty shoot-out
4. Zero (0) point after losing in regular time
5. Where teams are tied on competition points, their positions shall be determined under the applicable tie-breaking procedures in Appendix 7.

3.2 Prize Money

World Aquatics will provide USD 695,000 in prize money.

Final Ranking Prizes are equally allocated between the two genders as follows:

- 1st $ 70'000
- 2nd $ 55'000
- 3rd $ 40'000
- 4th $ 35'000
- 5th $ 20'000
- 6th $ 15'000
- 7th $ 12'500
- 8th $ 10'000

In addition to the Final Ranking Prizes, teams shall receive bonuses for match victories, while the best-performing athletes in each tournament shall be awarded individual prize money.

4. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

4.1 World Aquatics Delegates

- World Aquatics will appoint the Technical Delegate(s) responsible for overseeing rule application, competition management, and officials' evaluation.

4.2 Referees and Officials

- The World Aquatics Referees and Officials Committee (ROC) shall nominate, subject to World Aquatics approval, one Referee from the current World Aquatics Officials List for each participating team and two (2) neutral referees per tournament.
- Officials for the World Cup Final Stage shall also be appointed by the World Aquatics ROC.

4.3 Responsibilities

- Each participating Federation is financially responsible for its appointed referee, including registration, logistics and per diem. Appointed referees must be accommodated at the officials' hotel.
- World Aquatics shall pay the per diem of neutral referees and Delegates.
- The Host shall cover accommodation and local transport for Delegates and neutral referees

5. ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

- Travel and accommodation for teams are the responsibility of each National Federation. The teams must book into the hotel(s) provided by the LOC.
- LOC shall provide accommodation and meals for referees, technical delegates, and event staff as agreed in the staging agreement.
- Official hotels must be approved by World Aquatics and provide suitable facilities for meetings, medical services, and team logistics.

6. MEDICAL

The LOC shall ensure appropriate medical coverage during all competition and training sessions, including:

- Appointment of an Event Medical Officer/Doctor
- Free medical service for all competitors and officials at the venue
- First aid facilities at hotels and competition site
- On-site ambulance
- Anti-Doping control station compliant with WADA and World Aquatics standards
- Emergency procedures and hospital information shared with all delegations

7. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Qualification & Divisions

Division 1: Top 7 ranked national teams + previous Division 2 champion.
Division 2: Open to all other teams registered through World Aquatics.

- Teams in Division 1
  - *The winner of the previous edition in D2 plus the top 7 teams at the World Aquatics Ranking by 30th August 2026.*
  - Women: **Australia, Spain, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Russia, USA,**
  - Men: **Croatia, Spain, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Montenegro, Serbia, USA**
- Teams in Division 2
  - Women: **Japan, People's Republic of China, Canada, Croatia, Türkiye, Great Britain, Portugal, Germany, France, South Africa, New Zealand, Israel, Serbia**
  - Men: **Netherlands, Georgia, Germany, France, Australia, Romania, Russian federation, Ukraine, Japan, Canada, Malta, Brazil, Argentina, People's Republic of China, Türkiye, Poland, Singapore, Portugal, South Africa, Bulgaria**

Automatic qualification is granted to the Final Host Nation, which counts toward the 8 total teams per gender in the Final.

Appendix 2 – Division 1 Competition Format, Seeding and Schedules

Competition Format

The Division 1 consists of two phases: a Group Phase followed by a Second-Round classification phase.

Group Phase (Days 1–3)

- The teams are divided into two (2) groups (A and B), each comprising four (4) teams.
- Over three (3) competition days, each team plays every other team in its group once.
- At the conclusion of the Group Phase, teams are ranked first (1st) to fourth (4th) within each group.
- One (1) rest day follows the Group Phase; training opportunities will be available.

Second Round (Days 4-5)

- Teams from Group A and Group B compete in cross-group classification matches.
- The second round determines the final classification of Division 1 (placements 1-4) and Division 2 (placements 5-8)
- Teams are grouped according to their preliminary group positions: first- and second-placed teams compete in Group 1 (1A, 2A, 1B, 2B), while third- and fourth-placed teams compete in Group 2 (3A, 4A vs 3B,4B).
- The second-round matches complete a round-robin classification within each new group, without repeating the match against the team advancing from the same preliminary group.
- The aggregate points total from the Group Phase is not carried forward; the match result and statistics against the team advancing from the same preliminary group are carried forward.

Outcome

- After all matches, a complete final classification from 1st to 8th place is established.
- Each team plays the same number of matches.

Day 1 – Group Phase (A,B)
M1: 1 A1 vs A2
M2: A3 vs A4
M3: B1 vs B2
M4: B3 vs B4

Day 2 – Group Phase (A,B)
M5: A2 vs 2 A3
M6: A4 vs A1
M7: B2 vs B3
M8: B4 vs B1

Day 3 – Group Phase (A,B)
M9: A1 vs A3
M10: A2 vs A4
M11: B1 vs B3
M12: B2 vs B4

Day 4 – Second Round
M13: 3A vs 4B
M14: 3B vs 4A
M15: 1A vs 2B
M16: 1B vs 2A

Day 5 – Second Round
M21: 3A vs 3B
M22: 4A vs 4B
M23: 2B vs 2A
M24: 1A vs 1B

Seeding

Women's Tournament, Coimbra (POR) 14-19 December 2026

SEEDING POTS (WC)		
1	USA	ESP
	AUS	RUS
2	NED	ITA
	HUN	GRE

Men's Tournament, Istanbul (TUR) 11-16 January 2027

SEEDING POTS (WC)		
1	GRE	ITA
	ESP	HUN
2	CRO	SRB
	MNE	USA

Competition Schedule

Women's Tournament, Coimbra (POR) 14-19 December 2026

World Cup 2027 Division 1 WOMEN COIMBRA					
DAY 1 14DEC	14:30	A1	A4	AUS	NED
	16:15	A2	A3	HUN	USA
	18:00	B1	B4	ESP	ITA
	19:45	B2	B3	RUS	GRE
DAY 2 DEC15	14:30	A4	A2	NED	HUN
	16:15	A3	A1	USA	AUS
	18:00	B4	B2	ITA	RUS
	19:45	B3	B1	GRE	ESP
DAY 3 DEC 16	14:30	A1	A2	AUS	HUN
	16:15	A3	A4	USA	NED
	18:00	B1	B2	ESP	RUS
	19:45	B3	B4	GRE	ITA
DAY 4 DEC 17	DAY OFF / TRAINING / REST				
DAY 5 DEC 18	14:30	3B	4A		
	16:15	3A	4B		
	18:00	1B	2A		
	19:45	1A	2B		
DAY 6 DEC 19	12:00	4B	4A		
	13:45	3B	3A		
	15:30	2B	2A		
	17:15	1B	1A		

Men's Tournament, Istanbul (TUR) 11-16 January 2027

World Cup 2027 Division 1 MEN ISTANBUL					
DAY 1 11JAN	14:30	A1	A4	ITA	USA
	16:15	A2	A3	SRB	GRE
	18:00	B1	B4	HUN	ESP
	19:45	B2	B3	CRO	MNE
DAY 2 12JAN	14:30	A4	A2	USA	SRB
	16:15	A3	A1	GRE	ITA
	18:00	B4	B2	ESP	CRO
	19:45	B3	B1	MNE	HUN
DAY 3 13JAN	14:30	A1	A2	ITA	SRB
	16:15	A3	A4	GRE	USA
	18:00	B1	B2	HUN	CRO
	19:45	B3	B4	MNE	ESP
DAY 4 14JAN	DAY OFF / TRAINING / REST				

DAY 5 15JAN	14:30	3B	4A	
	16:15	3A	4B	
	18:00	1B	2A	
	19:45	1A	2B	
DAY 6 16JAN	11:00	4B	4A	
	12:45	3B	3A	
	14:30	2B	2A	
	16:15	1B	1A	

Match start times and the order of matches within each competition day are subject to change to accommodate broadcasting requirements.

Appendix 3 – Division 2 Competition Format, Seeding and Schedules

Seeding

Women's Tournament, Coimbra (POR) 7-13 December 2026

SEEDING POTS				
1	JPN 1	CHN 2	CAN 3	CRO 4
2	TUR 5	GBR 6	POR 7	GER 8
3	FRA 9	RSA 10	NZ 11	ISR 12
4	SRB 13			

Men's Tournament, Istanbul (TUR) 18-24 January 2027

SEEDING POTS					
A	NED	GEO	GER	FRA	AUS
B	ROU	RUS	UKR	JPN	CAN
C	MLT	BRA	ARG	CHN	TUR
D	POL	SGP	POR	RSA	BUL

Competition Format – Division 2 Women

The thirteen (13) participating teams will be divided into four (4) groups: three (3) groups of three (3) teams and one (1) group of four (4) teams. The Preliminary Phase will be played in a round-robin format over the first three (3) competition days, followed by one (1) rest day. The Knockout Phase will then take place over the final three (3) competition days to determine the final classification. The first- and second-placed teams from each group will qualify for the Quarterfinals. The four (4) group winners will be ranked from first (1st) to fourth (4th), while the four (4) second-placed teams will be ranked from fifth (5th) to eighth (8th), in accordance with the cumulative ranking criteria set out in the Tie-Breaking Rules. The remaining five (5) teams will also be ranked collectively, from ninth (9th) to thirteenth (13th), in accordance with the applicable Tie-Breaking Rules.

Competition Format – Division 2 Men

The twenty (20) participating teams will compete in a League Phase played over three (3) competition days. Each team will play one (1) match against a team from each of the other seeding pots, according to a predetermined match matrix. Teams from the same seeding pot will not play against each other. Following the conclusion of the League Phase, all twenty (20) teams will be ranked collectively based on the competition points accumulated and, where necessary, the applicable Tie-Breaking Rules. The eight (8) highest-ranked teams will qualify for the Quarterfinals.

Competition Schedule

Women's Tournament, Coimbra (POR) 7-13 December 2026

World Cup 2027 Division 2 Women COIMBRA						
DAY 1 7DEC	1	11:00	B1	B3	CHN	RSA
	2	12:45	C1	C3	ISR	CAN
	3	14:30	D1	D3	JPN	SRB

	4	16:15	D2	D4	TUR	NZL
	5	18:00	A1	A3	POR	FRA
	BYE	A2, B2, C2				
DAY 2 8DEC	6	11:00	A3	A2	FRA	CRO
	7	12:45	B3	B2	RSA	GER
	8	14:30	C3	C2	CAN	GBR
	9	16:15	D3	D2	SRB	TUR
	10	18:00	D4	D1	NZL	JPN
	BYE	A1, B1, C1				
DAY 3 9DEC	11	11:00	B1	B2	CHN	GER
	12	12:45	C1	C2	ISR	GBR
	13	14:30	D1	D2	JPN	TUR
	14	16:15	D3	D4	SRB	NZL
	15	18:00	A1	A2	POR	CRO
	BYE	A3, B3, C3				
DAY 4 10DEC	16	16:15	P11	P12		
	17	18:00	P9	P10		
DAY 5 11DEC	18	10:00	D13	L16		
	19	11:30	L17	W16		
	20	13:00	D1	D8		
	21	15:00	D2	D7		
	22	16:30	D3	D6		
	23	18:00	D4	D5		
DAY 6 12DEC	24	10:00	L18	L19		
	25	11:30	W17	W19		
	26	13:00	L20	L23		
	27	15:00	L21	L22		
	28	16:30	W20	W23		
	29	18:00	W21	W22		
DAY 7 13DEC	30	10:00	W18	L25		
	31	11:30	W24	W25		
	32	13:00	L26	L27		
	33	15:00	W26	W27		
	34	16:30	L28	L29		
	35	18:00	W28	W29		

Match start times and the order of matches within each competition day are subject to change to accommodate broadcasting requirements.

Men's Tournament, Istanbul (TUR) 18-24 January 2027

World Cup 2027 Division 2 Men ISTANBUL						
DAY 1 18JAN	1	09:00	B1	C1	CAN	BRA
	2	10:30	B2	C2	UKR	CHN
	3	12:00	B4	C4	RUS	MLT
	4	13:30	B5	C5	ROU	ARG
	5	15:00	A1	D1	AUS	SGP
	6	16:30	A2	D2	GER	RSA
	7	18:00	A3	D3	FRA	POR
	8	19:30	B3	C3	JPN	TUR
	9	21:00	A4	D4	NED	BUL
	10	22:30	A5	D5	GEO	POL
DAY 2 19JAN	11	09:00	B5	D1	ROU	SGP
	12	10:30	B1	D2	CAN	RSA
	13	12:00	B2	D3	UKR	POR
	14	13:30	B3	D4	JPN	BUL
	15	15:00	B4	D5	RUS	POL
	16	16:30	A1	C2	AUS	CHN
	17	18:00	A3	C4	FRA	MLT
	18	19:30	A2	C3	GER	TUR
	19	21:00	A4	C5	NED	ARG
	20	22:30	A5	C1	GEO	BRA
DAY 3 20JAN	21	09:00	C2	D4	CHN	BUL
	22	10:30	C4	D1	MLT	SGP
	23	12:00	C5	D2	ARG	ESA
	24	13:30	C1	D3	BRA	POR
	25	15:00	A4	B1	NED	CAN
	26	16:30	A5	B2	GEO	UKR
	27	18:00	A2	B4	GER	RUS
	28	19:30	C3	D5	TUR	POL
	29	21:00	A3	B5	FRA	GEO
	30	22:30	A1	B3	AUS	JPN
DAY 4 21JAN	DAY OFF / TRAINING / REST					
DAY 5 22JAN	31		P20	P17		
	32		P18	P19		
	33		P9	P16		
	34		P10	P15		
	35		P11	P14		
	36		P12	P13		
	37		P1	P8		
	38		P2	P7		
	39		P3	P6		

	40		P4	P5		
DAY 6 23JAN	41		P18	P20		
	42		P17	P19		
	43		L33	L36		
	44		L34	L35		
	45		W33	W36		
	46		W34	W35		
	47		L37	L40		
	48		L38	L39		
	49		W37	W40		
	50		W38	W39		
DAY 7 24JAN	51		P19	P20		
	52		P17	P18		
	53		L43	L44		
	54		W43	W44		
	55		L33	L35		
	56		W33	W34		
	57		L47	L48		
	58		W47	W48		
	59		L49	L50		
	60		W49	W50		

Match start times and the order of matches within each competition day are subject to change to accommodate broadcasting requirements.

Appendix 4 – World Cup Final Programme

Quarterfinals Seeding:

1 D1	VS.	2 D2
2 D1		1 D2
3 D1		HOST* /6 D1
4 D1		5 D1

*If the Host (GRE) classifies in the top 5 in Division 1, then the next highest ranked team in Division 1 obtains a spot in the Finals and takes the seeding place of the Host.

Tournament Program:

DAY1	WOMEN'S QUARTER FINALS	W1	1 D1	2 D2
		W2	2 D1	1 D2
		W3	3 D1	Host/6 D1
		W4	4 D1	5 D1
DAY2	MEN'S QUARTER FINALS	M1	1 D1	2 D2
		M2	2 D1	1 D2
		M3	3 D1	Host/6 D1
		M4	4 D1	5 D1
DAY3	CLASSIFICATION	W5	LW1	LW4
		W6	LW2	LW3
		M5	LM1	LM4
		M6	LM2	LM3
	WOMEN SEMIS	W7	WW1	WW4
		W8	WW2	WW3
DAY4	CLASSIFICATION	W9	LW5	LW6
		W10	WW5	WW6
		M7	LM5	LM6
		M8	WM5	WM6
	MEN SEMIS	M9	WM1	WM4
		M10	WM2	WM3
DAY5	FINALS	W11	LW7	LW8
		M11	LM7	LM8
		W12	WW7	WW8
		M12	WM7	WM8

Appendix 5 – Financial Framework and Responsibilities

Participating Teams

Responsibilities:

- Cover travel to and from tournament locations
- Daily allowances and Insurance for athletes and staff (lodging with full board)
- Daily allowances and Insurance for the appointed referee (lodging with full board)
- Clothing for athletes and staff
- Registration, Anti-doping courses, administration, etc

Support from World Aquatics:

- Prize money and performance incentives
- Per diem for appointed delegates and neutral referees
- Administration, Registration, Rankings

Appendix 6 – Mandatory Anti-Doping Education

Athletes and Team Officials

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

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 must, prior to participation, have successfully completed the eLearning safeguarding course Safeguarding Essentials (Course 1) or a course recognised by the AQIU (Aquatics Integrity Unit)*, prior to participation at the Event. Anyone who has not met this requirement will not be eligible to participate and thus will not have their accreditation activated.

AQIU Recognised Safeguarding Courses*

Please refer to the list of safeguarding education courses recognised by the AQIU here. These certifications are accepted to fulfill the mandatory safeguarding education requirements for all World Aquatics competitions.

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 reach out to the AQIU should they wish to have a safeguarding course reviewed and recognised. For any questions regarding safeguarding education requirements please contact the AQIU at info@aquaticsintegrity.com.

Steps to Complete the Safeguarding Certification

Please follow these instructions in order to complete the course:

Step 1: Access the eLearning course webpage here.

Step 2:

Follow the steps outlined in the Registration Guide to access and complete the course. In case of any queries, please refer to the frequently asked questions

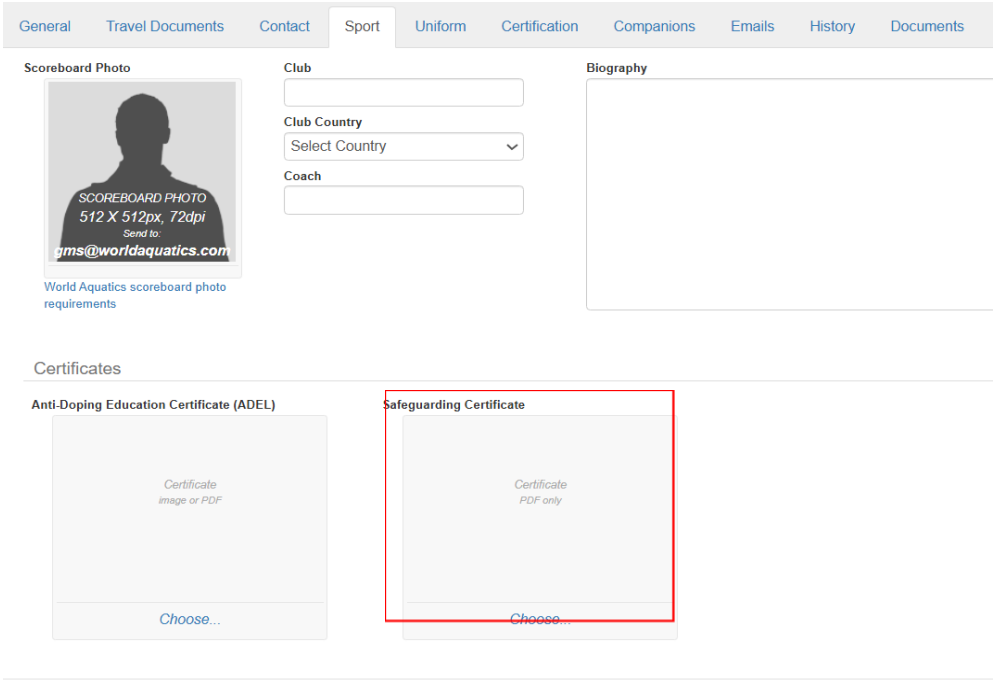
(FAQs) for guidance. If you face any other technical issues, contact OpenLearn at openlearncreate@open.ac.uk or submit a report using the online form here. The 90-minute course is divided into three 30-minute sessions for you to complete at your own pace. To receive the certificate, complete the course in full.

Step 3:

Once the course has been successfully completed, download the certificate of completion, and send it to your World Aquatics Member.

Step 4:

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.

For any questions regarding this requirement, please contact info@aquaticsintegrity.com

- Athlete – ADEL International Level Athletes Education Program (ILA)
- Coach, Head Coach, Chef de Mission, Team Leader, Support Staff – ADEL Coaches of High Performance Education Program (COA)
- Doctor, Medical Professional, Massage Therapist, Physiotherapist – ADEL Medical Professional's Education Program

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Appendix 7:

POINTS AND TIE-BREAKING

1 POINTS AND TIE-BREAKING IN WATER POLO MATCHES AND EVENTS

1.1 Each match must have a winner at its conclusion, being either:

1.1.1 the team with the most Goals at the end of the fourth Period; or

1.1.2 if the teams have an equal number of Goals at the end of the fourth Period, the match will proceed to a Penalty Shootout in accordance with Appendix 3 of Part Six.

1.2 Points awarded for matches:

1.2.1 Where points are awarded to a team for the outcome of a match (for example, in the group stage of an event), the points awarded are as follows unless otherwise specified:

1.2.1.1 Match won at the end of the fourth Period = 3 points.

1.2.1.2 Match won after a Penalty Shootout = 2 points.

1.2.1.3 Match lost after a Penalty Shootout = 1 point.

1.2.1.4 Match lost at the end of the fourth Period = 0 points.

1.2.2 In any group stage, or other scenario where teams are ranked according to the outcome of matches, each team's placing will be determined by:

1.2.2.1 the total number of points accumulated from the matches played within that group or relevant stage with the teams ranked from those with the highest points to the lowest points; and

1.2.2.2 if one (1) or more team has an equal number of points, the positions of those team will be determined in accordance with the tie-breaking rules in this Appendix 8.

1.3 Tie-breaking between teams in the same group

1.3.1 A 'tie' occurs where two (2) or more teams have an equal number of points at the conclusion of a group or other stage where the teams are ranked.

1.3.2 If there is more than one tie, the highest placed tie will be determined first (and so on in descending order, until all ties have been determined).

1.3.3 If two (2) teams are tied:

1.3.3.1 **1.3.3.1** their positions will be determined by the result of the match played between those two (2) teams, with the winner of that match taking the higher position.

1.3.4 If three (3) or more teams are tied, their positions will be determined:

1.3.4.1 first, their positions will be determined by the points accumulated by each tied team in only the matches between those tied teams; If only two teams remain in the tie after the comparison, the rule 1.3.3. should be applied.

1.3.4.2 second, if there is still a tie between three (3) or more teams, the remaining tied teams' positions will be determined by each team's Goal

Difference in only the matches between those tied teams with the team with the greatest goal differential being ranked above the other team(s); ; If only two teams remains in the tie after the comparison, the rule 1.3.3. should be applied.

1.3.4.3 third, if there is still a tie between three (3) or more teams, the remaining tied teams' positions will be determined by the combined number of Goals scored by each team in only the matches between those tied teams with the team with the most goals being ranked above the other team(s); ; If only two teams remains in the tie after the comparison, the rule 1.3.3. should be applied.

1.3.4.4 fourth, if there is still a tie between three (3) or more teams, the result of the match played against the highest placed team (or teams, if tied, if the team or teams not involved in the tie) following the same procedure described in 1.3.4.1, 1.3.4.2 and 1.3.4.3

1.3.4.5 fifth, if there is still a tie between three (3) or more teams, the tied teams' positions will be determined considering all matches within the respective group: following the procedure described in 1.3.4.1., 1.3.4.2 and 1.3.4.3.

1.3.4.6 sixth, if a tie remains between three (3) or more teams, the tie will be broken by the total number of Personal Fouls called against by each team in the matches played between the tied teams, with the team having received the lowest number of Personal Fouls taking the higher position;

1.3.4.7 seventh, if any tie remains and there is no practical manner to determine the ranking, the remaining tied teams' positions will be determined by random draw.

1.4 Application of tie-breaking criteria

1.4.1 For the avoidance of doubt, when considering Points, Goal Difference and Goals in this Appendix 8:

1.4.2 the higher the number of points or Goals/ Goal Difference, the higher the team will place;

1.4.3 Goals scored in any Penalty Shootout will be excluded in Goal totals;

1.4.4 Goal Difference is as defined in Appendix 10 and, accordingly, in each case excludes Goals scored in Penalty Shootouts; and

1.4.5 references to matches in the tie-breaking procedures in Article 1.3 of this Appendix 8 are to matches in the relevant group where the tie occurred.

1.5 Collective ranking of teams played in different groups

1.5.1 Where, under the applicable competition system, teams from different groups are required to be ranked collectively for the purpose of determining their overall positions, qualification, seeding or match-up for a subsequent stage of the competition, the teams will first be classified according to their final position, as determined by points, within their respective groups. The collective ranking shall determine qualification and/or the respective overall positions of the teams, as provided for in the applicable competition system.

Teams having achieved the same position in their respective groups will then be ranked against each other in accordance with the criteria set out in Article 1.5.2.

1.5.1.2 All first-placed teams shall be ranked first, followed by all second-placed teams, then all third-placed teams, and so on, until all teams have been ranked.

1.5.1.3 Teams having achieved the same final position in their respective groups shall be ranked collectively against the teams having achieved that same position in the other groups, in accordance with the criteria set out in Article 1.5.2.

1.5.2 For the purposes of ranking teams that have achieved the same position in different groups under Article 1.5.1. The teams will then be ranked from highest to lowest in accordance with the following criteria:

1.5.2.1 first, by the number of points accumulated by each team in the matches in its respective group;

1.5.2.2 second, if there is still a tie between two (2) or more teams, by each team's Goal Difference in the remaining matches after the exclusion of its match against the lowest-placed team in its respective group, with the team with the highest Goal Difference being ranked above the other team(s); Where the lowest-placed team in the group is one of the teams involved in the tie, the results of all matches played in all groups will be considered.

1.5.2.3 third, if there is still a tie between two (2) or more teams, by the combined number of Goals scored by each team in the remaining matches after the exclusion of its match against the lowest-placed team in its respective group, with the team with the highest number of Goals being ranked above the other team(s); Where the lowest-placed team in the group is one of the teams involved in the tie, the results of all matches played in all groups will be considered.

1.5.2.4 fourth, if there is still a tie between two (2) or more teams, the result of the match played against the highest placed team (or teams, if tied, if the team or teams not involved in the tie) following the same procedure described in 1.5.2.1, 1.5.2.2 and 1.5.3.3

1.5.2.5 fifth, if there is still a tie between three (3) or more teams, the tied teams' positions will be determined considering all matches within the respective group: following the procedure described in 1.5.2.1, 1.5.2.2 and 1.5.3.3.

1.5.2.6 sixth, if there is still a tie between two (2) or more teams, by the number of Personal fouls called against each team in the remaining matches after the exclusion of its match against the lowest-placed team in its respective group, with the team the lowest number of Personal fouls taking the higher position;

1.6.2.7 seventh, if there is still a tie between two (2) or more teams, their positions will be decided by random draw observed by all affected teams.