

EUROPEAN AQUATICS WATER POLO CLUB COMPETITIONS

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In addition to the European Aquatics General Event Rules the following

REGULATIONS

shall apply:

CLUB 1 EUROPEAN AQUATICS CLUB EVENTS

Club 1.1 The Events of the European Aquatics Water Polo Club competitions are:

a) Men:

- European Aquatics Champions League Men (Champions League Men);
- European Aquatics Euro Cup Men (Euro Cup Men);
- European Aquatics Challenger Cup Men (Challenger Cup Men);
- European Aquatics Super Cup Men.

b) Women:

- European Aquatics Champions League Women (Champions League Women);
- European Aquatics Euro Cup Women (Euro Cup Women);
- European Aquatics Challenger Cup Women (Challenger Cup Women);
- European Aquatics Super Cup Women.

Club 1.2 Each of these Events shall be organized every year.

Club 1.3 Dates and venues of all European Aquatics Club Competitions (matches played on a home and away basis or in a tournament at the same venue) shall be decided by the European Aquatics Technical Water Polo Committee (TWPC) with the approval of the European Aquatics Executive Bureau. They shall be announced by the Secretary of the TWPC and circulated by the European Aquatics Office.

Clarification:

All Club Competitions are European Aquatics Events (E 1.1. d). Federations are to meet the financial liabilities of clubs (C 6.2.2.6, E 10.1 and E 16.4).

Club 1.4 The time and place of any draw shall be announced by the Secretary of the European Aquatics TWPC and circulated by the European Aquatics Office.



Club 1.5 Delegates appointed by the European Aquatics Bureau and/or the European Aquatics TWPC shall be responsible for and supervise the correct conduct of the competitions according to European Aquatics Rules and Regulations.

The Delegate(s) shall decide on all matters arising on-site at the competitions which require an immediate decision.

CLUB 2 EUROPEAN AQUATICS CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MEN

Club 2.1 System of Competition

The Event shall be held in five (4) phases:

- Phase I: Qualification Round:
- Phase II: Group Stage
- Phase III: Quarter Final Stage
- Phase IV: Final Four

Club 2.2 Participation

Club 2.2.1 Federations that are qualified in the position 1st and 12th in the ranking of Nations-Clubs Men, may submit entries for two (2) teams having finished 1st and 2nd in the National Championships.

Federations having a wild card team may submit entries for three (3) teams (wild card included) having finished 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the National Championships.

Federations qualified in the position 13th and over in the ranking of Nations-Clubs, may submit entries for the team having finished 1st in the National Championships. This team can refuse to participate in the Champions League in favor of the Challenger Cup.

European Aquatics Office will officially announce the ranking of the Nations – Clubs latest 7 days after the last game of the European Aquatics Club Competition in a season.

Club 2.2.2 The 12 wild card teams are directly qualified for the Champions League Men Groupe Stage. The winner of the previous Champions League is automatically entitled to receive a wild card.

Club 2.2.3 All the other teams entered shall play in the Qualification Round.

Club 2.3. The order of play of the competition should be decided by the draw.

Club 2.3 Qualification Round (Phase I)

Club 2.3.1 The teams participating in the Qualification Round shall be drawn into four (4) groups, each to be held in a tournament at different venues. If there are less than 12 teams, the TWPC may change this system.

Club 2.3.2 Previous classification shall be taken into consideration when seeding teams and as much as possible also geographical positioning will be considered.

Club 2.3.3 In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams. Each team shall play only one match per day. Exceptions may be accepted.



- Club 2.3.4 All matches shall be played to a final result. There shall be a penalty shoot-out to determine the result according to World Aquatics Water Polo rules.
- Club 2.3.5 Classification shall be according to Club 13.1 and 13.3.
- Club 2.3.6 The teams ranked 1st in each group shall qualify for the Group Stage. All the other teams shall qualify for the Qualification Round of the Euro Cup Men competition.
- Club 2.4 Group Stage (Phase II)
- Club 2.4.1 The Group Stage shall be held with sixteen (16) teams.
- The twelve (12) wild card teams directly qualified according to Club 2.2.2
 - The four (4) teams qualified according to Club 2.3.6 Club 2.4.2. The teams shall be drawn into four (4) groups.
- Club 2.4.3 The seeding shall be by draw according to the following system:
- First batch: the 12 wild card teams
 - Second batch: the four (4) teams according to Club 2.3.6
- Club 2.4.4 In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams on a home and away basis. The schedule of matches shall be decided by draw.
- Club 2.4.5 All matches shall be played to a final result. There shall be a penalty shoot-out to determine the result according to World Aquatics Water Polo rules.
- Club 2.4.6 Classification shall be according to Club 13.1 and 13.3.
- Club 2.4.7 The teams ranked 1st and 2nd from each group of this stage shall qualify for the Quarter Final Stage.
The teams ranked 3rd and 4th from each group of this stage shall qualify for the Eight Finals of the Euro Cup Men competition.
- Club 2.5 Quarter Final Stage (Phase III)
- Club 2.5.1 The Quarter Final Stage shall be held with the eight (8) teams qualified according to Club 2.4.7;
- Club 2.5.2 The teams shall be drawn into two (2) groups.
- Club 2.5.3 The seeding shall be by draw according to the following system:
- First batch: the teams ranked in the 1st position.
 - Second batch: the teams ranked in the 2nd position
- Note: The teams that qualified from the same group in the Group Stage cannot be in the same group in the Quarter Final Stage.
- Club 2.5.4 In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams on a home and away basis. The schedule of matches shall be decided by draw.



- Club 2.5.5 All matches shall be played to a final result. There shall be a penalty shoot-out to determine the result according to World Aquatics Water Polo rules.
- Club 2.5.6 Classification shall be according to Club 13.1 and 13.3.
- Club 2.5.7 The teams ranked 1st and 2nd from each group of this stage shall qualify for the Final Four Final Stage.
- Club 2.6 Final Four (Phase IV)
- Club 2.6.1 The Final Four shall be held with the four (4) teams qualified according to Club 2.6.2, to be played on three days at one venue.
- Club 2.6.2 On the 1st day the ranking matches shall be played.
- The team ranked 1st in Group A of the Quarter Final Stage to play against the teams ranked 2nd in Group B (SF1)
- The team ranked 1st in Group B of the Quarter Final Stage to play against the teams ranked 2nd in Group A (SF2)
- Club 2.6.3 The losers of the semi-final matches shall play for the 3rd and 4th place as follows: LSF1 – LSF2
- Club 2.6.4 The winners of the semi-final matches shall play for the 1st and 2nd place as follows: WSF1 – WSF2
- Club 2.6.5 The winning team shall be declared the «European Aquatics Champions League Men Winner». It shall be awarded a Trophy, engraved accordingly.

CLUB 3 EUROPEAN AQUATICS EURO CUP MEN

Club 3.1 System of Competition

The Event shall be held in six (6) phases:

- Phase I: Qualification Round I;
- Phase II: Group Stage.
- Phase III: Eight Finals;
- Phase IV: Quarter Finals;
- Phase V: Semi Finals;
- Phase VI: Finals

Club 3.2 Participation

Participating teams are:

- Federations which are qualified in the position 1st and 12th in the ranking of Nations-Clubs Men, may submit entries for the three (3) best-ranked teams but not qualified to the Champions League, to be entered by the Federations which shall play in the



Qualification Round (Phase I)

- The teams qualified from the Qualification Round of the Champions League which shall play in the Qualification Round (Phase I).
- The eight teams qualified from the Champions League (see Club 2.4.7) which are directly qualified for the Eight final round (Phase III).

Club 3.3. The order of play of the competition should be decided by the draw.

Club 3.3 Qualification Round (Phase I)

Club 3.3.1 The teams participating in the Qualification Round shall be drawn into eight (8) groups, each to be held in a tournament at different venues.

If there are less than 24 teams, the European Aquatics TWPC may change this system.

Club 3.3.2 Previous classification shall be taken into consideration when seeding teams. As far as possible teams from the same Federation shall not be drawn into the same group.

Club 3.3.3 In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams. Each team shall play only one match per day. Exceptions may be accepted.

Club 3.3.4 All matches shall be played to a final result. There shall be a penalty shoot-out to determine the result according to World Aquatics Water Polo rules.

Club 3.3.5 Classification shall be according to Club 13.1 and 13.3.

Club 3.3.6 The teams ranked 1st and 2nd from each group of this stage shall qualify for the Group Stage.

Club 3.4 Group Stage (Phase II)

Club 3.4.1 The Group Stage shall be held with sixteen (16) teams, ranked in the 1st and 2nd position from the Qualification Round of Euro Cup Men according to Club 3.3.6.

Club 3.4.2 The teams shall be drawn into four (4) groups.

Club 3.4.3 The seeding shall be by draw according to the following system:

First batch: teams ranked 1st in each group of the Qualification Round.

Second batch: teams ranked 2nd in each group of the Qualification Round.

Note: The teams that qualified from the same group in the Qualification Round cannot be in the same group in the Group Stage.

Club 3.4.4 In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams on a home and away basis. The schedule of matches shall be decided by draw.

Club 3.4.5 All matches shall be played to a final result. There shall be a penalty shoot-out to determine the result according to World Aquatics Water Polo rules.

Club 3.4.6 Classification shall be according to Club 13.1 and 13.3.

Club 3.4.7 The teams ranked 1st and 2nd from each group of this stage shall qualify for the Eight Final.



Club 3.5 Eight Finals (Phase III)

Club 3.5.1 The eight (8) teams from the Group Stage of the Euro Cup according to Club 3.4.7.

The eight (8) teams from the Qualification Round of the Champions League according to Club 2.4.7.

The sixteen (16) teams shall play the Eight Finals on a home-and-away basis.

Club 3.5.2 The teams to play against each other and the teams to play first at home shall be decided by draw as follows:

First batch: 4 teams ranked 3rd at the Group Stage of the Champions League Men competition.

Second batch: 4 teams ranked 4th at the Group Stage of the Champions League Men competition.

Third batch: 4 teams ranked 1st at the Group Stage of the Euro Cup Men competition.

Fourth batch: 4 teams ranked 2nd at the Group Stage of the Euro Cup Men competition.

The teams from the 1st batch will play against the teams of the 4th batch. The teams from the 2nd batch will play against the teams of the 3rd batch.

Club 3.5.3 All matches shall end after the normal time.

Club 3.5.4 If, after the two matches, there is equality in the added scores, the second match shall be played to a final result (see Club 13.2).

Club 3.5.5 The eight winning teams shall qualify for the Quarter Finals.

Club 3.6 Quarter Finals (Phase IV)

Club 3.6.1 The eight (8) teams qualified according to Club 3.5.5 shall play the Quarter Finals on a home and away basis.

Club 3.6.2 The teams to play against each other and the teams to play first at home shall be decided by draw.

Club 3.6.3 All matches shall end after the normal time.

Club 3.6.4 If, after the two matches, there is equality in the added scores, the second match shall be played to a final result (see Club 13.2).

Club 3.6.5 The four winning teams shall qualify for the Final Four.

Club 3.7 Semi-final (Phase V)

The four (4) teams qualified according to Club 3.6.5. shall play the Semi-Finals on a home and away basis.



- Club 3.7.1 The teams to play against each other and the teams to play first at home shall be decided by draw.
- Club 3.7.2 All matches shall end after the normal time. If, after the two matches, there is equality in the added scores, the second match shall be played to a final result (see Club 13.2).
- Club 3.7.3. The winners of the Semi-Finals shall qualify for the Final.
- Club 3.8. Final (Phase VI)
- Club 3.8.1 The Final shall be played on a home and away basis.
- Club 3.8.2 The team to play first at home shall be decided by draw.
- Club 3.8.3 Both matches shall end after the normal time. If, after the two matches, there is equality in the added scores, the second match shall be played to a final result (see Club 13.2).
- Club 3.8.3 Winner». The winning team shall be awarded a Trophy, engraved «European Aquatics Euro Cup Men

CLUB 4 EUROPEAN AQUATICS CHALLENGER CUP MEN

Club 4.1 System of Competition

The Event shall be held in four (5) phases:

- Phase I: Qualification Round I;
- Phase II: Qualification Round II;
- Phase III: Quarter Finals;
- Phase IV: Semi Finals;
- Phase V: Finals.

Club 4.2 Participation

Participating teams are:

Federations qualified in the position 13th and over in the ranking of Nations - Clubs Men, may submit entries for the four (4) best-ranked teams.

Club 4.3 The order of play of the competition should be decided by the draw.

Club 4.3 Qualification Round I (Phase I)

Club 4.3.1 The teams participating in Qualification Round I shall be drawn into groups, each to be held in a tournament at different venues.

If there are less than 20 teams, the European Aquatics TWPC may change this system.

Club 4.3.2 Previous classification shall be taken into consideration when seeding teams. As far as possible teams from the same Federation shall not be drawn into the same group.



Club 4.3.3 In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams. Each team shall play only one match per day. Exceptions may be accepted.

Club 4.3.4 All matches shall be played to a final result. There shall be a penalty shoot-out to determine the result according to World Aquatics Water Polo rules.

Club 4.3.5 Classification shall be according to Club 13.1 and 13.3.

Club 4.3.6 The best 16 teams ranked shall qualify for the Qualification Round II.

Club 4.4 Qualification Round II (Phase II)

Club 4.4.1 The best 16 teams ranked in Qualification Round I.

According to Club 4.3.6, shall be drawn into four (4) groups, each to be held in a tournament at different venues.

If there are less than 12 teams, the European Aquatics TWPC may change this system.

Club 4.4.2 Previous classification shall be taken into consideration when seeding teams. As far as possible teams from the same Federation shall not be drawn into the same group as well as the teams coming from the same group of Qualification Round I cannot be in the same group in Qualification Round II.

Club 4.4.3 In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams.

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

Club 4.4.4 All matches shall be played to a final result. There shall be a penalty shoot-out to determine the result according to World Aquatics Water Polo rules.

Club 4.4.5 Classification shall be according to Club 13.1 and 13.3.

Club 4.4.6 The teams ranked 1st and 2nd in each group shall qualify for the Quarter Finals.

Club 4.5 Quarter Finals (Phase III)

Club 4.5.1 The eight (8) teams qualified according to Club 4.4.6. shall play the Quarter Finals on a home and away basis.

Club 4.5.2 The teams to play against each other and the teams to play first at home shall be decided by draw as follows:

First batch: Teams ranked 1st in Qualification Round II.

Second batch: Teams ranked 2nd in Qualification Round II.

Teams from the First batch will play against teams from the Second batch under the condition that teams qualified from the same Group of Qualification Round II cannot play against each other.

Club 4.5.3 All matches shall end after the normal time.



If, after the two matches, there is equality in the added scores, the second match shall be played to a final result (see Club 13.2).

Club 4.5.4 The four winning teams shall qualify for the Semi-Finals.

Club 4.6 Semi-Finals (Phase IV)

Club 4.6.1 The four (4) teams qualified according to Club 4.5.4 shall play the Semi-Finals on a home and away basis.

Club 4.6.2 The teams to play against each other and the teams to play first at home shall be decided by draw.

Club 4.6.3 All matches shall end after the normal time.

If, after the two matches, there is equality in the added scores, the second match shall be played to a final result (see Club 13.2).

Club 4.6.4 The winners of the Semi-Finals shall qualify for the Final.

Club 4.7 Final (Phase V)

Club 4.7.1 The Final shall be played on a home and away basis.

Club 4.7.2 The team to play first at home shall be decided by draw.

Club 4.7.3 Both matches shall end after the normal time.

If, after the two matches, there is equality in the added scores, the second match shall be played to a final result (see Club 13.2).

Club 4.7.4 The winning team shall be awarded a Trophy, engraved «European Aquatics Challenger Cup Men Winner».

CLUB 5 EUROPEAN AQUATICS SUPER CUP MEN

Club 5.1 Participation

The Winning Teams of the European Aquatic Champions League Men and European Aquatics Euro Cup Men of the previous year (season) of the European Aquatics Club Competitions.

Club 5.2 System of Competition

The match shall be played to a final result (see Club 13.2).

Club 5.3 Organiser

The site of the match are to be fixed and agreed on by the two teams and approved by European Aquatics. The winner of the Champions League has the priority of getting the organization.



CLUB 6 EUROPEAN AQUATICS CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN

Club 6.1 System of Competition

The Event shall be held in four (4) phases:

- Phase I: Qualification Round I;
- Phase II: Group Stage;
- Phase III: Quarter Finals;
- Phase IV: Final Four;

Club 6.2 Participation

Club 6.2.1 Federations that are qualified in the position 1st and 6th in the ranking of Nations-Clubs Women, may submit entries for six (6) according to the ranking of the national competition.

Federations qualified in the position 7th and over in the ranking of Nations- Clubs, may submit entries for the team having finished 1st in the National Championships. This team can refuse to participate in the Champions League Women competition in favor of the Challenger Cup Women competition

European Aquatics Office will officially announce the ranking of the Nations – Clubs latest 7 days after the last game of the European Club Competition in a season.

Club 6.2.2 Directly qualified for the Group Stage is the team having finished 1st in the National Championships from the countries ranked 1st to 4th in the women's Nations/clubs ranking and the winner of the previous Champions League.

Club 6.2.3 All the other teams entered shall play in the Qualification Round I.

Club 6.3. The order of play of the competition should be decided by the draw.

Club 6.3 Qualification Round I (Phase I)

Club 6.3.1 The teams playing the Qualification Round I shall be drawn into four (4) groups each to be held in a tournament at different venues.

If there are less than 12 teams European AquaticsTWPC may change the system.

Club 6.3.2 In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams.

Club 6.3.3 Each team shall play only one match per day. Exceptions may be decided.

Club 6.3.4 All matches shall be played to a final result. There shall be a penalty shoot-out to determine the result according to World Aquatics Water Polo rules.

Club 6.3.5 Classification shall be according to Club 13.1 and 13.3.

Club 6.3.6

- The teams ranked 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in first three group (A; B, C) shall qualify for the Group Stage of the Champions League Women competition.
- The teams ranked 1st and 2nd in the fourth (4) group (D) shall qualify for the Group Stage of the Champions League Women competition.



- The teams ranked 4th and 5th and 6th in each group shall qualify for the Qualification Round of the Euro Cup Women competition.

Club 6.4 Group Stage (Phase II)

Club 6.4.1 The Group Stage shall be held with sixteen (16) teams:

- The five (5) teams directly qualified according to Club 6.2.2;
- The eleven (11) teams qualified according to Club 6.3.6 Club 6.4.2

The teams shall be drawn into four (4) groups.

Club 6.4.2 The seeding shall be by draw according to the following system:

- First batch: the 5 teams according to Club 6.2.2
- Second batch: the 4 teams ranked in the 1st position according to Club 6.3.6
- Third batch: the 4 teams ranked in the 2nd position according to Club 6.3.6
- Fourth batch: the 3 teams ranked in the 3rd position according to Club 6.3.6

Note: Teams qualified from the same group of Qualification Round I cannot play in the same group in the Group Stage.

Club 6.4.3 In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams on a home and away basis.

The schedule of matches shall be decided by draw.

Club 6.4.4 All matches shall be played to a final result. There shall be a penalty shoot-out to determine the result according to World Aquatics Water Polo rules.

Club 6.4.5 Classification shall be according to Club 13.1 and 13.3.

Club 6.4.6 The teams ranked 1st and 2nd from each group of this stage shall qualify for the Quarter finals Final Four.

Club 6.5. Quarter Finals (Phase III)

Club 6.5.1 The eight (8) teams qualified according to Club 6.4.7. shall play the Quarter Finals on a home and away basis.

Club 6.5.2 The teams to play against each other and the teams to play first at home shall be decided by draw as follows:

First batch: Teams ranked 1st in the Group stage.

Second batch: Teams ranked 2nd in the Group stage.

Teams from the First batch will play against teams from the Second batch under the condition that teams qualified from the same Group of the Group stage cannot play against each other.

Club 6.5.3 All matches shall end after the normal time.



If, after the two matches, there is equality in the added scores, the second match shall be played to a final result (see Club 13.2).

Club 6.5.4 The four winning teams shall qualify for the Final Four.

Club 6.6 Final Four (Phase III)

Club 6.6.1 The Champions League final four shall be held with the four (4) teams qualified according to Club 6.5.4 to be played on two days in one venue.

Club 6.6.2 On the 1st day the semi-finals shall be played.
The teams to play against each other and the sequence of matches shall be decided by draw.

Club 6.6.3 On the 2nd day the losers of the semi-finals shall play for the third place as follows: LSF1 – LSF2

Club 6.6.4 The winners will play for the first place as follows: WSF1 – WSF2
The winning team of the Champions League Final Four shall be declared «European Aquatics Champions League Women Winner». It shall be awarded a Trophy engraved accordingly

CLUB 7 EUROPEAN AQUATICS EURO CUP WOMEN

Club 7.1 System of Competition

The Event shall be held in four (4) phases:

- Phase I: Qualification round I
- Phase II: Qualification round II
- Phase III: Quarter finals;
- Phase IV: Semifinals
- Phase V: Finals

Club 7.2 Participation

All clubs qualified from the European Aquatics Champions League Women Qualification Round I, (see 6.3.6)

Club 7.3. The order of play of the competition should be decided by the draw.

Club 7.3. Qualification round I

The Qualification round I will be part of the European Aquatics Champions League Women Qualification Round I

Club 7.4 Qualification round (Phase II)

Club 7.4.1 The Qualification round shall be held with eight (8) or more teams from Champions League Qualification Round I according to Club 6.3.6:

Club 7.4.2 The teams shall be drawn into two (2) groups if there will be eight (8) teams, or more groups if there will be more than eight (8) teams.



Club 7.4.3 The seeding shall be by draw according to the following system:

- a) First batch: the 4 or more teams ranked in the 4th position according to Club 6.3.6
- b) Second batch: the 4 or more teams ranked in the 5th position according to Club 6.3.6

Note: Teams qualified from the same group of Champions League Women Qualification Round I cannot play in the same group in the Group Stage.

Club 7.5 Quarter Finals (Phase III)

Club 7.5.1 The eight (8) teams qualified according to Club 7.4.3. shall play the Quarter Finals on a home and away basis.

Club 7.5.2 The teams to play against each other and the teams to play first at home shall be decided by draw as follows:

First batch: Teams ranked 1st in Qualification Round II.

Second batch: Teams ranked 2nd in Qualification Round II.

Teams from the First batch will play against teams from the Second batch under the condition that teams qualified from the same Group of Qualification Round II cannot play against each other.

Club 7.5.3 All matches shall end after the normal time.

If, after the two matches, there is equality in the added scores, the second match shall be played to a final result (see Club 13.2).

Club 7.5.4 The four winning teams shall qualify for the Semi-Finals.

Club 7.6 Semi-Finals (Phase IV)

Club 7.6.1 The four (4) teams qualified according to Club 7.5.4 shall play the Semi-Finals on a home and away basis.

Club 7.6.2 The teams to play against each other and the teams to play first at home shall be decided by draw.

Club 7.6.3 All matches shall end after the normal time.

If, after the two matches, there is equality in the added scores, the second match shall be played to a final result (see Club 13.2).

Club 7.6.4 The winners of the Semi-Finals shall qualify for the Final.

Club 7.7 Final (Phase V)

Club 7.7.1 The Final shall be played on a home and away basis.

Club 7.7.2 The team to play first at home shall be decided by draw.



Club 7.7.3 Both matches shall end after the normal time.
If, after the two matches, there is equality in the added scores, the second match shall be played to a final result (see Club 13.2).

Club 7.7.4 The winning team shall be awarded a Trophy, engraved «European Aquatics Euro Cup Women Winner».

CLUB 8 EUROPEAN AQUATICS CHALLENGER CUP WOMEN

Club 8.1 System of Competition

The Event shall be held in three (3) phases:

Phase I: Qualification Round I;

Phase II: Qualification Round II

Phase III: Final Four

Club 8.2 Participation

Participating teams are:

Federations qualified in the position 7th and over in the ranking of Nations - Clubs Women, may submit entries for the four (4) best-ranked teams.

Club 8.3. The order of play of the competition should be decided by the draw.

Club 8.3 Qualification Round (Phase I)

Club 8.3.1 The teams participating in Qualification Round I shall be drawn into groups, each to be held in a tournament at different venues.

If there are less than 3 teams, the European Aquatics TWPC may change this system.

Club 8.3.2 Previous classification shall be taken into consideration when seeding teams. As far as possible teams from the same Federation shall not be drawn into the same group.

Club 8.3.3 In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams.

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

Club 8.3.4 All matches shall be played to a final result. There shall be a penalty shoot-out to determine the result according to World Aquatics Water Polo rules.

Club 8.3.5 Classification shall be according to Club 13.1 and 13.3.

Club 8.3.6 The best 8 teams ranked shall qualify for the Qualification round II (in case of 4 groups, teams ranked 1st and 2nd. In case of 2 groups teams ranked 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th)



Club 8.4. Qualification Rounda (Phase II)

Club 8.4.1 The teams participating in Qualification Round I shall be drawn into groups, each to be held in a tournament at different venues.

The Qualification round II shall be held with eight (8) or more teams from Qualification round I, according to Club 8.3.5.:

Club 8.4.2. The teams shall be drawn into two (2) groups if there will be eight (8) teams, or one group if there will be more then eight (8) teams.

Club 8.4.3 The seeding shall be by draw according to the following system:

a) First batch: the 4 or more teams ranked in the 1st position according to Club 8.3.5

b) Second batch: the 4 or more teams ranked in the 2nd position according to Club 8.3.5

Note: Teams qualified from the same group of Qualification round I cannot play in the same group in the Qualification round II.

Club 8.4.4 In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams.

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

Club 8.4.5 All matches shall be played to a final result. There shall be a penalty shoot-out to determine the result according to World Aquatics Water Polo rules.

Club 8.4.6 Classification shall be according to Club 13.1 and 13.3.

Club 8.4.7 The best 4 teams ranked shall qualify for the Final Four.

Club 8.5 Final Four (Phase II)

Club 8.5.1 The Challenger Cup Women Final four shall be held with the four (4) teams qualified according to Club 8.4.7 to be played on two days in one venue.

Club 8.5.2 On the 1st day the semi-finals shall be played.

The teams to play against each other and the sequence of matches shall be decided by draw.

Club 8.5.3 On the 2nd day the losers of the semi-finals shall play for the third place as follows: LSF1 – LSF2.

The winners will play for the first place as follows: WSF1 – WSF2

Club 8.5.4 The winning team of the Challenger Cup Women Final Four shall be declared «European Aquatics Challenger Cup Women Winner».

CLUB 9 EUROPEAN AQUATICS SUPER CUP WOMEN



Club 9.1 Participation
The Winning Teams of the European Aquatics Champions League Women and European Aquatics Euro Cup Women of the previous year (season) of the Club Competitions.

Club 9.2 System of Competition
The match shall be played to a final result (see Club 13.2).

Club 9.3 Organiser
The site of the match are to be fixed and agreed on by the two teams and approved by European Aquatics. The winner of the Champions League has the priority of getting the organization.

CLUB 10 ENTRIES

Club 10.1 Preliminary Entries

Club 10.1.1 Preliminary Entries shall be sent to the Secretary of the European Aquatics TWPC, with a copy to the European Aquatics Office, no later than the date decided by the European Aquatics TWPC and circulated by the European Aquatics Office.

Club 10.1.2 The Preliminary entries shall be signed by the President or Secretary of the club and certified by the President or Secretary of the Federation to which the team is affiliated.

Club 10.2 Entry Fee

Club 10.2.1 The entry fee for each team entered shall:

- a. be decided by the European Aquatics Bureau and circulated by the European Aquatics Office;
- b. be paid to European Aquatics no later than the date for submission of preliminary entries.

Club 10.2.2 No entry shall be accepted if payment is not received in time or the preliminary entry is not accompanied by a certified bank order.

Club 10.3 Named Entries

Club 10.3.1 Named entries of players shall be sent to the Secretary of the European Aquatics TWPC, with a copy to the European Aquatics Office, no later than the date announced and circulated.

Up to twenty-five (25) players shall be listed on the official form comprising their name, surname, and passport number.

The list shall be signed by the President or Secretary of the Club and certified by the President or Secretary of the Federation to which the club is affiliated.



The list of entered players may not be changed after the time limit for its submission until the 1st of January every year.

On the period 1st January – 31st January every year, each team participating in the European Aquatics Club Competitions may add two (2) players to the Players list.

Those players may be added to the Players list following European Aquatics ITC Regulations. Those two players may be even previously listed on the Players list of other teams participating in the same season at the European Aquatics Club Competitions or any other team.

Consequently, each team participating in the European Aquatics Club Competitions may release non-limited number of players, with the following European Aquatics ITC Regulations, on period 1st– 31st January every year.

After the submission of the Players list on 31st January, additional changes are not permitted.

Club 10.3.2 Players entered shall be affiliated to the Club they are represented and thus eligible to play in International and National competitions if National regulations allowed, when named entries are submitted.

Such players shall be allowed to play for another club in any National or European Club Competition in accordance with Club 10.3.1.

Club 10.3.3 At the Technical Meeting before the first match in the phase of the European Aquatics LEN Club Competitions to be played in a tournament, fifteen (15) players of those listed on the official form shall be nominated for participation in the competition, as well as five (5) team officials.

At the Technical Meeting before the first match in the phase of the European Aquatics Club Competitions to be played on a home and away basis, thirteen (13) players of those listed on the official form shall be nominated for participation in the competitions.

Each team entering the game shall consist of eleven field players and two goalkeepers.

Club 10.3.4 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. A player shall not be allowed to change his cap number for the duration of each stage of the competition.

Club 10.3.5 The names of the 13 players and the names of the coach and team officials shall be submitted to the European Aquatics Technical Delegate no later than an hour before the match.

A player suspended for one or more matches can be substituted.

Club 10.3.6 The European Aquatics Technical Delegate shall check the players' and team official's personal identification documents and ensure that the names of the players are in accordance with the list of entered players.

Players and team officials who cannot prove identity corresponding to the list of entered players or who are not listed shall not be eligible to play.



CLUB 11 OBLIGATIONS OF ORGANISERS

Club 11.1 Pool Requirements

Club 11.1.1 All matches shall be played in indoor pools between 1st October and 30th April of season. Exceptions may be approved by the European Aquatics TWPC for the time before and after this period.

Club 11.1.2 Specifications of the Pools are to be as follows:

a) Field of play:

The field of play, water depth, temperature, and light intensity shall be as set forth in World Aquatics Water Polo rules

b) Pool Deck:

The pool deck shall be of a minimum space of two (2) meters to allow referees, players, and team staff members a freeway around the pool at any time 60 min before, during, and 30 min after the match.

c) Stands / Public:

There shall be a minimum distance of two (2) meters from the first row of the stands to the area which is defined above as Pool Deck, guaranteeing referees to act without any undue physical interference. If necessary, the first row(s) shall be kept free of any public, to achieve this minimum distance.

d) Dressing Room:

Dressing Rooms for referees and for the teams shall preferably be located in different sections of the pool and shall have separate access.

e) Automatic Officiating Equipment / Scoreboard:

The main scoreboard showing the time, period, goals and, preferably, the time left for excluded players shall be clearly visible for teams, officials and public.

f) 30 seconds clocks:

There shall be four 30 seconds clocks placed at each corner of the field of play.

g) Board displaying the personal fouls:

A board displaying the personal fouls of each player shall be placed in a prominent position, either combined with the main scoreboard or adjacent to it. This may be manually operated.

h) Other equipment:

(i) Lighting as per World Aquatics Water Polo Rules

(ii) preferably catwalk for Referees and podium for table of delegates and jury

(iii) spare caps

(iv) time clock for the time outs and two (2) manual clocks in case of a breakdown of the main scoreboard



(v) whistles and flags for jury table.

Club 11.1.3 Any organiser who fails to rig the field of play according to the rules and to have all the necessary equipment including the electronic equipment in working condition and located in a suitable place to be controlled by all concerned including the delegate, may be fined up to five hundred (500) EURO for any omission.

Club 11.2 Competence for Appointments

Club 11.2.1 The organisers of all matches with the exception of the «Final Four» shall be appointed by the European Aquatics TWPC with the approval of the European Aquatics Bureau Executive.

Club 11.2.2 If the number of applicants to organize a round is less than required, the organizers shall be drawn from the participating teams.

CLUB 12 REFEREES

Club 12.1 In all stages of the European Aquatics Club Competitions from the Qualification Round to the Finals referees shall be appointed by the European Aquatics TWPC.

Club 12.2 The European Aquatics Technical Delegate shall nominate for each match the referees and the other officials.

Club 12.3 Referees may be evaluated.

CLUB 13 CLASSIFICATION

Club 13.1 Scores and Points

Club 13.1.1 Each game must have a winner (except where otherwise stated in the regulations). 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

Club 13.1.2 The final classification within a group shall be established according to the points gained by each team in all matches of its group.

Club 13.1.3 For each match in which a team is disqualified a goal score of 10:0 shall be awarded to the opposing team.



Club 13.2 Matches to be played to a final result

Club 13.2.1 All matches shall be played to a final result. There shall be a penalty shoot-out to determine the result according to World Aquatics rules

Club 13.3 Equality of Points

Club 13.3.1 If two (2) teams shall have equal points, further classification shall be established as follows:

- a) The team winning the game(s) between them (including penalty shoot-out if any) shall be placed higher.
- b) If there is still equality the classification shall be established according to the goal difference in the two matches played only among the two teams with equal points.
- c) If there is still equality the classification shall be established according to goals scored among tied teams.
- d) 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.
- e) The first comparison shall be based on points, if still tied on goal difference, and if still tied, then based on goals scored.
- f) 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.
- g) 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.

If there is more than one tie in a group, the highest-placed tie shall be determined first. To calculate either goal difference or goals scored, the goals in any penalty shoot-out will not be taken into consideration

Club 13.3.2 If three (3) or more teams shall have equal points, further classification shall be established as follows:

- The results among the tied teams shall determine which team is placed highest.
- If, at any time during the application of the procedure, the number of tied teams is reduced to two (2), then the above procedure (5.3.1, tie between two teams) shall be used to determine which of the two (2) remaining teams is placed higher.

The comparison shall be made:

- a) first, upon the points of the games among the tied teams.
- b) second, the goal difference (excluding the goals from penalty shootout) among the tied teams,
- c) third, based upon goals scored among tied teams.
- d) 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.



- e) The first comparison shall be based on goal difference, and if still tied, then based on goals scored.
- f) 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.
- g) 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.

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.

Club 13.4 Exclusion and Suspension of Teams

Club 13.4.1 The European Aquatics Code of Discipline shall apply.

Club 13.4.2 European Aquatics 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 Competition shall be expunged.

Club 13.4.3 The European Aquatics 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.

CLUB 14 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Club 14.1 Each Federation entering a club shall be responsible that the club is fulfilling any financial obligations in connection with the European Aquatics Club Competitions.

Club 14.2 Any organiser of a European Aquatics Club Competition shall provide:

- a) Transport from the nearest airport to the hotel and back for participating teams, Delegate(s) and Referee(s);
- b) Transport from hotels to the pool and back for training and competitions for participating teams, Delegate(s) and Referee(s);
- c) Sessions of a minimum one (1) hour per day for training in the competition pool beginning preferably one day before the first match;
- d) Places for journalists and sufficient internet lines for them.

Club 14.3 Expenses for accommodation, travel, and per diem of European Aquatics Delegate(s) and Referees shall be borne by the organizing club according to the Regulations «Reimbursement of Expenses for European Aquatics Representatives and Referees at Water Polo matches included in the European Aquatics Calendar».