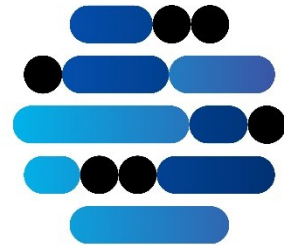


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WORLD AQUATICS MEN'S U16 WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS

MALTA 2024



JUNE 18-24, 2024

Dear Friends,



On behalf of the Aquatic Sports Association of Malta we are pleased to have been entrusted with the organisation of the World Aquatics Men's U16 Water Polo Championships 2024. The Championships will be played at the Cottonera Indoor Pool and the Tal-Qroqq Sports Complex between the 18th and 24th June 2024.

On behalf of the ASA of Malta I wish to extend a warm welcome to the delegates, referees, participating countries' athletes, coaches and team officials who shall undoubtedly all contribute to the make this international water polo event a success. This will further contribute to the promotion of water polo in Malta.

The Organising Committee will do its utmost to ensure the best and most convenient arrangements during the competition in accordance with the World Aquatics Rules and Regulations.

We look forward to welcoming you to Malta and hope that you will enjoy your visit to our Islands.

Very best regards,



Karl Izzo
President

1. ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

EUROPE	AFRICA	AMERICAS	ASIA	OCEANIA
HUNGARY	EGYPT	USA	JAPAN	AUSTRALIA
MONTENEGRO	SOUTH AFRICA	CANADA	CHINA	NEW ZEALAND
GREECE	ZIMBABWE	COLOMBIA	KAZAKHSTAN	
SERBIA		PERU	IRAN	
SPAIN		MEXICO	SINGAPORE	
ITALY		BRAZIL	UZBEKISTAN	
CROATIA				
TURKEY				
GERMANY				
MALTA				
ROMANIA				
NETHERLANDS				
GEORGIA				
ISRAEL				
POLAND				

1.1. According to the World Aquatics Competition Rules 6.6.6:

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.

2. Draw

The draw for the World 16U Men and will be made at least two (2) months prior to the commencement of the World Championships

Draw for thirty-two (32) Teams:

The best 8 teams in the ranking from the previous 16U Men World Championships go to line 1. The teams from 9 to 16 place from the previous 16U Men World Championships go to line 2.

The rest of the 16 teams will go to line 3 and the first 8 drawn teams will go as third in each one of the eight groups, while the last eight drawn teams will go as fourth in each one of the eight groups.

There will be 8 Groups A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H of 4 teams each from the 3 lines.

3. Schedule of Games

Schedule for thirty-two (32) Teams

First 3 days all group teams A, B,C,D,E,F,G,H they play 3 games (round robin),

The numbers from day 4 are the ranking in the groups.

The day 4, from the ranking of all groups A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H the 1st teams and the 2nd teams (Division 1/Platinum - division 2/ Gold) they play as following:

1 A	vs	2 D
2 B	vs	1 C
2 C	vs	1 B
2 A	vs	1 D
1 E	vs	2 H
2 F	vs	1 G
1 F	vs	2 G
2 E	vs	1 H

From the ranking of all groups A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H the 3d teams and the 4th teams (Division 3/ Silver - division 4/Bronze) they play as following:

3A	vs	4D
4B	vs	3C
4C	vs	3B
4A	vs	3D
3E	vs	4H
4F	vs	3G
3F	vs	4G
4E	vs	3H

Day 5 (Quarter Finals), the winners of the games from day 4 between 1st and 2nd teams, (groups A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H) they play for division 1 (1st to 8th place) and the winners of the games from day 4 between 3^d and 4th teams, (groups A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H) they play for division 3 (17th to 24th place) , while the losers of the games from day 4 between 1st and 2nd teams (groups A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H) they play for division 2 (9th to 16th place) and the losers of the games from day 4 between 3^d and 4th teams (groups A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H) they play for division 4 (25th to 32nd place) .

The day 6, teams will play Semi Finals and day 7 teams will play, Finals (7th-8th, 5th- 6th, 4th-3^d, 2nd-1st places) for its division.

The four winning teams per each one of the Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze Rounds will be awarded.

4. Specific Rules:

The competition field is 25,00 X 20,00 m, the game duration 4 periods of 6 min. and 4 periods of 8 min from day 5 Quarter Finals and till the end of the tournament only for the Platinum round and the ball will be MIKASA Nr.5.

All other World Aquatics Water polo rules apply.

5. Order of Games

The Management Committee of World Aquatics Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty-four (24) hours' notice is given.

6. Participation

The Draw event would like to be held in Doha on 13th February. So, we kindly request you to make your final confirmation of your participation **by 31st January through answering this mail**. If there is no feedback, we consider your team will participate in Malta!!
By 10th February 2024, each federation is required to pay a **2.500EUR** deposit as confirmation of participation. This amount will be deducted from the total amount of course.

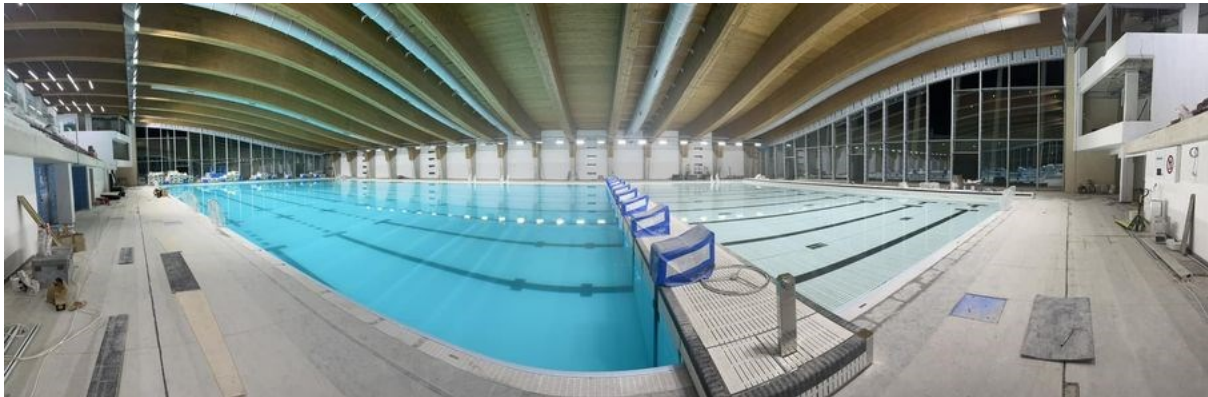
7. Referee with the team

Each team is financially responsible for one referee during the entire tournament. The referee will be appointed from the respective country by the Referees and Officials Appointing Committee soon.

8. COMPETITION VENUES

COTTONERA INDOOR POOL

Situated in the South of Malta, the Cottonera Sports Complex is the largest indoor sports facility in Malta. Its' design is innovative and unique to Malta and its' roof covers one of the largest spans. A new addition to this Sports Complex, is an indoor Olympic size pool featuring state-of-the-art technology, offering a range of amenities, including multiple dressing rooms for both athletes and officials, dedicated office spaces, advanced control rooms, spectator stands, and restroom facilities. The pool, designed to meet all the requirements of World Aquatics, is equipped with heating systems for the water and features air conditioning. This ensures optimal conditions for training and competitions for swimming, water polo and artistic swimming. The swimming pool is equipped with a specific deep area for artistic swimming and a moveable floor to accommodate shallow water teaching.



Address: Triq il-Kottonera, Bormla

TAL-QROQQ SPORTS COMPLEX

This is an open-air 50-meter pool with an adjacent 25 X 25-meter diving pool. This diving pool will be used for warm-up and cool down during the competition. The venue is equipped with Omega electronic timing equipment, a scoreboard displaying running time of the match, exclusion time and score as well as names of teams and players. Four shot clocks are also available.



Address: Tal-Qroqq Sports Complex, Gzira

9. ACCOMMODATION

The official hotels accommodating the teams are listed hereunder and reservations will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. The Organising Committee reserves the right to accommodate teams at other hotels of the same category should the need arise.

Each nation has been allocated 4 Single Rooms, 5 Twin Rooms and 2 Family/Triple Rooms (20 beds). If You request more, or less, please contact the Organising Committee.

Requests and questions on Accommodation:

executiveadmin@asaofmalta.eu

The rates, on full board, are guaranteed if bookings are made by not later than **10 February 2024**. These rates are excluding ECO tax which each federation will have to pay directly to the hotel.

4* Hotels	Single Room	€250/person/night
	Twin Room	€160/person/night
	Family Room	€170/person/night

3* Hotel	Single Room	€150/person/night
	Twin Room	€110/person/night
	Triple Room	€105/person/night

10. TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

Free transportation will be offered only to the participating teams who book their hotel through the ASA as follows:

- Airport transfers to and from the official hotel
- Transfers for all training sessions and matches from the official hotels to the pool and return.

11. REGISTRATION

The World Aquatics GMS will be used for registration and travel information. Accommodation needs to be arranged by the Local Organising Committee directly.

12. VISAS

Some countries may require an entry Visa to Malta. We suggest you confirm this from your end and should you require any assistance please contact us in order to provide our support in obtaining the necessary Visa.

13. ACCRÉDITATION

All players, team officials and any other persons accompanying the teams will be given a credential. The date retrieved from GMS will be used for the accreditation.

14. PAYMENTS

To guarantee your hotel reservation, **50%** deposit must be transferred by **31st March 2024** of the team's total accommodation costs is to be made by Bank Transfer to the Account of the Association on confirmation of participation in these Championships and the remaining balance must be settled **by not later than 4 June 2024**.

Bank details:

Bank Of Valletta plc
 Naxxar Road, San Gwann, Malta
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 ASA - Aquatic Sports Association of Malta
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