

EUROPEAN WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS

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In addition to the LEN General Events Rules the following

REGULATIONS

Shall apply:

EC – WP 1

Events and Organisation

EC – WP 1.1

The Championships shall be held in two (2) parts separately for Men and Women each.

EC – WP 1.2

The Men Championships shall be held in four (4) stages:

- Qualification Round I
- Qualification Round II
- Play Off
- Final Round

EC – WP 1.3

The Championships shall be held over a time period of maximum 24 months and shall be finished in the even year.

EC – WP 2

EUROPEAN WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS MEN

EC – WP 2.1

Event & Participation

EC – WP 2.1.1

Every Federation may enter one (1) team

EC – WP 2.1.2

The Final Round shall be held with Sixteen (16) teams, including the team of the Organising Federation.

EC – WP 2.1.3

The Team of the Organising Federation is automatically qualified for the Final Round.

The first eight (8) classified teams from the previous championship are automatically qualified to the final round

In case the team of the Federation organising the final round is not among the qualified teams the number of teams to qualify automatically shall be 7 plus the team of the organising Federation.

The team ranked 9th to 16th from the previous championship are automatically qualified to the play off

EC – WP 2.1.4 The eight teams not qualified to the European Water Polo Championships shall play the Qualification Round II.

EC – WP 2.1.5 All the other teams entered shall play the Qualification Round I

EC – WP 2.2 Qualification Round I (Stage I)

EC – WP 2.2.1 The teams participating in the Qualification Round I shall be drawn into two (2) groups of six (6) teams

In case more or less than the above mentioned number of teams will be entered, the LEN TWPC may decide on a different system.

EC – WP 2.2.2 Each of the 2 groups to be played in a tournament at two different venues.

EC – WP 2.2.3 In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams on a round robin system
Each team shall play only one match per day.
Exceptions may be decided.

EC – WP 2.2.4 All matches shall be played the normal time.

EC – WP 2.2.5 The teams classified 1st and 2nd in each of the two (2) groups shall qualify for the Qualification Round II .
The remaining teams will play the qualifications to the FINA development Trophy.

EC – WP 2.3 Qualification Round II (Stage II)

EC – WP 2.3.1 The Qualification Round II shall be held with twelve (12) teams

EC – WP 2.3.2 The eight teams not qualified to the previous edition of the Championships.
The four teams classified from the Qualification Round I

EC – WP 2.3.3 The twelve (12) teams participating in the Qualification Round II shall be drawn into two (2) groups of six (6) teams

EC – WP 2.3.4 The seeding shall be according to the classification of the previous Championship and the ranking of the Qualification round I.

Each of the 2 groups to be played in a tournament at two different venues.

- EC – WP 2.3.5 In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams on a round robin system
Each team shall play only one match per day.
Exceptions may be decided.
- EC – WP 2.3.6 All matches shall be played the normal time.
- EC – WP 2.3.7 The first four teams classified from each of the two (2) groups shall qualify for the play off.
- EC – WP 2.4 Play Off (Stage III)**
- EC – WP 2.4.1 The Play Off shall be held with sixteen (16) teams.
- EC – WP 2.4.2. The eight (8) teams classified 9th to 16th from the previous Championship shall play against the eight (8) teams classified from the Qualification Round II on a home and away basis.
- EC – WP 2.4.3 The seeding and the schedule of matches to be played shall be decided by draw, however in a manner that the 1st classified teams in the Qualification Round II shall play against one of the teams placed 15th or 16th from the previous Championship, the 2nd classified teams in the Qualification Round II shall play against one of the teams placed 13th and 14th from the previous championships, the 3rd classified teams in the Qualification Round II shall play against one of the teams placed 11th and 12th from the previous Championship and consequently the 4th classified teams in the Qualification Round II shall play against one of the teams placed 9th or 10th from the previous championship.
- EC – WP 2.3.4 All matches shall be played the normal time.
- EC – WP 2.3.5 In case, after the two matches, there is equality in the added scores, the second match shall be played to a final result.
- EC – WP 2.3.6 The eight (8) winning teams shall qualify for the Final Round.
- EC – WP 2.4 Final Round (Stage IV)**
- EC – WP 2.4.1 The Final Round shall be held in one Tournament (Final Tournament) with sixteen (16) teams:
- a) The eight (8) teams directly qualified according to EC – WP 2.1.3
 - b) The eight (8) winning teams of the Play Off (EC – WP 2.3.6)
- EC – WP 2.4.2 The teams shall be drawn into four (4) groups with four teams each (Group A, B, C and D)

EC – WP 2.4.3 The draw shall be held according to the following system:
1st batch: The teams ranked first to fourth at the previous Championship.
2nd batch: The teams ranked fifth to eight at the previous Championship;
3rd Batch: The teams qualified through the Play off (EC-WP 2.3.6). In case the team of the host country was not ranked amongst the first eight teams at the previous Championship, this team goes in this batch.

EC – WP 2.4.4 In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams as follows:

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
1 A1 – A3	9 B4 – B3	17 C1 – C4
2 A2 – A4	10 B1 – B2	18 C2 – C3
3 B1 – B3	11 C4 – C3	19 D1 – D4
4 B2 – B4	12 C1 – C2	20 D2 – D3
5 C1 – C3	13 D4 – D3	21 A1 – A4
6 C2 – C4	14 D1 – D2	22 A2 – A3
7 D1 – D3	15 A4 – A3	23 B1 – B4
8 D2 – D4	16 A1 – A2	24 B2 – B3

EC – WP 2.4.5 The first placed teams in Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D have a bye.

EC - WP 2.5

Ranking Games

The second and third placed teams in Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D play against each other in a cross group format.

The fourth placed teams in each of Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D form a new group will consist of Four (4) teams. They shall play for places 13th – 16th in cross group format.

EC – WP 2.5.1 Day 4 (ranking games)
25 4A – 4C
26 4B – 4D
27 2A – 3C
28 3A – 2C
29 2B – 3D
30 3B – 2D

EC – WP 2.6

Quarter Final round

EC – WP 2.6.1 Day 5
31 Loser Game 25 – Loser Game 26 (15th - 16th place)
32 Winner Game 25 – Winner Game 26 (13th- 14th place)
33 Loser Game 27 – Loser Game 29
34 Loser Game 28 – Loser Game 30
35 1D – Winner Game 27
36 1B – Winner Game 28
37 1C – Winner Game 29
38 1A – Winner game 30

EC – WP 2.7 Semifinal Round

- EC – WP 2.7.1 Day 6
39 Loser Game 33 – Loser Game 34 (11th – 12th place)
40 Winner Game 33 – Winner Game 34 (9th – 10th place)
41 Loser Game 35 – Loser Game 37
42 Loser Game 36 – Loser Game 38
43 Winner Game 35 – Winner Game 37
44 Winner Game 36 – Winner Game 38

EC – WP 2.8 Final Round

- EC – WP 2.8.1 45 Loser Game 41 – Loser Game 42 (7th – 8th place).
46 Winner Game 41 – Winner Game 42 (5th – 6th place)
47 Loser Game 43 – Loser Game 44 (3rd – 4th place)
48 Winner Game 43 – Winner Game 44 (1st – 2nd place)
- EC – WP 2.8.2 The team ranked 1st shall be declared «European Water Polo Champion Men».
It shall be awarded a Trophy, engraved with this title.

EC – WP 3 EUROPEAN WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS WOMEN

EC – WP 3.1 Event & Participation

- EC – WP 3.1.1 Every Federation may enter one (1) team
- EC – WP 3.1.2 The Final Tournament shall be held with twelve (12) teams, including the team of the Organising Federation.
- EC – WP 3.1.3 The first six (6) classified teams from the previous Championship are automatically qualified for the Final Round.
In case the Team of the Federation organising the Final Tournament is not amongst the qualified teams, the number of teams to qualify automatically shall be five (5) plus the team of the Organising Federation.
The teams ranked 7th to 12th from the previous Championship are automatically qualified for the Play Off.
- EC – WP 3.1.4 The six teams not qualified to the previous Championship shall play the Qualification Round II.
- EC – WP 3.1.5 All the other teams entered shall play the Qualification Round I

EC – WP 3.2 Qualification Round (Stage I)

EC – WP 3.2.1 The teams participating in the Qualification Round I shall be drawn into two (2) groups of four (4) teams.

In case more or less than the above mentioned number of teams will be entered, the LEN TWPC may decide on a different system.

EC – WP 3.2.2 Each of the two groups shall play a tournament at two different venues.

EC – WP 3.2.3 In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams on a round robin system
Each team shall play only one match per day.
Exceptions may be decided.

EC – WP 3.2.4 All matches shall be played the normal time.

EC – WP 3.2.5 The teams classified 1st and 2nd in each of the two (2) groups shall qualify for the Qualification Round II.

EC – WP 3.3 Qualification Round II (Stage II)

EC – WP 3.3.1 The teams participating in the Qualification Round shall be drawn into two (2) groups of five (5) teams.

EC – WP 3.3.2 The seeding shall be according to the classification of the previous Championship and the Qualification Round I.

Each of the two groups shall play a tournament at two different venues.

EC – WP 3.2.3 In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams on a round robin system

Each team shall play only one match per day.
Exceptions may be decided.

EC – WP 3.2.4 All matches shall be played the normal time.

EC – WP 3.2.5 The teams classified 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each of the two (2) groups shall qualify for the playoff.

EC – WP 3.3 Play Off (Stage III)

EC – WP 3.3.1 The Play Off shall be held with twelve (12) teams.

EC – WP 3.3.2 The six (6) teams classified 7th to 12th in the Previous Championship shall

play against the 6 teams classified from the Qualification Round II on a home and away basis.

EC – WP 3.3.3 The seeding and the schedule of matches to be played shall be decided by draw, however in a manner that the 1st classified teams in the Qualification Round II will play against one of the teams placed 11th or 12th from the previous Championship, the 2nd classified teams in the Qualification Round II will play against one of the teams placed 9th or 10th from the previous Championship and consequently the 3rd classified teams in the qualification Round II will play against one of the teams placed 7th or 8th from the previous championship.

EC – WP 3.3.4 All matches shall be played the normal time.

EC – WP 3.3.5 In case, after the two matches, there is equality in the added scores, the second match shall be played to a final result.

EC – WP 3.3.6 The six (6) winning teams shall qualify for the Final Round.

EC – WP 3.4 Final Round (Stage IV)

EC – WP 3.4.1 The Final Round shall be held in one Tournament (Final Tournament) with twelve (12) teams:

- a) The six (6) teams directly qualified according to EC – WP 3.1.3
- b) The six (6) winning teams of the play off (EC – WP 3.3.6)

EC – WP 3.4.2 The teams shall be drawn into two (2) groups with six (6) teams each (Group A and B)

EC – WP 3.4.3 The draw shall be held according to the following system:
1st batch: The teams ranked first and second at the previous Championship
2nd batch: The teams ranked third and fourth at the previous Championship
3rd batch: The teams ranked fifth and sixth at the previous Championship
4rd batch: The teams qualified through the Play off (EC-WP 2.3.6). In case the team of the host country was not ranked amongst the first sixth teams at the previous Championship, this team goes in this batch.

EC – WP 3.5 Preliminary Round

In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams as follows:

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
1 A1 – A6	7 B6 – B4	13 A4 – A5	19 B6 – B5	25 A3 – A6
2 A3 – A4	8 B5 – B3	14 A2 – A6	20 B1 – B4	26 A4 – A2
3 A2 – A5	9 B1 – B2	15 A3 – A1	21 B2 – B3	27 A1 – A5
4 B1 – B6	10 A6 – A4	16 B4 – B5	22 A6 – A5	28 B3 – B6
5 B3 – B4	11 A5 – A3	17 B2 – B6	23 A1 – A4	29 B4 – B2
6 B2 – B5	12 A1 – A2	18 B3 – B1	24 A2 – A3	30 B1 – B5

EC – WP 3.5.1 The teams ranked first to fourth in each group of the Preliminary round are qualified to the quarter finals.

The teams ranked 5th and 6th in each group of the preliminary round shall play for the 9th to 12th places.

EC – WP 3.5 Quarter Finals & ranking games 9th – 12th place

EC - WP 3.5.1

Day 6

31 6A – 6B (11th – 12th)

32 5A – 5B (9th – 10th)

33 1A – 4B

34 2A – 3B

35 3A – 2B

36 4A – 1B

The team ranked 1st in Group A of the Preliminary R. shall play against the team ranked in 4th in Group B (QF 1).

The team ranked 2nd in Group A of the Preliminary R. shall play against the team ranked 3rd in Group B (QF 2).

The ranked 1st in Group B of the preliminary R. shall play against the team ranked 4th in Group A (QF 3)

The ranked 2nd in Group B of the preliminary R. shall play against the team ranked 3rd in Group A (QF 4)

EC – WP 3.6 Semi Final Round

EC – WP 3.6.1

Day 7

37 Loser Game 33 – Loser Game 35

38 Loser Game 34 – Loser Game 36

39 Winner Game 33 – Winner Game 35

40 Winner Game 34 – Winner Game 36

EC – WP 3.7 Final Round

EC – WP 3.7.1

Day 8

41 Loser Game 37 – Loser Game 38 (7th – 8th place)

42 Winner Game 37 – Winner Game 38 (5th – 6th place)

43 Loser Game 39 – Loser Game 40 (3rd – 4th place)

44 Winner Game 39 – Winner Game 40 (1st – 2nd place)

EC – WP3.7.2

The team ranked 1st shall be declared «European Water Polo Champion Women».

It shall be awarded a Trophy, engraved with this title.

EC-WP 4

ENTRIES

EC-WP 4.1

Preliminary Entries and Confirmation of Participation

EC-WP 4.1.1

Preliminary Entries for the European Championships shall be submitted to the LEN Office no later than the date announced by the LEN Office. A Federation having made a Preliminary Entry may withdraw no later than the day before the draw.

EC-WP 4.1.2

Teams qualified for the final round shall confirm their participation to the LEN Office no later than the date announced by the LEN Office.

EC-WP 4.1.3

Time and place of any draw shall be announced by the Secretary of the LEN TWPC and circulated by the LEN Office.

EC-WP 4.2

Named Entries

EC-WP 4.2.1

Named entries of players shall be submitted for each of the following stages to the Secretary of the LEN TWPC and copy to the LEN Office no later than ten (10) days before the first competition of:

- a) the Qualification and Playoff rounds;
- b) the Final round;

The number of players entered the Qualification and Playoff Rounds is **not restricted**.

For the final round up to **twenty (20)** players shall be listed on the official form and before the beginning of the final round.

The players list shall comprise their name, surname and passport number.

The lists of entered players may not be changed after the time limit for its submission.

EC-WP 4.2.2

The names on the lists to be submitted before each of the above mentioned stages may be changed. The list submitted before the final round may not be changed for the further stages of the Championship.

EC-WP 4.2.3

In the Qualification rounds of the Championships at the Technical Meeting before the first match of each tournament, as well as in the Playoff before the matches to be played on home and away basis, thirteen (13) players of those listed on the official form shall be nominated for participation in the competitions.

EC-WP 4.2.4

Nominated players shall be numbered one (1) to thirteen (13) and wear a cap with the number under which he/she is listed. The goalkeeper shall wear a red cap numbered 1 and the substitute goalkeeper shall wear a red cap numbered 13. A player shall not be

allowed to change his cap number during the final stage of the Championships.

EC-WP 4.2.5 The names of the 13 players and the names of the coach and the officials to sit on the bench shall be submitted to the LEN Technical Delegate no later than one hour before the match.
A player suspended for one or more matches due to brutality may not be substituted.

EC-WP 4.2.6 The LEN Technical Delegate shall check the players personal identification documents and ensure that the names of the players are in accordance with the list of entered players and in conformity with Rule E 13.1.

Players who cannot prove identity and citizenship correspondingly to the list of entered players or which are not listed shall not be eligible to play.

EC-WP 4.3 Accreditations

EC-WP 4.3.1 Federations entering any of the Championship events shall receive accreditation free of charge for:

- a) the President of the Federation;
- b) the Head of the Delegation;
- c) the entered competitors;
- d) one medical person per team;
- e) five team staff members per team.

EC-WP 4.3.2 Team staff members include everybody servicing the team: Team Leaders, Chaperones, Coaches, Physiotherapists, Interpreters, etc., but not officials such as judges, referees, etc.

EC-WP 5 REFEREES

EC-WP 5.1 In all stage of the competition, from the Qualification Rounds to the Final each participating Federation shall be financially responsible for a referee affiliated to the Federation and to be nominated by the LEN TWPC.

If no referee affiliated to the Federation may be nominated, the Federation shall be financially responsible for one (1) referee of another Federation to be nominated by the LEN TWPC.

EC-WP 5.2 Additional referees may be appointed at the Final Round

EC-WP 5.3 The appointed members of the LEN TWPC shall nominate for each match the Technical Delegate, the referees and the other officials.

EC-WP 5.4 Referees may be evaluated.

EC-WP 6 CLASSIFICATION

EC-WP 6.1 Scores and Points

EC-WP 6.1.1 Each victory shall count three (3) points for the winning team, each draw one (1) point per team and zero (0) points for the losing team.

EC-WP 6.1.2 The final classification within a group shall be established according to the points gained by each team in all matches of its group.

EC-WP 6.1.3 For each match in which a team is disqualified a goal score of 10:0 shall be awarded to the opposing team.

EC-WP 6.2 Matches to be played to a final result

EC-WP 6.2.1 If a match is to be played to a final result and the match ends with a tie after the normal time, there shall be a penalty shoot out to determine the result.

Note: If a penalty shoot out is necessary, this shall follow the procedures according to FINA Rules.

EC-WP 6.3 Equality of Points

EC – WP 6.3.1 In case of equality of points in groups in which teams are playing **in a tournament at the same venue**, (Qualifications and Final Round) the following shall apply:

- a) If equality of points is between **two (2) teams**, precedence shall be given to the team winning the match in which the two teams played against each other.
 - i) If this has been a tie, precedence shall be given to the team with the largest difference between goals scored for and against.
 - ii) If there is still a tie precedence shall be given to the team having scored the higher number of goals.
 - iii) If there is still a tie precedence shall be given to the team having won the largest number of matches
 - iv) If there is still equality, the classification of the teams shall be decided by lot.
- c) If equality of points is between more than **two (2) teams** the classification shall be established as follows:
 - i) Only the points gained in those matches played among the teams with equal

- points shall be decisive.
- ii) If there is still equality the classification shall be established according to the goal difference from only those matches played among the teams with equal points.
 - iii) If there is still equality the classification shall be established according to the highest number of goals scored in the matches played among the teams with equal points.
 - iv) If there is still equality the classification shall be established according to the goal difference from all matches played in the group.
 - v) If there is still equality the classification shall be established according to the highest number of goals scored in all matches of the group.
 - vi) If there is still equality precedence shall be given to the team having won the largest number of matches.
 - vii) If there is still equality the classification shall be decided by lot.

EC-WP 6.4 Exclusion and Suspension of Teams

EC-WP 6.4.1 The LEN Delegate(s) may exclude a team not complying with the Rules, the Regulations and/or the instructions issued to all participating teams or forfeiting a match.

All results achieved by the excluded team in that stage of the Championships shall be expunged.

EC-WP 6.4.2 The LEN Bureau may suspend a team from a Championship event in case of not complying with the financial liabilities it is responsible for.

EC-WP 7 Financial Regulation

EC-WP 7.1 The organising Federation of any of the Championship events shall provide:

- a) Transport from the nearest airport to the official hotels and back for participating teams, Delegates and Referees;
- b) transport from official hotels to the pool and back for training and competitions for participating teams, Delegates and Referees;
- c) sessions of minimum one (1) hour per day for training preferably in the competition pool one (1) days before the competition.

All other requirements, including the reimbursement of the expenses of

the LEN Delegate(s) and the neutral referees, are as fixed in the relevant Contract (see Rule E 9.4).

EC-WP 7.2

Each **participating Federation** shall be financially responsible for the expenses for accommodation and travel of their team and the referee nominated according to EC-WP 5.1.