

2022 European Aquatics Championships, Rome (ITA)

Some interesting facts and figures – SWIMMING

Top nations, medal chart

- Italy set new records both for the number of titles (13) and the number of total medals (35 – 13-13-9). Previous records were set in Budapest 2021, by Great Britain (11) and Italy (27) respectively.
- Italy amassed more medals (35), then the second and third ranked national teams combined (Hungary 15, 5-7-3 – Great Britain 15, 4-5-6)
- The number of nations earning at least one medal is one less, 20, compared to Budapest (the record is 24, from London 2016).
- Though there is a new record for the number of nations earning at least one title: 14.
- Data from the previous editions (medal winning NFs/title winning NFs): Budapest 2021: 21/13. Glasgow 2018: 20/9. London 2016: 24/12. Berlin 2014: 20/13. Debrecen 2012: 23/13. Budapest 2010: 19/12.

All-time medal chart, milestones

- Germany tied Russia in the number of all-time total medals – now they also got 350 (including FRG medals but excluding GDR tally – Russian tally includes URS)
- Italy passed France to take the 5th place.
- This chart does not feature GDR (132-101-56, 289)

Top 5, all-time medal ranks (swimming)

RUS	140	113	97	350
GER	128	112	110	350
HUN	104	89	63	259
GBR	73	91	112	276
ITA	76	91	106	273

- Great Britain earned its 275th medal (Ben Proud's gold in the men's 50m free).
- Hungary claimed its 100th gold medal in swimming (by the men's 4x200m free relay) and its 250th medal overall.
- Italy won its 75th gold medal (by Thomas Ceccon in the 100m back) and also the 250th overall.
- Sweden clinched its 175th medal.
- Bosnia and Hercegovina won a historical first ever medal by Lana Pudar in the 100m fly (a bronze), followed by a first ever gold also by Pudar in the 200m fly.

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All-time ranks, individual

Sarah Sjostrom now tops the individual all-time medal ranks with 28 podiums – by claiming 5 medals in Rome, she overtook Alexander Popov (RUS).

Sjostrom now has 17G, 7S, 4B.

Popov had 21G, 3S, 2B (the number of gold medals is still a record).

Next record to beat for Sjostrom: 16 individual gold medals by Laszlo Cseh (HUN) – Sjostrom has 15.

Multiple medal winners

Here are best tallies from Rome.

Men

Thomas Ceccon (ITA) 6 – 4-2-0

Kristof Milak (HUN) 5 – 3-2-0

Nicolo Martinenghi (ITA) 4 – 3-1-0

Women

Marrit Steenbergen (NED) 7 – 4-1-2

Freya Anderson (GBR) 6 – 2-3-1

Sarah Sjostrom (SWE) 5 – 3-1-1

Individual races only

Steenbergen 2-1-0 • Ceccon 2-1-0 • Milak 2-1-0 • Razzetti 1-1-1

The tally to beat:

Franziska van Almsick – 7 medals: 6 gold, 1 silver (Sheffield, 1993)

Records broken in Rome

World Record

David Popovici (ROU), 100m free, 46.86 (also ER, WJR, CR)

European Record

David Popovici (ROU), 100m free, semi-final, 46.98 (also WJR, CR)

Junior World Records

David Popovici (ROU), 200m free, 1:42.97 (also CR)

Lorenzo Galossi (ITA), 800m free, 7:43.37

Championship Records

David Popovici (ROU), 100m free, heats, 47.20

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Gregorio Paltrinieri (ITA), 800m free, 7:40.86
Luka Maertens (GER), 400m free, 3:42.50
Italy, men's 4x100m medley relay, 3:28.46

Best performers (FINA points)

Men Top 3

1003 – David Popovici (ROU), 100m free, 46.86
982 – Mykhailo Romanchuk (UKR), 1500m free, 14:36.10
979 – Thomas Ceccon (ITA), 100m back, 52.21

Women Top 3

985 – Ruta Meilutyte (LTU), 100m breast SF, 29.44
970 – Sarah Sjöström (SWE), 50m free, 23.91
968 – Analia Pigree (FRA), 50m back, 27.27

Winning streaks

In the Championships' history, two HUN swimmers had a streak of **5 consecutive wins** in the same event, which now stand as a record.

- Laszlo Cseh (HUN) 200m IM (2006-2014) & 400m IM (2004-2012)
- Katinka Hosszu (HUN) 200m IM (2010-2018)

Streaks of 4 wins (all-time)

Men

- Michael Gross (FRG) 200m fly (1981-1987)
- Jorg Hoffmann (FRG) 1500m free (1989-1995)
- Alexander Popov (RUS) 100m free (1991-1997)
- Yuri Prilukov (RUS) 1500m free (2002-2008)
- Oleh Lisogor (UKR) 50m breast (2002-2008)
- Adam Peaty (GBR) 50m breast (2015-2021) & 100m breast (2015-2021)

Women

- Yana Klockova (UKR) 200m IM (1999-2004) & 400m IM (1999-2004)
- Otylia Jędrzejczak (POL) 200m fly (2000-2006)
- Federica Pellegrini (ITA) 200m free (2010-16)
- Sarah Sjöström (SWE) 100m free (2012-18) & 50m fly (2012-18)

In Rome, the following swimmers expanded their winning streaks to 3 (these are the longest ones in the current field)

- Simona Quadarella (ITA) 800m free, 1500m free
- Margherita Panziera (ITA) 200m back
- Kristof Milak (HUN) 200m fly

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Retaining titles (2nd time only, individual)

- Anastasia Gorbenko (ISR) 200m IM
- Mykhaylo Romanchuk (UKR) 1500m free
- Kristof Milak (HUN) 100m fly

Kings and Queens of the summer

For the first time since 1991, a World Championships and a European Championships were held in the same year – this time in a span of two months. Here is the list of those winners who managed to clinch the world and the European title in the same event in June, then in August.

Men

David Popovici (ROU) 100m free & 200m free
Kristof Milak (HUN) 100m fly & 200m fly
Benjamin Proud (GBR) 50m free
Thomas Ceccon (ITA) 100m back
Nicolo Martinenghi (ITA) 100m breast
Italy – 4x100m medley relay

Women

Sarah Sjostrom (SWE) 50m free & 50m fly
Ruta Meilutyte (LTU) 50m breast
Benedetta Pilato (ITA) 100m breast

Participation record

Two HUN swimmers, Katinka Hosszu and Zsuzsanna Jakabos tied compatriot Laszlo Cseh's participation record of 10 long-course European Championships. Both ladies swam at the 2006 edition for the first time and competed in all editions ever since. And while enjoying their eternal careers, both left the Eternal City with medals: Jakabos a silver (400m IM) and a bronze (4x200m free), Hosszu with a bronze (4x200m free).

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