



COMPETITION REGULATIONS

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1. GENERAL RULES FOR OLYMPIC GAMES, WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND WORLD AQUATICS COMPETITIONS

- 1.1 World Aquatics alone shall have the right to organise World Championships and other World Aquatics competitions for Swimming, Diving, High Diving, Water Polo, Artistic Swimming, and Open Water Swimming. The words World and World Aquatics may not be used in connection with any Swimming, Diving, High Diving, Water Polo, Artistic Swimming, or Open Water Swimming event without the consent of World Aquatics.
- 1.2 The World Aquatics Bureau is competent to establish any rules and regulations pertaining to the conduct of the Olympic Games and World Aquatics Championships. It will notably establish the qualification period and system.
- 1.3 The Management Committee for the World Aquatics Championships shall be the members of the Bureau, who shall act as the Jury of Appeal.
- 1.4 For World Aquatics Championships and Olympic Games Technical Officials selections shall be determined by the appropriate Technical Committee, subject to approval by the Bureau or the Executive.
- 1.5 For each discipline in the Olympic Games and World Championships a Commission shall be appointed consisting of the respective Technical Delegate (Bureau Liaison) and Chairman, Vice Chairman and Honorary Secretary of each respective Technical Committee.
- 1.6 Subject to the supervision of the World Aquatics Bureau, the Commissions shall be responsible for:
- a) the conduct of the competition in the respective discipline.
 - b) the control of all technical equipment and installations prior to and during the event
 - c) making rosters for officials
 - d) investigating cases of protest as preparation for the Jury of Appeal.
- 1.7 **Political Action**
- No political action shall take place inside or in the immediate vicinity of event's venue(s). The promotion or announcement, by any means, of political messages or any other political actions inside or in the immediate vicinity of the venue(s) is strictly prohibited before, during and after the championships/competition.

1.8 Provocative Action, Racism

The Organisers of championships / competitions shall prevent any provocative action being taken by spectators inside or in the immediate vicinity of the event venue(s) (unacceptable levels of verbal provocation from spectators towards competitors or opposing fans, racist behaviour, provocative banners or flags etc.). Should such action arise, the Organisers of championships / competitions shall intervene over the public address system or remove any offensive material, if necessary, with assistance of the police. Stewards shall draw attention of the police to serious acts of misbehaviour, including racist insults; so that offenders may be removed from the venue should the police decide.

2. International Competitions and World Aquatics Calendar

2.1 An International Competition shall refer to any competition organised or sanctioned by World Aquatics, any Continental or Regional Organisation or any Member in which other World Aquatics-recognised Federations, clubs or individuals participate.

2.2 International Competitions

2.2.1 International Competitions are divided into the following tiers:

Tier 1. Major Aquatics Competitions - the Olympic Games, World Aquatics Championships, World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m);

Tier 2. Other World Aquatics Competitions - World Junior and Youth Championships in each discipline, World Cups, World Leagues, and other World Aquatics competitions;

Tier 3. Continental and Regional Competitions - Continental or Regional Multi-Sport Games, Competitions organised by Continental or Regional Organisations;

Tier 4. Member Federation International Competitions - Events organised or sanctioned by a Member Federation in which other World Aquatics Member Federations, clubs or individuals participate:

Tier 5. Other competitions of major international importance as defined by World Aquatics.

2.2.2 All Continental Organisations, Member Federations, and/or members of World Aquatics (including clubs), as well as independent organizers shall seek approval from World Aquatics before announcing dates and place for championships or events which they organize or sanction within their jurisdiction. Approval is, however, not necessary for national competitions in which foreign clubs or individuals not representing their Member Federation participate. The application for approval shall be submitted to World Aquatics at least six months prior to the proposed date of the championships or events.

2.2.3 Any approval of the International Competition from World Aquatics shall be subject to all conditions and requirements in accordance with the

World Aquatics Rules, notably Article 26 of the Constitution. All athletes must comply with World Aquatics eligibility rules.

2.3 World Aquatic Calendar

2.3.1 World Aquatics shall compile and publish on its website the World Aquatics Calendar in which all International Competitions approved by World Aquatics shall be listed. When a new application for approval of an International Competition is received, World Aquatics will compare the proposed dates of the new International Competition with the World Aquatics calendar to determine if the new dates conflict with a previously approved International Competition. If a conflict is deemed to exist by World Aquatics (or any other issue arises in connection with the proposed International Competition) after considering the aquatic discipline, geographic region of the International Competition and/or age group of the Competitors and/or any other matter which World Aquatics may in its discretion take into consideration, World Aquatics will contact the new applicant and advise them that a conflict exists, and request that the dates be changed or competition is postponed to avoid the conflict. Applicants are advised to check the World Aquatics Calendar for potential conflict in dates prior to applying for approval of a new International Competition. It is the policy of World Aquatics that no International Competition of major international importance, with the exception of Masters competitions, should be held within 30 days prior to any Tier 1 Event, without World Aquatics' prior consent.

2.3.2 Any cancellation or rescheduling of an International Competition that has been approved by World Aquatics and published on the World Aquatic Calendar shall be reported to World Aquatics as soon as practicable prior to the commencement of that competition.

2.4 Competition Programme

2.4.1 For Tier 3 Continental or Regional Multi-Discipline Competitions or Multi-Sport Games, the Competition Programme should include all aquatic disciplines where possible. Any Tier 3 International Competition should include at a minimum the Competition Programme for the relevant discipline at the prior Olympic Games. For Tier 4 and Tier 5 International Competitions, applicants are asked to state in the application for approval the competition programme to be adopted and any deviation from the Competition Programme for the relevant discipline at the prior Olympic Games.

2.4.2 Any application for approval of any International Competition shall indicate the modifications (if any) of the World Aquatics Rules and Regulations applicable to the event

2.4.3 Failure to comply with this Section 2 may lead to possible sanctions in accordance with the World Aquatics Constitution.

3. SPORT NATIONALITY

3.1. Affiliation and Eligibility to represent a World Aquatics Member

3.1.1 An Athlete shall be eligible to compete at an International Competition representing a World Aquatics Member if he/she is affiliated to a sole World Aquatics Member and is a citizen of the Country that the Athlete represents by virtue of:

- being a citizen of the Country by birth; or
- being a citizen of the Country through naturalization and having uninterrupted residence in the Country for at least three years prior to his/her first International Competition;

3.1.2 In the event an Athlete is a citizen of a country or Sport Country, but does not meet the requisites mentioned under I.3.1.1, he/she shall be eligible to compete at International Competitions for a World Aquatics Member by requesting World Aquatics' approval, which will be granted under the following conditions:

- the Athlete shall observe a waiting period of three years during which he/she shall not be entitled to represent a World Aquatics Member at International Competition(s);
- the Athlete shall be able to demonstrate by the end of the waiting period at the latest, that he/she has a genuine, close and established link to the country or Sport Country he/she will represent.

3.2. Election of a Sport Nationality

3.2.1 The Sport Nationality of an Athlete, if aged of more than sixteen years old or if aged of less than sixteen years old, but that no declaration is formulated as per I.3.2.2) under, is established at the occasion of the first International Competition that the Athlete is competing on behalf of a World Aquatics Member. If an Athlete is eligible to compete at International Competitions for more than one World Aquatics Member, he/she may choose which World Aquatics Member to represent, being specified that this choice is exercised by competing on behalf of the World Aquatics Member in an International Competition. Thereafter, an Athlete may only represent that World Aquatics Member in International Competitions.

3.2.2 An Athlete aged of less than sixteen years-old and who is eligible to compete at International Competitions for more than one World Aquatics Member has the possibility to declare to World Aquatics that his/her choice of sport nationality is under consideration. If he/she participates to an International Competition after having made his/her declaration to World Aquatics, his/her sport nationality will not be established by such participation.

3.2.3 In derogation of Rule 1.3.2.2) above, a representation at the World Aquatics Championships or Olympic Games determines in all cases a Sport Nationality, no matter the age of the Athlete.

3.3. Change of Sport Nationality

3.3.1 Any Athlete that intends to change his/her Sport Nationality from one World Aquatics Member to another (“New World Aquatics Member”) shall request World Aquatics’ approval, which will be granted under the following requisites:

- the Athlete shall observe a waiting period of three years between the last representation for the Member and the first representation for the New World Aquatics Member. The Athlete shall not be entitled to represent any World Aquatics Member at International Competitions during this waiting period; and
- the Athlete shall be a citizen by birth or naturalization of the country or Sport Country he/she will represent; and
- the Athlete shall have uninterrupted residence in the country or Sport Country of the New World Aquatics Member for at least three years prior to his/her first International Competitions or shall be able to demonstrate by the end of the waiting period at the latest, that he/she has a genuine, close and established link to the country or Sport Country he/she will represent.

3.3.2 If an Athlete intends to represent a New World Aquatics Member at any International Competitions, but has previously represented another Member at age categories only (i.e. U16, U18, U20, Youth or Junior), he/she must observe, in derogation of 1.3.3.1 above, a waiting period of one year between the last representation at age category for the Member and the first representation for the New World Aquatics Member.

3.4. Bureau Consultation

In a case of eligibility or Sport Nationality possessing exceptional and unforeseen circumstances, the Executive Director may consult the Bureau on the application of these rules to an Athlete’s particular case. The Executive Director’s decision to not consult the Bureau is not appealable.

3.5 Possible Breach of the present Rules

3.5.1 Any possible breach of the present rules on eligibility and Sport Nationality may be referred to the Aquatics Integrity Unit for investigation and possible proceedings according to the World Aquatics Constitution and Rules.

3.5.2 Without prejudice to any of its other sanctioning powers under the Integrity Code, the Aquatics Integrity Unit may disqualify an Athlete from the International Competitions in question, with all resulting consequences,

including forfeiture of all titles, awards, medals, points and prize and appearance money, if such Athlete represented a World Aquatics Member at any International Competitions in violation of the present rules on eligibility and Sport Nationality. In the event the Athlete competed as a member of a relay team or a team, the relay team or the team may similarly be disqualified with all resulting consequences, including forfeiture of all titles, awards, medals, points and prize and appearance money.

3.6. Enforcement

The present rules will come into force immediately on 21 February 2023 and will not have retroactive effect. They will apply to all eligibility and change of sport nationality matters filed with World Aquatics as from 21 February 2023. The World Aquatics Office may apply the previously enforced rules on sport nationality during a transitory period until 31 December 2023 at the latest, if the World Aquatics Member and/or Athlete demonstrates that the Athlete had initiated his/her process of eligibility or change of sport nationality before the entry into force of these new rules and that he/she relied upon the old rules on eligibility and sport nationality to organize his/her career. Such evidence may notably consist of correspondence related to an Athlete's change of sport nationality exchanged between the World Aquatics Member and World Aquatics before the entry into force of these new rules.

4. Policy on Eligibility for the Men's and Women's Competition Categories

World Aquatics is committed to providing safe, fair, inclusive, and non-discriminatory opportunities for all Aquatics Athletes wishing to compete in World Aquatics Competitions. World Aquatics Bureau has thus adopted a Policy on Eligibility for the men's and women's competition categories and fully refers to it. Such Policy and its annexes are a standalone regulation, being noted that some of its provisions are nonetheless included in the present Competitions Regulations regarding eligibility per category (Competitions Regulations I.5.2 to I.5.6).

5. Eligibility Requirements for Competition and for setting World Aquatics Records

5.1 Affiliation

Any Athlete shall be affiliated to a World Aquatics Member for being eligible to compete in World Aquatics Competitions and to set World Aquatics World Records in World Aquatics Competitions and other Aquatics events recognised by World Aquatics.

5.2 Eligibility per category

5.1.1 Subject to the requirements set forth below, all Athletes are eligible to compete in the men's category or in the women's category in World Aquatics Competitions and to set World Aquatics World Records in World Aquatics competitions and other events recognised by World Aquatics, whatever their

legal gender, gender identity, or gender expression. No Athlete is excluded from a World Aquatics Competition or from setting World Aquatics World Records based on their legal gender, gender identity, or gender expression.

5.1.2 All issues relating to the eligibility of an Athlete under this Regulations to compete in a particular sex category will be determined by World Aquatics following consultation, as necessary, with one or more independent scientific and medical experts appointed by the World Aquatics Executive. It is an important part of this Regulations that the experts can assess whether a given Athlete meets the eligibility criteria set out below. To that end, World Aquatics may ask the Athlete to provide further information and documents and/or to submit to one or more medical examinations. All costs associated with this assessment will be borne by World Aquatics.

5.2 Certification

5.2.1 All Athletes must certify their chromosomal sex with their World Aquatics Member in order to be eligible for World Aquatics Competitions. Failure to do so, or provision of a false certification, will render the Athlete ineligible.

5.2.2 World Aquatics Member must confirm their Athletes' certifications of chromosomal sex when registering their Athletes to compete in World Aquatics Competitions.

5.2.3 World Aquatics reserves the right to include a chromosomal sex screen in its anti-doping protocol to confirm such certification.

5.3 Eligibility for the Men's Category

5.3.1 All male athletes, including athletes with 46 XY DSD, are eligible to compete in World Aquatics competitions and to set World Aquatics World Records in the men's category, regardless of their legal gender, gender identity, or gender expression.

5.3.2 Female-to-male transgender athletes (transgender men) are eligible to compete in World Aquatics competitions and to set World Aquatics World Records in the men's category, except that:

5.3.2.1 For the disciplines of Water Polo and High Diving, the athlete must provide to World Aquatics an assumption of risk form (in the form set out in Appendix One to this Policy) signed and dated by the athlete or, if the athlete is a minor, by their legal proxy.

[Comment to Rule 1.5.4.2.1: It is strongly recommended that the athlete speaks with a qualified medical specialist prior to competition to ensure their physical ability to participate in the event in the men's

category and to ensure that they understand the attendant risks.]

5.3.2.2 All athletes who are undergoing treatment involving testosterone or other anabolic substances as part of female-to-male gender-affirming hormone treatment are required to obtain a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) for that treatment in accordance with the World Aquatics Doping Control Rules (DCR).

5.4 Eligibility for the Women's Category

5.4.1 All female athletes are eligible to compete in World Aquatics competitions and set World Aquatics World Records in the women's category, regardless of their legal gender, gender identity, or gender expression, under the following conditions:

5.4.1.1 Athletes who have previously used testosterone as part of female-to-male gender-affirming hormone treatment (with or without a TUE) but are no longer following that treatment are eligible to compete in the women's category in World Aquatics competitions and to set World Aquatics World Records in the women's category in World Aquatics competitions and in other events recognised by World Aquatics if they can establish to World Aquatics's comfortable satisfaction that (a) the testosterone use was for less than a year in total (i.e., from the date of first use to the date of last use) and did not take place during pubertal growth and development, and (b) their testosterone levels in serum (or plasma) are back to pre-treatment normal and any associated anabolic effects have been eliminated.

5.4.1.2 Female athletes who have used testosterone in violation of the World Anti-Doping Code or World Aquatics DCR (or any other applicable anti-doping rules) may return to competition after they have served their period of ineligibility.

5.4.2 Male-to-female transgender athletes (transgender women) and athletes with 46 XY DSD whose legal gender and/or gender identity is female are eligible to compete in the women's category in World Aquatics competitions and to set World Aquatics World Records in the women's category in World Aquatics competitions and in other events recognised by World Aquatics if they can establish to World Aquatics's comfortable satisfaction that they have not experienced any part of male puberty beyond Tanner Stage 2 or before age 12, whichever is later. Specifically, the athlete must produce evidence establishing that:

5.4.2.1 They have complete androgen insensitivity and therefore could not experience male puberty; or

5.4.2.2 They are androgen sensitive but had male puberty suppressed beginning at Tanner Stage 2 or before age 12, whichever is later, and they have since continuously maintained their testosterone levels in serum (or plasma) below 2.5 nmol/L.

5.4.2.3 An unintentional deviation from the below 2.5 nmol/L requirement may result in retrospective disqualification of results

and/or a prospective period of ineligibility.

5.4.2.4 An intentional deviation from the below 2.5 nmol/L requirement may result in retrospective disqualification of results and a prospective period of ineligibility equal or commensurate in length to periods imposed under the World Aquatics DCR for intentional anti-doping rule violations involving anabolic steroids.

[Comment to Rule 5.5.2.4: For purposes of the Policy, all measurements of serum testosterone must be conducted by means of liquid chromatography coupled with mass spectrometry.]

5.5 Process for Application

The process for applications for eligibility is set forth in the Operational Requirements (see Appendix Two to this Policy).

6. REGISTRATIONS AND SPORTS ENTRIES

6.1 General - Registration and Sport Entries

6.1.1 For World Aquatics Championships, World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) and World Aquatics Junior Swimming Championships

6.1.1.1 Each Federation concerned must confirm its desire to take part in the World Championships by completing the preliminary entries in the World Aquatics General Management System (GMS) by the defined “preliminary entries” deadline.

All entries must be fully submitted in the GMS before the date determined by World Aquatics as published in the respective summons for the Championships. World Aquatics shall verify all registrations according to appropriate eligibility rules for participation and competitor entry for each competition.

6.1.1.2 Each federation must confirm the final number of male and female competitors that will attend the Championships by completing their nomination in the World Aquatics General Management System (GMS) by the defined “nomination deadline”.

6.1.2 For other World Aquatics Competitions

Registration and sport entries shall be made online via the World Aquatics General Management System (GMS), when available.

6.1.3 For Olympic Games

Sport entries shall be made on official forms signed by the Secretary of the respective National Olympic Committee and delivered to the Organising Committee of the Country holding the Games, on or before the date determined by the International Olympic Committee. The World Aquatics Office shall claim these entries at least seven (7) days before the start of the first competition.

6.1.4 Withdrawal of Sport Entries

By the sport entry deadline before the commencement of the Olympic Games or the World Aquatics Championships, the Secretaries of the Member Federations sending competitors shall forward to the Organising Committee of the Country hosting the competition a list of any competitors entered who are not starting, so that the non-participating athletes may be eliminated from the entries.

6.1.5 Specific cases

Competitors entered for Diving, Water Polo, and Artistic Swimming cannot swim relay events, and those entered for Swimming, Diving, and Artistic Swimming cannot be used as Water Polo reserves, with the proviso that one and the same swimmer could compete in Water Polo as well as other Swimming competitions, if officially entered for such competitions.

6.2 Swimming - Registration and Sport Entries

6.2.1 Standard Entry Times A and B

For each individual event at the World Aquatics Championships, the World Aquatics Bureau will establish Standard Entry Times in two levels: "A" and "B", of which "B" shall be easier to achieve.

- Standard Entry Times can only be achieved in competitions approved for that purpose by World Aquatics.
- For each individual event at the World Aquatics Championships, each National Federation may enter a maximum of two (2) competitors. To enter two (2) swimmers in the same event, both of them must have achieved the "A" Standard Entry Time.
- To enter one (1) swimmer in an event, the competitor must have achieved at least the "B" Standard Entry Time.
- Swimmers having achieved only one (1) "A" or one "B" entry time are entitled to enter one (1) additional event. The additional individual event must be in an event where no other swimmer from the National Federation has been entered.

6.2.2 Sport Entry with no Standard Times

At the World Aquatics Championships, National Federations may enter swimmers who have not achieved either Standard Entry Time as follows:

- With no swimmers who have achieved the "A" or "B" Standard Entry Time: National Federations may enter up to four (4) swimmers, two (2) men and two (2) women.

- With one (1) or two (2) swimmers who has achieved the “A” or “B” Standard Entry Time: National Federations may enter up to a maximum of four (4) swimmers (two (2) men and two (2) women), and with three (3) swimmers who have achieved the “A” or “B” Standard Entry Time, one (1) additional swimmer provided that both genders are represented.
- The swimmers who have not achieved a Standard Entry Time will only be permitted to enter up to two (2) individual events each.
- An individual entry for a swimmer without an “A” or “B” Standard Entry Time must be in an event where no other swimmer from the National Federation has been entered.

6.2.3 Entry of Relays

At the World Aquatics Championships, each National Federation may enter only one (1) team in each relay. The members of such entered team(s) shall comprise:

- Any swimmers entered in individual events even if they have not achieved a “A” or “B” Standard Entry Time for the corresponding stroke and distance of the relay in which they are entered;
- Additional swimmers as relay-only competitors, provided that they have achieved the “B” Standard Entry Time for the corresponding stroke and distance of the relay in which they are entered. The following formula shall apply:

Any additional swimmers must be within the maximum quota of swimmers for the event.

The following formula shall apply:

- One (1) Relay: two (2) additional swimmers
- Two (2) Relays: four (4) additional swimmers
- Three (3) Relays: six (6) additional swimmers
- Four (4) Relays: eight (8) additional swimmers
- Five (5) Relays: ten (10) additional swimmers
- Six (6) or more Relays: twelve (12) additional swimmers

- 6.2.3.1** The names of swimmers actually swimming on a relay must be submitted at least one hour before the start of the session in which the event is to take place, in the order in which they are to swim. The names of swimmers in medley relay events must be listed for their respective strokes.

6.2.4 Swimming Qualifying Times

- World Aquatics will maintain a listing of Swimming Qualifying Times achieved during the qualification period, called the World Aquatics Rankings.
- National Federations will enter swimmers and relay teams using the

World Aquatics Rankings as the entry time for seeding purposes. Where no valid time information is recorded in the World Aquatics Rankings, the swimmer or relay team will be entered with no time.

- Only valid times included in the World Aquatics Rankings at the date of the deadline for entries and achieved within the qualification period can be accepted as entry times.
- The National Federation must fully submit all sports entries via the World Aquatics GMS in accordance with the established entry deadlines in order to be accepted for the competition.
- The heats, semi-finals and finals shall be arranged in accordance with Rule III.3, under the supervision of the Technical Swimming Committee.

6.2.5 Maximum number of swimmers

Each Member may enter a maximum number of twenty-six (26) men and twenty-six (26) women swimmers.

6.2.6 Publication of Sport Entry List

The entry list shall be published at least four (4) days before the first day of competition.

6.2.7 Qualification system

The World Aquatics Bureau is competent to develop and define the Swimming qualification principles/system related to World Aquatics Championships and World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m).

For the Olympic Games, it will be done in collaboration with the IOC.

6.3 Open Water Swimming - Registration and Sport Entries

6.3.1 Sports Entries for the Olympic Games and the World Aquatics Championships

Each Member Federation may enter a maximum of two (2) males and two (2) females per individual event.

For team events in the World Championships, the Member Federation can enter only one (1) team per event comprised of two male and two female Competitors. Athletes may only swim in one team event. Withdrawals can be made up to and including the Teams Technical Meeting, but no substitution is permitted.

6.3.2 Sport Entry for World Aquatics Junior Open Water Swimming Championships

Each Member Federation may enter a maximum of two (2) males and two (2) females per individual event.

For team events in the World Aquatics Junior Open Water Championships, the Member Federation can enter only one (1) team per event comprised of

two male and two female Competitors. Athletes may only swim in one team event.

Teams events in 14-15-16; & U/19. Swimmers may only swim one team event.

6.3.3 Qualification system

The World Aquatics Bureau is competent to develop and define the qualification principles/system related to World Aquatics Championships.

For the Olympic Games, qualifying criteria will be determined in collaboration with the IOC.

6.4 Diving - Registration and Sport Entries

6.4.1 Sports Entry for the World Aquatics Championships

Each Member may enter a maximum of two (2) competitors, regardless of standards, for each individual event and one (1) team of two (2) competitors for each synchronised diving event.

6.4.3 Qualification system

The World Aquatics Bureau is competent to develop and define the Diving qualification principles/system related to World Aquatics Championships.

For the Olympic Games, it will be done in collaboration with the IOC.

6.5 Artistic Swimming - Registration and Sport Entries

6.5.1 Sports Entries for the Olympic Games and the World Aquatics Championships

For Olympic Games, Team routines shall consist of eight (8) athletes. The total number of athletes entered by each Federation (unless otherwise specified)

may not exceed nine (9) athletes one as reserve. The total number of athletes may include a maximum of two (2) male athletes.

For World Aquatics Championships and World Aquatics competitions, team routines shall consist of eight (8) competitors and ten (10) for Free Combination.

For Artistic Swimming World Aquatics competitions the total number of competitors entered by each Federation (unless otherwise specified) may not exceed fourteen (14) competitors including maximum two male competitors only if the Federation enters Mixed Duets/Teams.

6.5.2 Sports Entries World Aquatics Junior Artistic Swimming Championships

Each country shall be entitled to enter one Technical Solo, one Free Solo, one Technical Duet, one Free Duet, one Technical Mixed Duet, one Free Mixed Duet, one Technical Team, one Free Team, and one Acrobatic routine.

6.5.3 Qualification system

The World Aquatics Bureau is competent to develop and define the qualification principles/system related to World Aquatics Championships.

For the Olympic Games, it will be done in collaboration with the IOC.

6.6 Water Polo

6.6.1 Sports Entries For Water Polo, an entry of a maximum of thirteen (13) players per game may be accepted.

For the World Aquatics Championships thirteen (13) players and two (2) reserved players can be registered, but thirteen (13) players are in the actual playing squad. For the other World Aquatics Water Polo Events, the number of registered players may vary, but there are maximum of thirteen (13) players on a game.

For the Olympic Games, an entry of a maximum of thirteen (13) players may be accepted.

6.6.2 Number of Teams for World Aquatics Championships

6.6.2.1 Men

6.6.2.1.1 The competition shall be between a maximum of sixteen (16) teams selected in the following manner:

6.6.2.1.2 The four (4) highest ranking teams from the preceding World Aquatics Championships, World Cup or Olympic Games, two (2) highest ranking teams from the preceding year's World League, one (1) team from the host country and nine (9) teams from the five (5) continents to be selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental championships. The nine (9) teams from the continents shall be selected according to the following formula: Europe - 3; Americas - 2; Asia - 2; Africa - 1; and Oceania - 1.

6.6.2.1.3 If any one of the teams qualified from the preceding year's World League are in the first four (4) from the preceding World Aquatics Championships, World Cup or Olympic Games, the next ranked team from that World Aquatics Championships, World Cup or Olympic Games qualifies.

6.6.2.1.4 The highest qualifying team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships shall be entitled to represent that continent; if any team does not accept, then the next highest ranking team willing to accept and participate in the World Aquatics Championships shall qualify.

6.6.2.1.5 If the host country is already included in the four (4) highest ranking teams from the preceding World Aquatics Championships, World Cup or Olympic Games, then that entry position shall be filled by the next highest placed team from that World Aquatics Championships, World Cup or Olympic Games.

6.6.2.1.6 If another of the four (4) highest ranking teams from the preceding World Aquatics Championships or Olympic Games or one (1) of the two (2) highest ranking teams from the preceding year's World Cup does not enter, then that position shall be filled from the next highest placed team from that World Aquatics Championships, World Cup or Olympic Games.

6.6.2.1.7 If no team enters from a continent or if there is an unfilled vacancy from among the teams qualifying from the preceding World Aquatics Championships, Olympic Games or preceding year's World Cup, then each vacancy for that World Championship shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships with the following rotation: Asia, Americas, Europe, Oceania and Africa.

6.6.2.2 Women

6.6.2.2.1 The competition shall be between a maximum of sixteen (16) teams selected in the following manner:

6.6.2.2.2 The four (4) highest ranking teams from the preceding World Aquatics Championships or Olympic Games, two (2) highest ranking teams from the preceding year's World League, one (1) team from the host country and nine (9) teams from the five (5) continents to be selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental championships. The nine (9) teams from the continents shall be selected according to the following formula: Europe - 3; Americas - 2; Asia - 2; Africa - 1; and Oceania - 1.

6.6.2.2.3 If any one of the teams qualified from the preceding year's World League are in the first four (4) from the preceding World Aquatics Championships, World Cup or Olympic Games, the next ranked team from that World Championships, World Cup or Olympic Games qualifies.

6.6.2.2.4 The highest qualifying team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships shall be entitled to represent that continent; if any team does not accept, then the next highest ranking team willing to accept and participate in the World Championships shall qualify.

6.6.2.2.5 If the host country is already included in the four (4) highest ranking teams from the preceding World Aquatics Championships, World Cup or Olympic Games, then that entry position shall be filled by the next highest placed team from that World Aquatics Championships or Olympic Games.

6.6.2.2.6 If another of the four (4) highest ranking teams from the preceding World Aquatics Championships or Olympic Games or one (1) of the two (2) highest ranking teams from the preceding year's World Cup does not enter, then that position shall be filled from the next highest placed team from that World Championships or Olympic Games.

6.6.2.2.7 If no team enters from a continent or if there is an unfilled vacancy from among the teams qualifying from the preceding World Aquatics Championships or Olympic Games or preceding year's World Cup, then each vacancy for that World Championship shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championship with the following rotation: Asia, Americas, Europe, Oceania and Africa.

6.6.3 Number of Teams for Olympic Games

6.6.3.1 Men

The competition shall be between twelve (12) teams

6.6.3.2 Women

The competition shall be for ten (10) teams.

6.6.3.3 Qualification system

In collaboration with IOC, the World Aquatics Bureau is competent to develop and define the qualification principles/system related to the Olympic Games.

6.6.4 Number of Teams for World Aquatics Water Polo Championships U20

6.6.4.1 Men

6.6.4.1.1 The competition may be between twenty (20) teams.

6.6.4.1.2 For the twenty (20) team competition, the competition may occur at two (2) sites in one country. The host country will be responsible for the transportation of the teams from one site to another as required. This transportation will be at the expense of the host country.

6.6.4.1.3 In the case of a maximum twenty (20) team competition, the teams shall include the highest-ranking team from the preceding U20 World Aquatics Championships with the remaining teams selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental qualification tournaments or continental championships according to the following formula: Europe - 7; Americas - 5; Asia - 4; Africa - 2; and Oceania - 2. The host to be included in the Continental quota. The highest ranking team

from the preceding U20 World Aquatics Championships will be considered to be a representative of that continent for the purpose of the formula

6.6.4.1.4 The highest qualifying team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships shall be entitled to represent that continent; if any team does not accept, then the next highest-ranking team willing to accept and participate in the World Junior Championships shall qualify.

6.6.4.2 Women

6.6.4.2.1 The competition may be between twenty (20) teams.

6.6.4.2.2 For the twenty (20) team competition, the competition may occur at two (2) sites in one country. The host country will be responsible for the transportation of the teams from one site to another as required. This transportation will be at the expense of the host country.

6.6.4.2.3 In the case of a maximum twenty (20) team competition, the teams shall include the highest-ranking team from the preceding U20 World Aquatics Championships with the remaining teams selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental qualification tournaments or continental championships according to the following formula: Europe - 7; Americas - 5; Asia - 4; Africa - 2; and Oceania - 2. The host to be included in the Continental quota. The highest-ranking team from the preceding U20 World Aquatics Championships will be considered to be a representative of that continent for the purpose of the formula.

6.6.4.2.4 The highest qualifying team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships shall be entitled to represent that continent; if any team does not accept, then the next highest-ranking team willing to accept and participate in the World Junior Championships shall qualify.

6.6.4.2.5 For a maximum of twenty (20) team competition, if there is an unfilled vacancy from a continent, then that vacancy shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championship with the following rotation: Asia, Americas, Europe, Oceania and Africa.

6.6.5 Number of Teams for World Aquatics Water Polo Championships U18

6.6.5.1 Men

6.6.5.1.1 The competition may be between twenty (20) teams.

6.6.5.1.2 For a twenty (20) team competition, the competition may occur at two (2) sites in one country. The host country will be responsible for the transportation of the teams from one site to another as required. This transportation will be at the expense of the host country.

6.6.5.1.3 In the case of twenty (20) team competition, the teams shall include the highest-ranking team from the preceding World Youth Championships with the remaining teams selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental championships according to the following formula: Host – 1; Europe – 7; Americas – 5; Asia – 3; Africa 2; and Oceania – 2. The highest-ranking team from the preceding World Youth 3 Championships will be considered to be a representative of that continent for the purpose of the formula.

6.6.5.1.4 The highest qualifying team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships shall be entitled to represent that continent; if any team does not accept, then the next highest ranking team willing to accept and participate in the World Youth Championships shall qualify.

6.6.5.1.5 For a maximum twenty (20) team competition, if there is an unfilled vacancy from a continent, then that vacancy shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championship with the following rotation: Asia, Americas, Europe, Oceania and Africa.

6.6.5.2 Women

6.6.5.2.1 The competition may be between twenty (20) teams.

6.6.5.2.2 In the case of a maximum twenty (20) team competition, the teams shall include the highest-ranking team from the preceding U20 World Aquatics Championships with the remaining teams selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental qualification tournaments or continental championships according to the following formula: Europe - 7; Americas - 5; Asia - 4; Africa - 2; and Oceania - 2. The host to be included in the Continental quota. The highest-ranking team from the preceding U20 World Aquatics Championships will be considered to be a representative of that continent for the purpose of the formula.

6.6.5.2.3 The highest qualifying team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships shall be entitled to represent that continent; if any team does not accept, then the next highest ranking team from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships shall be entitled to represent that continent.

6.6.5.2.4 If there is an unfilled vacancy from a continent, then that vacancy shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championships with the following rotation: Asia, Americas, Europe, Oceania and Africa.

6.6.6 Number of Teams for World Aquatics Water Polo Championships U16

The competition may be between a maximum of thirty two (32) men teams and a maximum of twenty four (24) women teams. The list of teams is upon Continental invitations. The teams shall include the highest ranking team from the preceding World U16 Championships with remaining teams selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental championships and finally on Continental recommendation.

6.6.7. Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Men

The competition shall be between a maximum of twelve (12) teams selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental championships in the following manner:

The twelve (12) teams from the continents shall be selected according to the following formula: Europe - 5; Americas - 3; Asia - 2; Africa - 1; and Oceania - 1. The Host Country will be considered to be a representative from that Continent. The highest qualifying team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championship (except the team who has already qualified) shall be entitled to represent that continent; if any teams do not accept, then the next highest ranking team willing to accept and participate in the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament shall qualify.

If there is an unfilled vacancy from a continent, then that vacancy shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championship with the following rotation: host continent of the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament, Americas, Asia, Europe, Oceania and Africa.

6.6.8. Qualification for Olympic Games - Women

The competition shall be for a maximum of ten (10) teams selected in the following manner:

The first team from the preceding year's World Cup.

The first team from the preceding World Championships. If this team has already qualified from the preceding year's World Cup, the next ranked team from the World Championships qualifies.

The Host Country will automatically qualify.

Automatically, one (1) team from the Continental Championships of the five (5) continents. If it is qualified at the preceding year's World Cup, or at the preceding FINA World Championships, then the next ranked team from the continental championships will qualify.

The other two (2) teams qualify from the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Women.

If for any reason, qualified teams do not wish to participate in the Olympic Games, the next ranking team(s) will then be taken in order from their placing at the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament – Women.

AQUA has authority to amend the rule and list in chronological order to reflect the qualification of teams in accordance with the timing of AQUA Events

7. SWIMWEAR AND WEARABLES

7.1. Swimwear for all Aquatics Disciplines

Swimwear to be used in World Aquatics Competitions, World Aquatics Sanctioned Competitions, qualifying events for World Aquatics Competitions or Olympic Games shall meet the requirements provided in this section. The Rules in this Section are also complemented by Swimwear Rules per Aquatics Disciplines (Sections III to IX under) and Technical & Approval Implementing Rules for Swimwear.

The Athlete' safety and health are to be taken into consideration and all matters regarding Swimwear shall be treated with due regard to fair play and

a sound development of the Disciplines.

Athletes' Swimwear shall be in good moral taste and suitable for the individual Aquatics disciplines and not to carry any symbol which may be considered offensive.

These rules do not regulate directly issues on markings (team, emblems, manufacturer markings, sponsor markings), which are described under Section 1.8. However, they address markings (including also technical markings) in connection with their potential relevance from the point of view of the approval criteria (notably thickness and permeability).

7.2. Swimwear Approval Procedure for Swimming and Open Water

7.2.1 Swimwear to be used in World Aquatics Competitions, World Aquatics Sanctioned Competitions, qualifying events for World Aquatics Competitions

or Olympic Games in Swimming and Open Water shall be approved by World Aquatics.

7.2.2 The Technical & Approval Implementing Rules for Swimwear define the requirements linked to design, composition, colour, material, flexibility, construction and others related to Swimsuit, Wetsuit, Caps and Goggles.

7.2.3 The Approval Procedure of Swimwear is conducted by the World Aquatics Office and supervised by an independent swimwear expert.

7.2.4 The Independent Swimwear Expert – Appointment

The Independent Swimwear Expert is appointed and removed by the World Aquatics Bureau. He/she shall be independent from the manufacturers. In particular, he/she shall not have any relationship with a Swimwear manufacturer (whether of contractual nature or as a shareholder direct or indirect) nor have had such during the five (5) preceding years.

7.2.5 The Independent Swimwear Expert – Role

The Independent Swimwear Expert shall develop and propose uniform principles and directions for the approval of new advancements in the field of competition equipment.

The Independent Swimwear Expert will have the following responsibilities and authority:

- to check if the swimwear complies with the technical requirements of these Regulations, and the Technical & Approval Implementing Rules for Swimwear, in cooperation with the testing laboratory;
- to approve or reject the application submitted by the manufacturers;
- to provide expertise to the World Aquatics Office; and

- any other matter related to Swimwear

7.2.6 Implementing rules regarding the Approval Procedure, notably as such as the submission, the examination of a submission, the notification of the results of a submission, or re-submission, are defined under the Technical & Approval Implementing Rules for Swimwear

7.2.7 To be approved, a Swimwear shall be available on the market (available for purchase by World Aquatics Members and Athletes) at the latest by 1st January following the publication of the List of Approved Swimwear as per Competitions Rule I.7.5.

7.3 Testing

Testing standards applicable to the examination, in particular thickness and permeability measurements, are determined under the Technical & Approval Implementing Rules for Swimwear.

7.4 List of Approved Swimwear

World Aquatics will annually publish by 1st September at the latest a List of Approved Swimwear that may be used by Athletes at World Aquatics Competitions, World Aquatics Sanctioned Competitions, qualifying events for World Aquatics Competitions or Olympic Games in Swimming and Open Water. The List of Approved Swimwear will include the Swimwear approved the previous years (subject to a change in the implementing rules regarding the Approval Procedure) and the Swimwear approved during the last Approval Procedure.

In order to present an accurately updated publication of the List of Approved Swimwear, Applicants shall notify to World Aquatics, by 15th July of each year at the latest, about (i) formerly approved Swimwear which are to be discontinued by the next 1st January, and (ii) newly approved Swimwear which will not be available by the next 1st January. The discontinued and not-available Products will be removed or will not be included in the List of Approved Swimwear for the subsequent year.

7.5 Additional requirements

Additional requirements linked notably to availability/commercialisation, homologation, consistency, compliance, withdrawal of approval are determined under the Technical & Approval Implementing Rules for Swimwear.

8. ADVERTISING IDENTIFICATION

8.1 Advertising identification appearing on swimwear, pool deck equipment and official's uniforms at World Aquatics Championships and World Aquatics Competitions, with exception for World Aquatics Masters Championships, is permitted as mentioned under in this Section.

8.2 Swimsuits

One (1) manufacturer's logo of a maximum size of 30cm² when worn. Where one-piece suits are used, two (2) logos of the manufacturer shall be permitted, one above the waist and one below the waist of a maximum size of 30cm² each when worn. These two (2) logos of the manufacturer shall not be placed

immediately adjacent to each other. Where two-piece suits are used, the two (2) logos of the manufacturer shall be placed on one piece each.

The manufacturer's logo has to be calculated taking into consideration the entire surface of the logo, as shown below:



One (1) sponsor's logo of a maximum of 30cm² when worn.

One (1) flag and one (1) country name or code of a maximum size of 50cm² when worn. Repetitions of the national flag, elements thereof or, the colours of the national flag, included as a design element of the swimsuit, shall not be considered under this rule.

Examples:



8.3 Wetsuits

The manufacturer's logo may appear on the front, and/or back, and/or sides of the wetsuit, of a maximum combined size of 80cm² when being worn. This manufacturer's logo space is allowed both on the inside and outside of the wetsuit. If the manufacturer wishes to have two or more logos on the front,

back or sides, the combined total area must not exceed 80cm².

The size of the logo(s) shall be calculated taking into consideration the entire surface of the logo(s), as shown in the examples below:



One (1) sponsor's logo (may appear on the front of the wetsuit) of a maximum of 30cm² when being worn.

There must be a minimum clearance space of 1.5cm around all marks on the wetsuits, including any manufacturer's logo(s) and/or sponsor logo.

There shall be no marks or design/graphic elements on the upper arm or shoulder articulation area of the wetsuits, to allow for the clear application of the competitor race number.

8.4 Product Technology Identification

Where one-piece suits (swimsuits or wetsuits) are used in competition, two (2) Product Technology Identifications shall be permitted, one above the waist and one below the waist, of a maximum size of 10 cm² each when worn, however these identifications shall not be placed immediately adjacent to each other, nor immediately adjacent to any manufacturer's logo. Where two-piece suits are used, one Product Technology Identification may be placed on each piece.

Other clothing: One additional identification allowed on clothing, limited to Product Technology Identifications, with a maximum size of 10 cm².

Product Technology Identifications means the technical identification (which shall not include any identification of the manufacturer, or any part thereof) used on clothing to identify any fabric technology.

8.5 Swimming Caps

One (1) manufacturer's logo of a maximum size of 20cm² on the front.

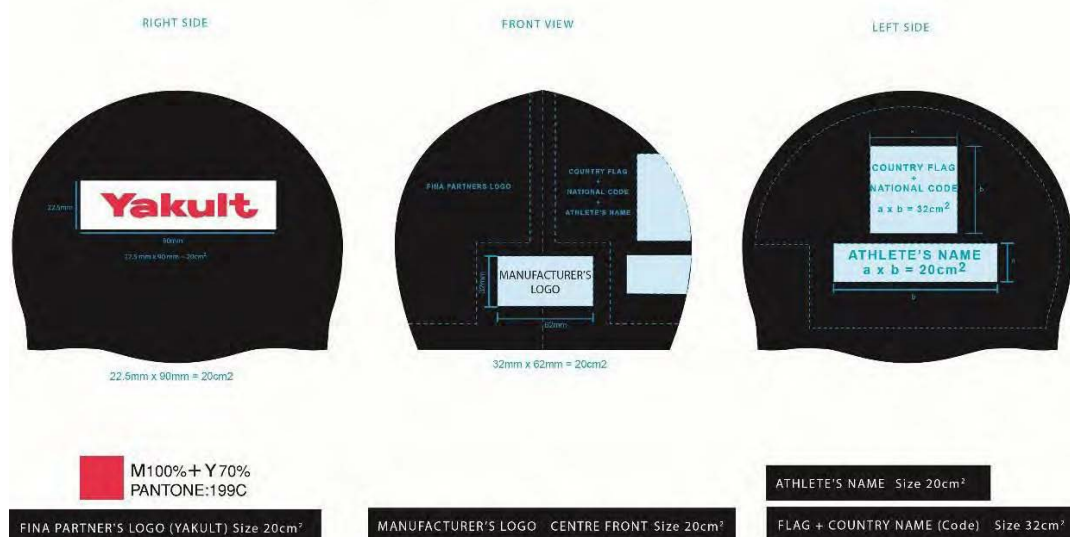
One (1) flag and/or country name (code) of a maximum size of 32cm². The side on which the flag and country name (code) shall be printed will be advised by World Aquatics.

For World Aquatics Championships one (1) World Aquatics Partner's logo of the size decided by World Aquatics on a case by case basis. The side on which the Partner's logo shall be printed will be advised by World Aquatics.

Note: Caps for Open Water Swimming are defined under Rule I.8.6..

Current World Aquatics Swimming Cap Rules

VISUAL PURPOSES ONLY - NOT TO SCALE



For World Aquatics competition, one (1) flag and/or country name (code) of a maximum size of 32cm² can be printed twice (meaning that the flag and country name can appear on both sides of the cap). This to be advised by World Aquatics whenever applicable.

Competitor's name of a maximum size of 20cm². The competitor's name shall be printed on the same side as the flag and country name (code). Printing the competitors' name isn't compulsory.

It is permissible to wear two (2) caps. Both caps must comply with the advertising rules.

8.6 Open Water Swimming Caps

In all Open Water events it is mandatory for the cap to display on each side the "national-three letter code" and may display the swimmer's national flag or the swimmer's name. The country code shall be a minimum of 8cm in height. Caps meeting the specifications of 1.8.5 are not acceptable except for one (1) manufacturer's logo of a maximum size of 20cm² on the front.



ABC

NATIONAL - THREE LETTER CODE
 Shall be a minimum of 8 cm in height

20cm²

MANUFACTURER'S LOGO
 Centre Front / Size 20 cm²

20cm²

ATHLETE'S NAME OR COUNTRY FLAG
 Centre Side / Size 20 cm²

Athlete's name of a maximum size of 20cm²: The competitor's name shall be printed under the country name (three letter code). Displaying the competitor's name is not compulsory.

8.7 Water Polo Caps

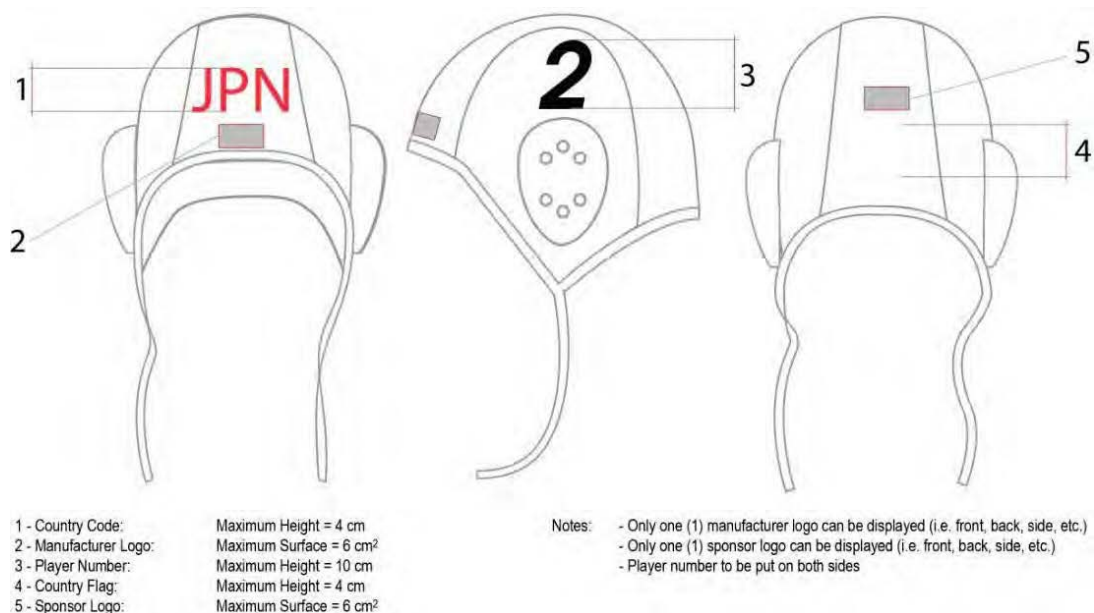
One (1) country code of a maximum height of 4cm on the front side of the cap.

One (1) manufacturer's logo of a maximum size of 6cm² on the front, back or side

One (1) player number of a maximum height of 10cm on both sides of the cap

One (1) country flag of a maximum height of 4cm on the back side of the cap

One (1) sponsor logo (at the discretion of the NF) of a maximum size of 6cm² on the back side



In addition to the above, please refer to Rule VI.APPENDIX B.4.

8.8 Goggles

Two (2) manufacturer logos of a maximum size of 6cm² each are allowed on goggles but only on the spectacle frame or band.

8.9 Competitors Bibs

The maximum size of the Bibs shall be 24cm (width) x 20cm (height).

The height of the digits on the Bibs shall be no less than 6cm and no more than 10cm.

The maximum height of the identification above the digits shall be 6cm. The identification may display the name/ World Aquatics Partner's logo.

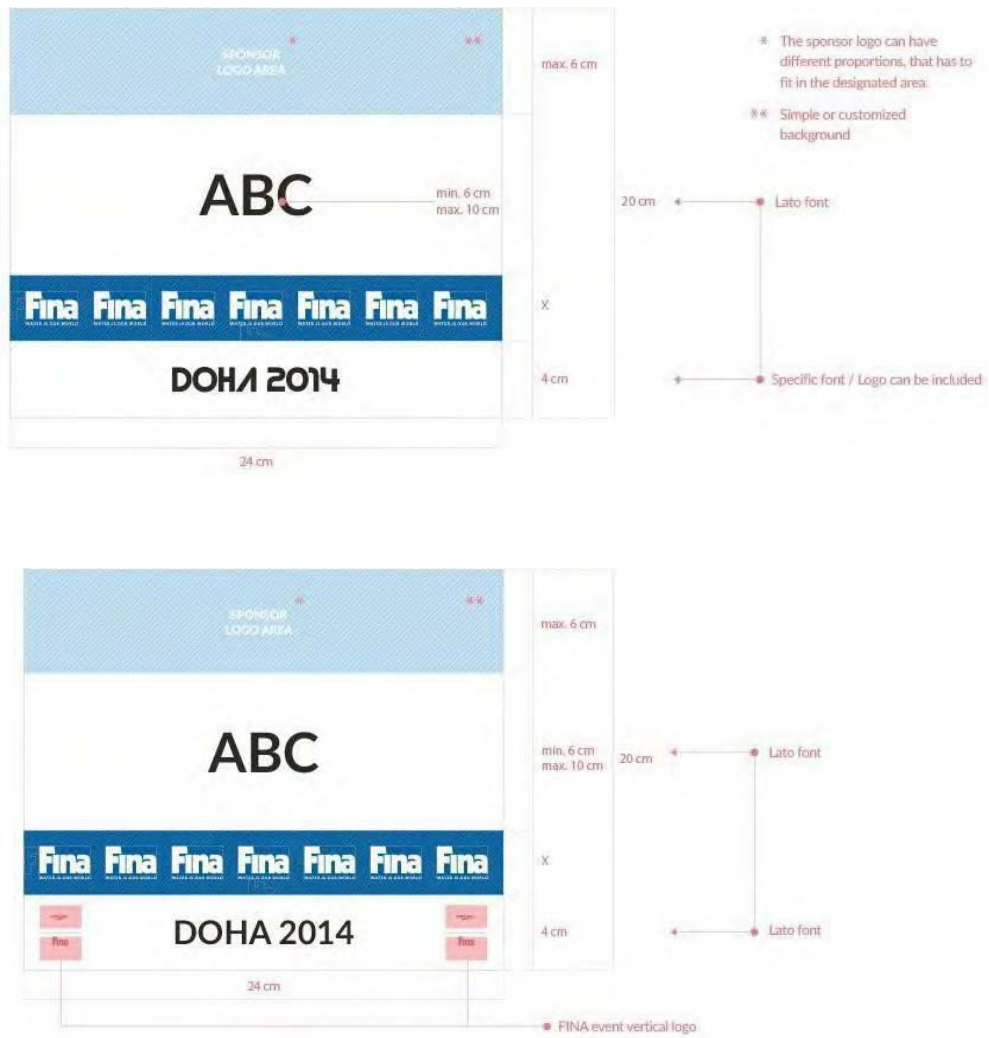
The maximum height of the identification below the digits shall be 4cm. The identification may display the name/logo of the Host City and the year.

The Bibs shall be printed in suitable colours in order to ensure maximum visibility of the digits.

The Bibs must be worn fully visible during Competitors' introduction and award ceremonies.

A Competitor removing the Bib before being presented at the start of an event or before completion of the victory ceremony may be disqualified.

Only one World Aquatics Sponsor may be displayed on Bibs. However, there may be one sponsor for men and another for women at the same Championships.



Bib	Presentation Semi-Final	Presentation Final	Award
SW	Yes	Yes (+ Relay)	Yes
DV	Yes	Yes	Yes
HD	Yes	Yes	Yes
AS	Yes	Yes	Yes
WP	N/A	N/A	Yes
OWS	N/A	N/A	Yes

8.8.1 Each competitor at World Aquatics Championships and World Aquatics competitions must wear on the chest over their tracksuit such advertising as supplied by World Aquatics when being introduced prior to the start of each event and during the victory ceremony.

8.10 Pool deck equipment

A maximum of two (2) advertising identifications of which one shall be of the manufacturer and the other one of a sponsor are permitted, with a maximum size of 40cm² each when worn for any of the clothing items listed below, and a maximum size of 6cm² each for any of the accessories and equipment items listed below.



Identification on clothing must be placed on the top breast side so that Bibs requested by World Aquatics may be worn well visible below.

For upper-body clothing items only, the manufacturer's logo (being a design mark of maximum of 8cm in width) may additionally be displayed in the form of a strip in one of the following positions:

- around the bottom of both sleeves; or
- centered down the outer seam of both sleeves (from the collar across the top of the shoulders down to the bottom of the sleeve).

SAMPLE



For lower-body clothing items only, the manufacturer's logo (being a design mark of maximum of 8cm in width) may additionally be displayed in the form of a strip centered down the outer seam of both legs (from the waistband down to the bottom of the leg).

SAMPLE

- T-shirt (40cm²)
- Polo shirt (40cm²)
- Casual shirt (40cm²)
- Sweat shirt (40cm²)
- Bath robe (40cm²)
- Tracksuit top (40cm²)
- Pants (40cm²)
- Shorts (40cm²)
- Skirts (40cm²)



- Windbreaker (40cm²)
- Towels (6cm²)
- Baseball caps (6cm²)
- Hats (6cm²)
- Socks (6cm²)
- Footwear (6cm²)
- Bags (not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm²)

- 8.11 Any body advertisement, in particular displayed on the competitor's body, is forbidden in any way whatsoever.
- 8.12 Advertising for hard alcohol (greater than 15% alcohol), tobacco-based products, vapor-based smoking and sport gambling is prohibited. However, advertising for soft alcohol (less than 15% alcohol) and games of chance (e.g. state-sponsored lotteries) are allowed.
- 8.13 Any advertising identifications which are not indicated in these regulations are not permitted. In the event that any clothing or other items of equipment contravenes these regulations, the competitor must immediately remove the offending item(s) and replace it/them with clothing that complies with World Aquatics Rules. In the event that the breach is not immediately remedied the competitor may be requested to wear attire provided by the event organizer.
- 8.14 World Aquatics reserves the right to request Federations taking part in World Aquatics Championships and World Aquatics Competitions to present any advertising identification in this rule for examination and approval of World Aquatics prior to the event in question.

9. MEDICAL RULES

9.1 Introduction

World Aquatics, in accomplishing its mission, should take care that Aquatics is practised without danger to the health of the Athletes and with respect for fair play and sports ethics. To that end, it takes the measures necessary to preserve the health of Athletes and to minimise the risks of physical injury and psychological harm. It also protects the Athletes in their relationships with physicians and other health care providers.

This objective can be achieved only through an ongoing education based on the ethical values of sport and on each individual's responsibility in protecting his or her health and the health of others.

The Rules of the present Section recalls the basic rules regarding best medical practices in the domain of sport and the safeguarding of the rights and health of the Athletes. It supports and encourages the adoption of specific measures to achieve that objective. It complements and reinforces the World Anti- Doping Code and reflects the general principles recognised in the international codes of medical ethics.

9.2 Scope

The Medical Rules apply to all Athletes in the Aquatics sports activities governed by World Aquatics, in competition as well as out of competition.

World Aquatics is free to grant wider protection to their athletes.

The Medical Rules apply without prejudice to the national and international ethical, legal and regulatory requirements that are more favourable to the protection of the health, rights and interests of the athletes.

9.3 Relationships between Athletes and Health Care Providers

9.3.1 General Principles

9.3.1.1 Athletes are entitled to the same fundamental rights as all patients in their relationships with physicians and health care providers, in particular the right to respect for:

- their human dignity;
- their physical and mental integrity
- the protection of their health and safety;
- their self-determination; and
- their privacy and confidentiality.

9.3.1.2 The relationship between Athletes, their personal physician, the team physician and other health care providers must be protected and subject to mutual respect. The health and the welfare of Athletes must prevail over the sole interest of competition and other economic, legal or

political considerations. Unless otherwise specified, health care providers include physicians (e.g. personal, team or event physicians), nurses, physiotherapists, dentists, dieticians and paramedics.

9.3.2 Information

Athletes have the right to be informed in a clear and appropriate way about their health status and their diagnosis; preventive measures; proposed medical interventions, together with the risks and benefits of each intervention; alternatives to proposed interventions, including the consequences of non-treatment for their health and for their return to sports practice; and the prognosis and progress of treatment and rehabilitation measures.

9.3.3 Consent

9.3.3.1 The voluntary and informed consent of the Athletes is required for any medical intervention. This consent can be made verbally or by a written document.

9.3.3.2 Particular care should be taken to avoid pressures from the entourage (e.g., coach, management, family, etc.) and other Athletes, so that Athletes can make fully informed decisions, taking into account the risks associated with practising a sport with a diagnosed injury or disease.

9.3.3.3 Athletes have the right to refuse or to interrupt a medical intervention. The consequences of such a decision must be carefully explained to them.

9.3.3.4 Athletes are encouraged to designate a person who can act on their behalf in the event of incapacity. They can also define in writing the way they wish to be treated and give any other instruction they deem necessary.

9.3.3.5 With the exception of emergency situations, when Athletes are unable to consent personally to a medical intervention, the authorisation of their legal representative or of the person designated by the Athletes for this purpose is required, after they have received the necessary information.

When the legal representative has to give authorisation, athletes, whether minors or adults, must nevertheless assent to the medical intervention to the fullest extent of their capacity.

9.3.3.6 The consent of the Athletes is required for the collection, preservation, analysis and use of any biological sample.

9.3.3.7 Refusal to consent to provide a biological sample for doping control purposes is a doping offence subject to punishment in accordance with the World Aquatics Doping Control Rules.

9.3.4 Confidentiality and Privacy

9.3.4.1 All information about an athlete's health status, diagnosis, prognosis, treatment, rehabilitation measures and all other personal information must be kept confidential, even after the death of the athlete.

9.3.4.2 Confidential information may be disclosed only if the athlete gives explicit consent thereto, or if the law expressly provides for this. Consent may be presumed when, to the extent necessary for the athlete's treatment, information is disclosed to other health care providers directly involved in his or her health care.

9.3.4.3 All identifiable medical data on Athletes must be protected. The protection of the data must be appropriate to the manner of their storage. Likewise, biological samples from which identifiable data can be derived must be protected.

9.3.4.4 Athletes have the right of access to, and a copy of, their complete medical record. Such access excludes data concerning or provided by third parties.

9.3.4.5 Athletes have the right to demand the rectification of erroneous medical data.

9.3.4.6 An intrusion into the private life of an Athlete is permissible only if it is necessary for diagnosis, treatment and care, and the Athlete consents to it, or if it is legally required. Such intrusion is also permissible pursuant to any anti-doping provisions (World Anti-Doping Code and World Aquatics Doping Control Rules).

9.3.4.7 Any medical intervention must respect privacy. This means that a given intervention may be carried out in the presence of only those persons who are necessary for the intervention, unless the Athlete expressly consents or requests otherwise.

9.3.5 Care and Treatment

9.3.5.1 Athletes have the right to receive such health care as is appropriate to their needs, including preventive care, activities aimed at health promotion and rehabilitation measures. Services should be continuously available and accessible to all equitably, without discrimination and according to the financial, human and material resources available for such purpose.

9.3.5.2 Athletes have the right to a quality of care marked both by high technical standards and by the professional and respectful attitude of health care providers. They have the right to continuity of care, including cooperation between all health care providers and establishments which are involved in their diagnosis, treatment and care.

9.3.5.3 During training and competition abroad, Athletes have the right to the necessary health care, which if possible, should be provided by their personal physician or the team physician. They also have the right to receive emergency care prior to returning home.

9.3.5.4 Athletes have the right to choose and change their own physician, health care provider or health care establishment, provided that this is compatible with the functioning of the health care system. They have the right to request a second medical opinion.

9.3.5.5 Athletes have the right to be treated with dignity in relation to their diagnosis, treatment, care and rehabilitation, in accordance with their culture, tradition and values. They have the right to enjoy support from family, relatives and friends during the course of care and treatment, and to receive spiritual support and guidance.

9.3.5.6 Athletes have the right to relief of their suffering according to the latest recognised medical knowledge. Treatments with an analgesic effect, which allow an athlete to practise a sport with an injury or illness, should be carried out only after careful consideration and consultation with the athlete and other health care providers. If there is a long-term risk to the Athlete's health, such treatment should not be given. Procedures that are solely for the purpose of masking pain or other protective symptoms in order to enable the Athlete to practise a sport with an injury or illness should not be administered if, in the absence of such procedures, his or her participation would be medically inadvisable or impossible.

9.3.6 Rights and Duties of Health Care Providers

9.3.6.1 The same ethical principles that apply to the current practice of medicine apply to sports medicine. The principal duties of the physicians and other health care providers include:

- making the health of the Athletes a priority;
- doing no harm.

9.3.6.2 Health care providers who care for Athletes must have the necessary education, training and experience in sports medicine, and must keep their knowledge up to date. They have a duty to understand the physical and emotional demands placed upon Athletes during training and competition, as well as the commitment and necessary capacity to support the extraordinary physical and emotional endurance that sport requires.

9.3.6.3 Athletes' health care providers must act in accordance with the latest recognised medical knowledge and, when available, evidence-based medicine. They must refrain from performing any intervention that is not medically indicated, even at the request of the Athletes, their entourage or another health care provider. Health care providers must also refuse to provide a false medical certificate

concerning the fitness of an athlete to participate in training or competition.

9.3.6.4 When the health of Athletes is at risk, health care providers must strongly discourage them from continuing training or competition and inform them of the risks. In the case of serious danger to the Athlete, or when there is a risk to third parties (athletes of the same team, opponents, family, the public, etc.), health care providers may also inform the competent persons or authorities, even against the will of the Athletes, about their unfitness to participate in training or competition.

9.3.6.5 Health care providers must oppose any sports or physical activity that is not appropriate to the stage of growth, development, general condition of health, and level of training of children. They must act in the best interest of the health of the children or adolescents, without regard to any other interests or pressures from the entourage (e.g. coach, management, family, etc.) or other Athletes.

9.3.6.6 Health care providers must disclose when they are acting on behalf of third parties (e.g. club, federation, organiser, NOC, etc.). They must personally explain to the athletes the reasons for the examination and its outcome, as well as the nature of the information provided to third parties. In principle, the Athlete's physician should be informed.

9.3.6.7 When acting on behalf of third parties, health care providers must limit the transfer of information to what is essential. In principle, they may indicate only the Athlete's fitness or unfitness to participate in training or competition. With the Athlete's consent, the health care providers may provide other information concerning the Athlete's participation in sport in a way compatible with his or her health status.

9.3.6.8 At sports venues, it is the responsibility of the team or competition physician to determine whether an injured Athlete may continue in or return to the competition. This decision may not be delegated to other professionals or personnel. In the absence of the competent physician, these individuals must adhere strictly to the instructions that he or she has provided. At all times, the priority must be to safeguard the health and safety of athletes. The outcome of the competition must never influence such decisions.

9.3.6.9 When necessary, the team or competition physician must ensure that injured Athletes have access to specialised care, by organising medical follow-up by recognised specialists.

9.4 Protection and Promotion of the Athlete's Health during Training and Competition

9.4.1 General Principles

9.4.1.1 No practice constituting any form of physical injury or psychological harm to athletes is permissible. The members of the Olympic Movement ensure that the athletes' conditions of safety, well-being and medical care are favourable to their physical and mental equilibrium. They must adopt the necessary measures to achieve this end and to minimise the risk of injuries and illness. The participation of sports physicians is desirable in the drafting of such measures.

9.4.1.2 In each sports discipline, minimal safety requirements must be defined and applied with a view to protecting the health of the Athletes and the public during training and competition. Depending on the sport and the level of competition, specific rules are adopted regarding the sports venues, the safe environmental conditions, the sports equipment authorised or prohibited, and the training and competition programmes. The specific needs of each Athlete category must be respected.

9.4.1.3 For the benefit of all concerned, measures to safeguard the health of the Athletes and to minimise the risks of physical injury and psychological harm must be publicised in order to benefit all those concerned.

9.4.1.4 The measures for the protection and the promotion of the athletes' health must be based on the latest recognised medical knowledge.

9.4.1.5 Research in sports medicine and sports sciences is encouraged. It must be conducted in accordance with the recognised principles of research ethics, in particular the Helsinki Declaration adopted by the World Medical Association (Edinburgh, 2000), and the applicable law. It must never be conducted in a manner which could harm an Athlete's health or jeopardise his or her performance. The voluntary and informed consent of the athletes to participate in such research is required.

9.4.1.6 Advances in sports medicine and sports science must not be withheld, and must be published and widely disseminated.

9.4.2 Fitness to Practise a Sport

9.4.2.1 Except when there are symptoms or a significant family medical history, the practice of Aquatics sport for all does not require undergoing a fitness test. The choice to undergo such a test is the responsibility of the personal physician.

9.4.2.2 For competitive sport, Athletes may be required to present a medical certificate confirming that there are no apparent contraindications. The fitness test should be based on the latest recognised medical knowledge and performed by a specially trained physician.

9.4.2.3 A pre-participation medical test is recommended for high level Athletes. It should be performed under the responsibility of a specially trained physician.

9.4.2.4 Any genetic test that attempts to gauge a particular capacity to practise a sport constitutes a medical evaluation to be performed solely under the responsibility of a specially trained physician.

9.4.3 Medical Support

9.4.3.1 In each sports discipline, guidelines must be established regarding the necessary medical support depending on the nature of the sports activities and the level of competition.

These guidelines must define, but not be limited to, the following points:

- the medical coverage of training and competition venues and how this is organised;
- the necessary resources (supplies, premises, vehicles, etc.);
- the procedures in case of emergencies;
- the system of communication between the medical support services, the organisers and the competent health authorities.

9.4.3.2 In the case of a serious incident occurring during training or competition, there must be procedures to provide the necessary support to those injured, by evacuating them to the competent medical services when needed. The Athletes, coaches and persons associated with the sports activity must be informed of those procedures and receive the necessary training for their implementation.

9.4.3.3 To reinforce safety in the practice of sports, a mechanism must exist to allow for data collection with regard to injuries sustained during training or competition. When identifiable, such data must be collected with the consent of those concerned, and be treated confidentially and in accordance with the recognised ethical principles of research.

10. FACILITIES

10.1 General

The present Section related to Facilities is intended to provide the best possible environment for competitive use and training. This section does not intend to govern issues related to the general public. It is the responsibility of the owner or controller of a facility to provide supervision for activities undertaken by the general public.

10.2 Pools

10.2.1 World Aquatics Olympic Standard Pools.

All World Championships (except the Masters World Championships) and Olympic Games must be held in pools that comply with the Facility Rules of each Discipline (see Sections III to IX).

10.2.2 World Aquatics General Standard Pools

Other World Aquatics events should be held in World Aquatics Olympic Standard Pools, but the Bureau may waive certain standards for existing pools if they do not materially interfere with the competitions.

10.2.3 World Aquatics Minimum Standard Pools

All other events held under World Aquatics Rules should be conducted in pools that comply with all of the minimum standards contained within this section.

10.3 Automatic Officiating Equipment

At Olympic Games and World Aquatics Championships, the approved Automatic Officiating Equipment, including Video Judging Equipment shall be provided and used. The approved Video Judging Equipment shall be used to initiate stroke infraction calls, confirm stroke infraction calls or assist the Referee to overturn calls made on the pool deck.

10.4 Availability of Venues

For the World Aquatics Championships all venues shall be available for use at least five (5) days before the opening ceremony.

For all other World Aquatics events all pools shall be available for use by entered competitors before the competition begins. Swimming, Open Water Swimming, Water Polo, Artistic Swimming - five (5) days prior, Diving, High Diving - eight (8) days prior.

10.4.1 Training

During the competition days, the pools shall be available for training when competitions are not in progress.

10.5 Seating

Seating positions along the side of the pool shall be provided for all competitors, team officials and unassigned technical officials, from which they may properly observe training and competitions.

10.6 New competition equipment (e.g. Starting blocks, lane-ropes, etc.) must be available by 1st January in the year of the Olympic Games and World Aquatics Championships.

10.7 At the Olympic Games, World Aquatics Championships, World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) and World Aquatics Junior Swimming Championships, it shall be the responsibility of the Chairperson of the World Aquatics Technical Swimming Committee (or his/her designee) to determine if a Competitor may receive an additional opportunity to compete in the situation when there is a mechanical or technical malfunction that affects the Competitor.

Example: if the lane-line on either side of a competitor snaps during the first 20m of a 100m race, the Technical Swimming Committee Chairperson may grant the allowance to re-swim the race.

At all other competitions, in the event of an equipment malfunction during a swimming race, the Referee may offer all competitors affected by such malfunction the opportunity to compete again.

10.8 In order to protect the health and safety of persons using swimming facilities for the purposes of recreation, training and competition, owners of public pools or pools restricted only to training and competition must comply with the requirements established by law and the health authorities in the country where the pool is situated.

11. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

11.1 General

The Judges nominated must be of the same nationality as the World Aquatics Member proposing them and fully certified by the respective Technical Committee. A naturalised Judge would be eligible to represent the World Aquatics Member that proposed him/her, if he/she will have lived in the territory of that Member for at least one year prior to that competition. A three- year transition period is required between the international representation of two different Members.

The World Aquatics Technical Committees will propose Technical Officials (Judges and Referees) to act at the Olympic Games or World Championships from the current World Aquatics Officials Lists in the respective discipline, for approval by the World Aquatics Bureau or World Aquatics Executive.

For no show of nominated Officials, the respective Federation will be fined 2'000 Swiss Francs.

11.2 Age

The maximum age of Technical Officials (Judges, Starters and Referees) when officiating at World Aquatics Championships or World Aquatics Competitions, except Masters and Water Polo, shall be sixty-five (65) years when application is made for the respective World Aquatics List.

For Water Polo, the age limit shall be sixty (60) years during the year of competition.

11.3 Technical Lists

Technical Officials must be on current World Aquatics Lists approved by the respective Technical Committee for the Aquatics discipline in order to officiate at Olympic Games, World Aquatics Championships or World Aquatics Competitions. Nominated officials must be members of the nominating Federation and certified by the Member Federation in submitting their nomination.

12. SCORES, MEDALS AND TROPHIES

12.1 Scores and awards at the World Aquatics Championships & World Aquatics World Swimming Championships (25m)

In all World Aquatics Championships points, and awards are distributed as follows:

12.1.1 Swimming

12.1.1.1 Medals

Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals shall be awarded to the first three places in individual and relay final competitions. In swimming relays when preliminaries are swum, medals shall be awarded to those

swimmers who have participated in the heats and/or the final.

In Swimming, in case of equal times, medals shall be awarded as

follows: 1st place: 2 Gold – no Silver, 1 Bronze

2nd place: 1 Gold, 2 Silver – no

Bronze 3rd place: 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 2 Bronze

In case of 3 equal times medals shall be awarded as

follows: 1st place: 3 Gold – no Silver, no Bronze

2nd place: 1 Gold, 3 Silver – no

Bronze 3rd place: 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 3 Bronze

12.1.1.2 Diplomas

Using 8 lanes in Swimming, diplomas shall be awarded to all eight finalists in individual events and to the first eight finalists in relay competitions.

In swimming relays when preliminaries are swum, diplomas shall be awarded to those swimmers who have participated in the heats and/or the final.

12.1.1.3 Trophies

12.1.1.3.1 Team Trophy

World Aquatics Team Trophy for the top scoring team based on the following points:

Individual using 8 lanes:

Places 1 – 16: 18, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 points

Relays using 8 lanes:

Places 1 – 8: 36, 32, 30, 28, 26, 24, 22, 20 points.

12.1.1.3.2 Individual Trophies

World Aquatics Individual Trophies for the top scoring male and female based upon the following points:

First Place 5 points

Second Place 3 points

Third Place 2 points

Fourth Place 1 point

Individual World Record 2 points for each record broken

If there is a tie, the World Aquatics Points Table shall be used, and a decision made by the World Aquatics.

12.1.2 Open Water Swimming

12.1.2.1 Medals

Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals shall be awarded to the first three places in each individual and team events.

In Open Water Swimming, in case of equal places, medals shall be awarded as follows:

1st place: 2 Gold – no Silver, 1

Bronze 2nd place: 1 Gold, 2 Silver – no

Bronze 3rd place: 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 2 Bronze

In case of 3 equal places medals shall be awarded as follows: 1st place: 3 Gold – no Silver, no Bronze

2nd place: 1 Gold, 3 Silver – no

Bronze 3rd place: 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 3 Bronze

12.1.2.2 Diplomas

Diplomas shall be awarded to all eight finalists in each individual events and to the first eight finalists in team events.

12.1.2.3 Trophy

A special Team Trophy shall be given based upon the following points added from the three individual events (5, 10 and 25 km) and mixed team events.

18 (1st place), 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 points

12.1.3 Diving

12.1.3.1 Medals

Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals shall be awarded to the first three places in individual, synchronised and team events.

12.1.3.2 Diplomas

Diplomas shall be awarded to all eight finalists in each individual events and to the first six finalists in each synchronised and team events.

12.1.3.3 Trophies

A Team Trophy shall be given to the top scoring team based on the following points:

Individual diving events:

18-16-14-12-10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1 points

Synchronised diving events (12 finalists):

27-24-21-18-15-12-9-7,5-6-4,5-3-1,5 points.

Team Event

27-24-21-18-15-12-9-7,5-6-4,5-3-1,5 points

12.1.4 High Diving

12.1.4.1 Medals

Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals shall be awarded to the first three ranked Competitors in each event.

12.1.4.2 Diplomas

Diplomas shall be awarded to first eight finalists in each event.

12.1.5 Water Polo

12.1.5.1 Medals

Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals shall be awarded to all the players of the first three teams.

12.1.5.2 Diplomas

Diplomas shall be awarded to all the players of the first six teams.

12.1.5.3 Trophies

A trophy shall be given to the best scorer (men and women) and goalkeeper (men and women) of the championships.

12.1.6 Artistic Swimming

12.1.6.1 Medals

Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals shall be awarded to first three Competitors or teams in each individual, solo, duet, mixed duet and team events.

12.1.6.2 Diplomas

Diplomas shall be awarded to the first eight finalists in solo and duet events and to the first six finalists in team and free combination events.

12.1.6.3 Trophy

A Team Trophy shall be given to the best team of the championships based on the following points:

Solo, Technical Routine:

12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 points

Solo, Free Routine:

12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 points

Duet, Technical Routine:

18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7 points

Duet, Free Routine:

18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7 points

Mixed Duet Technical Routine

18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7 points

Mixed Duet Free Routine

18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7 points

Team Technical Routine:

24, 22, 20, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2 points

Team Free Routine:

24, 22, 20, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2 points

Free Combination:

24, 22, 20, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2 points

Acrobatic Routine:

24, 22, 20, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2 points

12.1.7 In case of a tie, the highest points shall be awarded to each competitor or relay team.

12.1.8 Commemorative Medals:

Commemorative medals may be given to all those connected officially with the World Aquatics Championships.

12.2 World Aquatics Junior Open Water Swimming Championships

13.2.1 Awards

13.2.1.1 Medals

Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals shall be awarded to the first three places in each individual and team events. Where equal places occur the award of medals shall be as described in 12.1.2.1

13.2.1.1 Trophy

A special Team Trophy shall be given based upon the following points added from the three individual events (5, 7.5 and 10km) and mixed team events.

18 (1st place), 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 points

12.3 World Aquatics Junior Artistic Swimming Championships

The Junior Worlds over all Championship Title will be awarded to the Member Federation with the over- all highest raw score determined by combining results for all events.

13. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

13.1 Protests

13.1.1 Protests are possible

- (a) if the rules and regulations for the conduct of the competition are not observed,
- (b) if other conditions endanger the competitions and/or competitors, or
- (c) against decisions of the referee; however, no protest shall be allowed against decisions of fact.

13.1.2 Protest must be submitted

- (a) to the referee,
- (b) in writing on World Aquatics Forms,
- (c) by the responsible team leader,
- (d) together with a deposit of 500 Swiss Francs or its equivalent, and
- (e) within 30 minutes following the conclusion of the respective event or match.

If conditions causing a potential protest are noted prior to the event a protest must be lodged before the signal to start is given.

13.1.3 All protests shall be considered by the referee. If the referee rejects the protest, referee must state the reasons for her/his decision. The team leader

may appeal the rejection to the Jury of Appeal whose decision shall be final. In Olympic Games and World Aquatics Championships, the Commission in each discipline shall consider the protest and give recommendations to the Jury of Appeal.

13.1.4 If the protest is rejected, the deposit will be forfeited to the management body of the competition. If the protest is upheld, the deposit will be returned.

13.1.5 In Diving, an oral complaint may be made by the competitor or a responsible team official immediately after the execution of a dive, a round of dives, or a section of the contest. If the complaint is not accepted, a formal protest may be made as in the above I.14.1.2.

13.2 Jury of Appeal

13.2.1 For Olympic Games and World Aquatics Championships, the Jury of Appeal shall be composed of the Bureau Members and Honorary Members present with the President or in his absence a Vice President, as Chairman. For all other World Aquatics competitions, the Jury of Appeal shall be the World Aquatics delegate together with any Bureau Members or members of the appropriate Technical Committee present, with the delegate as chairman. Each member shall have one vote, except as provided hereunder, and in case of equality of voting, the Chairman has a casting vote.

13.2.2 A jury member is allowed to speak, but not to vote, on a case in which the interest of her/his own Federation is involved. A jury member having acted as an official is not allowed to vote on a case if there is a protest against her/his decision or on her/his interpretation of a Rule. In case of urgency, the jury may vote on a matter even if it has not been possible to call all the members. The decision of the jury is final.