

**EUROPEAN 15 AND UNDER, 17 AND UNDER & 19 AND UNDER
WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS**

(15 September 2023)

In addition to the LEN General Event Rules the following

REGULATIONS

shall apply:

JU-WP 1 ORGANISATION

JU-WP 1.1 The European 15 and under and 17 and under Championships shall be held in odd years, those for 19 and under in even years.

JU-WP 1.2 They shall be held separately for men and women.

JU-WP 1.3 The organising Federations and the places where the Championships will be held will be decided by the LEN Bureau and circulated by the LEN Office.

JU-WP 1.4 For any of the Championship events, there will be appointed:
a) by the LEN Bureau one (1) LEN Bureau Delegate;
b) by the LEN Technical Water Polo Committee (LEN TWPC) as many members of the TWPC as decided by the LEN Bureau. The number of members will be according to the number of teams taking part and fixed in the respective contract (see E 9.4).
The LEN Bureau Delegate and the appointed members of the LEN TWPC will be responsible for and supervise the correct conduct of the competitions according to LEN Rules and Regulations.
They will decide on all matters arising on site at the competitions which require an immediate decision.

JU-WP 2 PARTICIPATION

JU-WP 2.1 The age groups are (Men and Women):
a) European 15 and under Championships
b) European 17 and under Championships
c) European 19 and under Championships

JU-WP 2.2 Federations may enter one (1) team per event.

JU-WP 2.3 The Championship will be held with maximum sixteen (16) teams, including the team of the organising Federation.

JU-WP 2.4 First eight (8) classified Teams from the previous Championships are automatically qualified for the Preliminary Round.

JU-WP 2.5 All the other teams entered shall play a separate Qualification Tournament.
After the submission date for the Preliminary Entries, the LEN TWPC will appoint for each Qualification Tournament, if necessary, venue, organiser and one (1) Technical Delegate.

- JU-WP 2.6 If less than the above mentioned number of teams will be entered, the LEN TWPC shall take the decisions required.
- JU-WP 2.7 The LEN Office will circulate all decisions according to JU-WP 2.4, 2.5, and 2.6 as soon as possible after the Preliminary Entries have been submitted.
- JU-WP 2.8 Time and place of any draw will be announced by the Secretary of the LEN TWPC and circulated by the LEN Office.

JU-WP 3 FORMAT OF COMPETITION

- JU-WP 3.1 The Championships shall be held with:
a) Qualification Tournament (if necessary, according to JU-WP 2.4 and 2.5);
b) Preliminary Round
c) Crossing games
d) Ranking Matches for the 5th place and further ranking
e) Final Round with Quarter finals, Semi Finals, Ranking Match for the 3rd place and Final.
- JU-WP 3.2 Each team will play only one match per day.
Exceptions may be decided.
- JU-WP 3.3 All matches shall be played to a final result. There shall be a penalty shoot out to determine the result according World Aquatics rules.
- JU-WP 3.4 Classification of teams will be decided according to JU-WP 6.1 and JU-WP 6.3.
- JU-WP 3.5 Qualification Round**
- JU-WP 3.5.1 The Qualification Round shall be held with:
a) The Federations ranked 9th to 16th at the previous 15 and under, 17 and under or 19 and under Championship
b) All the other Federations entered.
- JU-WP 3.5.2 The teams shall be seeded into groups.
The number of groups and teams for each group will depend on the number of entries.
The seeding shall be according to the previous classification of the Championships, its Qualification Round, and as much as possible geographical positioning. Details to be decided by the LEN TWPC with the approval of the LEN Bureau Executive and circulated by the LEN Office.
- JU-WP 3.5.3 Each group shall play at a different venue.
- JU-WP 3.5.4 In case that group consists of up to four (4) teams, each team shall play only one match per day.
In case that group consists of more than four (4) teams, exceptions may be decided.
- JU-WP 3.5.5 The Organizing Federation team and highest ranked team from his group will qualify for the Final Round.
The first two teams classified from the other groups shall qualify for the final Round.

In case that Organizing Federation team is directly qualified to Final Round according to JU – WP 2.4, the first two teams classified from the four groups shall qualify for the Final Round.

JU-WP 3.6 Preliminary Round (First)

JU-WP 3.6.1 The Preliminary Round shall be held with sixteen (16) teams:

- a) The Federations ranked 1st to 8th in the previous 15 and under, 17 and under or 19 and under Championship;
- b) The teams qualified by the Qualification Round including the organising Federation if not qualified in accordance with a)

JU-WP 3.6.2 The 8 teams directly qualified according to EC – WP 3.6.1 a), shall be drawn into two (2) groups with four teams each (Group A and B). The 8 winning teams of the Qualification Round (EC – WP 3.5.5), shall be drawn into two (2) groups with four teams each (Group C and D)

JU-WP 3.6.3 For the groups A and B, the draw shall be held according to the following system:

- 1st batch: The teams ranked 1st and 2nd at the previous Championship
2nd batch: The teams ranked 3rd and 4th at the previous Championship
3rd Batch: The teams ranked 5th and 6th at the previous Championship
4th Batch: The teams ranked 7th and 8th at the previous Championship

For the groups C and D, the draw shall be held according to the following system:

- 1st batch: The teams ranked 1st at the Qualification Round
2nd batch: The teams ranked 2nd at the Qualification Round

JU-WP 3.6.4 In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams as follows:

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

JU-WP 3.6.5 The 1st and 2nd placed teams in Group A and Group B have a bye.

JU-WP 3.6.6 Day 4, Ranking Games

The 3rd and 4th placed teams in Group A and Group B, and the 1st and 2nd placed teams in Group C and Group D play against each other in a cross group format.
The 3rd and 4th placed teams in each of 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.

- 25 3D – 4C
26 4D – 3C
27 4A – 1C
28 3A – 2C
29 4B – 1D

30 3B – 2D

JU-WP 3.6.7 Day 5, Quarter Final round

- 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 2B – Winner Game 27
- 36 1B – Winner Game 28
- 37 2A – Winner Game 29
- 38 1A – Winner Game 30

JU-WP 3.7 Day 6, Semifinal Round

- 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

JU-WP 3.8 Day 7, Final Round

- 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)

The Winner shall be declared «European Water Polo 15 and Under/17 and Under/19 and Under-19 Champion Men/Women».

JU-WP 4 ENTRIES

JU-WP 4.1 Preliminary Entries

Preliminary Entries shall be submitted to the LEN Office no later than the date circulated by the LEN Office.

JU-WP 4.2 Named Entries

JU-WP 4.2.1 Named entries of players shall be submitted for each of the following stages to the organising Federation, with copy to the LEN Office, no later than ten (10) days before the first competition day of:

- a) the separate Qualification Tournaments (if any);
- b) the Preliminary Round.

Up to twenty (20) players shall be listed on the official form and all officials, comprising name, surname and passport number.

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

- JU-WP 4.2.2 The names on the lists to be submitted before each of the above mentioned stages may be changed. The list of players submitted before the Preliminary Round may not be changed for the further stages of the Championship.
- JU-WP 4.2.3 At the Team Leaders Meeting before the first match of the above mentioned stages, fifteen (15) players, of those listed on the official form, together with the names of the coach and the officials to sit on the pool deck shall be nominated for participation in the competitions.
- JU-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 has been nominated.
The goalkeeper shall wear a red cap numbered 1 and the substitute goalkeeper shall wear a red cap numbered 13.
- JU-WP 4.2.5 The names of the 13 players shall be submitted to the LEN Technical Delegate no later than one hour before the match.
A player suspended for one or more matches may be substituted.
- JU-WP 4.2.6 The LEN Technical Delegate shall check the players and officials personal identification documents and ensure that:
a) the names of the players are in accordance with the list of entered players;
b) entered players are in conformity with Rule E 14.1;
c) the age of the players is in accordance with JU-WP 2.1.
Players and officials which cannot present their personal identification documents correspondingly to the list of entered players or which are not listed will not be eligible to play.

JU-WP 5 ACCREDITATION

- JU-WP 5.1 Entered Federations will receive accreditation for:
a) the President of the Federation;
b) the Head of Delegation;
c) the entered competitors;
d) one medical person per team;
e) five team staff members per team.
- JU-WP 5.2 Team staff members include everybody servicing the team: Team Leaders, Chaperones, Coaches, Physiotherapists, Interpreters, etc., but not officials such as judges, referees, etc.

JU-WP 6 CLASSIFICATION

JU-WP 6.1 Scores and Points

- JU-WP 6.1.1 Each game must have a winner. If a game ends with a tie in regular time, the teams must go into a penalty shoot-out according to the World Aquatics Rules.
The matches shall be scored as follows:
a) win in regular time = 3 points
b) win after penalty shootout = 2 points
c) loss after penalty shootout = 1 point
d) loss in regular = 0 points

JU-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.

JU-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.

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

JU-WP 6.2.1 All matches shall be played to a final result. There shall be a penalty shoot out to determine the result according World Aquatics rules

JU-WP 6.3 Equality of Points

JU-WP 6.3.1 If two (2) teams shall have equal points, further classification shall be established as follows:

- a) The team winning the game between them (including penalty shoot-out if any) shall be placed higher.
- b) If there is more than one tie in a group, the highest placed tie shall be determined first.

JU-WP 6.3.2 If three (3) or more teams shall have equal points, further classification shall be established as follows:

- a) The results among the tied teams shall determine which team is placed highest.
- b) If, at any time during the application of the procedure, the number of tied teams is reduced to two (2), then the above procedure (1.2.1., tie between two teams) shall be used to determine which of the two (2) remaining teams is placed higher.

The comparison shall be made:

- c) first, upon the points of the games among the tied teams.
- d) second, the goal difference (excluding the goals from penalty shootout) among the tied teams,
- e) third, based upon goals scored among tied teams.
- f) If still tied, the games played against the highest placed team (or teams, if tied, the team or teams not involved in the tie) shall be considered.
- g) The first comparison shall be based on goal difference, and if still tied, then based on goals scored.
- h) If still tied, the results against the next highest placed team (or teams, if tied) shall be used in succession until all results have been considered.
- i) If still tied, and there is no practical manner to determine the ranking, the final classification between the teams in the tie shall be decided by coin-toss.
- j) If there is more than one tie in a group, the highest placed tie shall be determined first.

For the purpose of calculating either goal difference or goals scored, the goals in any penalty shoot-out will not be taken into consideration.

JU-WP 6.4 Exclusion and Suspension of Teams

JU-WP 6.4.1 The LEN Code of Discipline shall apply.

JU-WP 6.4.2 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.

- JU-WP67.4.3 The LEN Bureau may suspend a team if:
- a) the Rules, the Regulations and/or the instructions issued to all participating teams are not complied with by the team, or;
 - b) the financial liabilities in regard to the team are not fulfilled.

JU-WP 7 REFEREES

- JU-WP 7.1 In any of the Championship events (including the separate Qualification Tournaments if any), 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 the referee of another Federation to be nominated by the LEN TWPC.
- JU-WP 7.2 Additional referees may be appointed by the LEN TWPC subject to the conditions stated in the relevant contract.
- JU-WP 7.3 The appointed members of the LEN TWPC will nominate for each match the Technical Delegate(s), the referees and the other officials.
- JU-WP 7.4 Referees may be evaluated.

JU-WP 8 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

- JU-WP 8.1 The organising Federation of any of the Championship events shall provide:
- a) transport from the nearest airport or railway station to the official hotel 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 beginning two (2) days before the competitions.
- All other requirements, including the reimbursement of the expenses of the LEN Delegate(s) and additional referees, are as fixed in the relevant Contract (see Rule E 9.4).
- JU-WP 8.2 Each participating Federation shall be financially responsible for the expenses for accommodation and travel of their team and for the accommodation, travel and per diem of the referee nominated according to JU-WP 7.1.