

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 Conference Cup Men (Conference 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 Conference Cup Women (Conference 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 during the yearly competition season.

Club 1.3 Dates and locations of all European Aquatics Club Competitions 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 TWPC Secretary and circulated by the European Aquatics Office.

Clarification:

All Club Competitions are under European Aquatics Events (E 1.1. d). Federations are to meet the financial liabilities of clubs according to European Aquatics official Regulations and Policies.

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



Club 1.5 Delegates appointed by the European Aquatics Bureau and/or the European Aquatics DRC 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 four (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 Participating Clubs are:

- a) Federations that are qualified in the position 1st to 10th in the Men Clubs Country Ranking, may submit entries (Clubs) for two (2) Clubs having finished 1st and 2nd in the National Championships.
- b) The winner of the previous edition of the Champions League competition has the right to directly participate. If the Winner of CL is also 1st or 2nd Club in the National Championships, the right to direct participation will not be passed to the 3rd placed Club from the same Country.
- c) Federations that are qualified in the position 11th and 12th in the Men Clubs Country Ranking, may submit entries (Club) for only one (1) Club having finished 1st in the National Championships. These Clubs can refuse to participate in the Champions League in favor of the Euro Cup.
- d) The previous season's Euro Cup winner, has the right to choose to play next season in the upper-ranked competition – Champions League Men, no matter their national ranking or place in the National Championships. If the Club is one of the Clubs that fulfill the upper conditions, his rights do not pass to the 3rd (1-10 ranking) or 2nd (11-12 ranking) Club in their National Championships.

European Aquatics Office will officially announce the final season Men Clubs Country Ranking latest 7 days after the last game of the European Aquatics Club Competition.

When applying for participation, each Federation can propose a replacement of their Clubs from one competition to another with the consent of both Clubs and proving a valid reason. The TWPC will make the final decision.



- Club 2.2.2 The winners of National Championships from 1-10 Men Clubs Country Ranking and the Winner of the previous edition of the Champions League are directly qualified for the Champions League Groupe Stage.
- Club 2.2.3 All the other Clubs shall play the Qualification Round:
- a) The 2nd place ranked Clubs in National Championships from 1-10 of Men Clubs Country Ranking;
 - b) The 1st place Club in National Championships Countries ranked from 11th to 12th place of Men Clubs Country Ranking;
 - c) The previous season Euro Cup winner.
- Club 2.2.4. The draw should decide the order of play of each phase of the competition.

Club 2.3 **PHASE I: Qualification Round**

- Club 2.3.1 According to the number of applied Clubs to participate, the TWPC has the right to define the number of groups and system of qualifications.
- Each group will play a tournament at different venues.
- Club 2.3.2 The Qualification Round groups will be decided by the draw, and previous classification shall be taken into consideration when seeding teams in batches following Men Club Ranking.
- NOTE: During this draw, if possible, two (2) Clubs from the same Country should be kept in separate groups.
- 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 according to the World Aquatics Water Polo rules.
- Club 2.3.5 Classification shall be according to Club 15.1 and 15.3.
- Club 2.3.6 The best Clubs from the Qualification Round will be qualified for the Champions League Group stage, until the number of 16 Teams is fullfilled.
The Clubs that did not qualify for the Group stage will play the Euro Cup Qualification Round.

Club 2.4 **PHASE II: Group Stage**

- Club 2.4.1 The Group Stage shall be held with sixteen (16) teams.
- The Clubs directly qualified according to Club 2.2.2.
 - The Clubs qualified according to Club 2.3.6
- Club 2.4.2 The Clubs shall be drawn into four (4) groups of four (4).
The seeding shall be according to the following system:
- First batch: the directly qualified Clubs according to the Club 2.2.2.
 - Second batch: the Clubs qualified according to the 2.3.6

Club 2.4.3 In each group each Club shall play against each of the other Club on a home and away basis. According to the draw results, the schedule of matches shall be prepared and sent by European Aquatics Office.

Club 2.4.4 All Matches shall be played according to the World Aquatics Water Polo rules.

Club 2.4.5 Classification shall be according to Club 15.1 and 15.3.

Club 2.4.6 The Clubs ranked 1st and 2nd from each group of this stage shall qualify for the Quarter Final Stage.
The Clubs ranked 3rd and 4th from each group of this stage shall qualify for the Eight Final stage of the Euro Cup Men competition.

Club 2.5 **PHASE III: Quarter Final Stage**

Club 2.5.1 The Quarter Final Stage shall be held with the eight (8) teams qualified according to Club 2.4.6.

Club 2.5.2 The Clubs shall be drawn into two (2) groups of four (4).
The seeding shall be by draw according to the following system:

- First batch: the Clubs ranked in the 1st position
- Second batch: the Clubs ranked in the 2nd position

NOTE: The Clubs that qualified from the same group in the Group Stage cannot be drawn into the same group of the Quarter Final Stage.

Club 2.5.3 In each group each Club shall play against each of the other Club on a home and away basis. According to the draw results, the schedule of matches shall be prepared and sent by European Aquatics Office.

Club 2.5.4 All Matches shall be played according to the World Aquatics Water Polo rules.

Club 2.5.5 Classification shall be according to Club 15.1 and 15.3.

Club 2.5.6 The Clubs ranked 1st and 2nd from each group of the Quarter final stage shall qualify for the Final Four.

Club 2.6 **PHASE IV: Final Four**

Club 2.6.1 The Final Four shall be held with the four (4) Clubs qualified according to Club 2.5.6., to be played during three days event at one venue.

Club 2.6.2 On the 1st day of the event the semifinal matches shall be played.

- SF1: The Club ranked 1st in Group A of the Quarter Final Stage shall play against the Club ranked 2nd in Group B
- SF2: The Club ranked 1st in Group B of the Quarter Final Stage shall play against the Club ranked 2nd in Group A

Club 2.6.3 On the 3rd day the losers of the semi-final matches shall play for the 3rd and 4th place as follows:

- LSF1 – LSF2



- Club 2.6.4 On the 3rd day 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 Club shall be declared the «European Aquatics Champions League Men Winner». The winning Club shall be awarded with a Trophy, engraved accordingly.
- Club 2.6.6. During the Final Four, the most valuable player (MVP) and the best goalkeeper of the Final Four event will be awarded.

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

Club 3.2 PARTICIPATION

Club 3.2.1 Participating teams are:

- a) Federations that are qualified in the position 1st to 10th in the Men Clubs Country ranking, may submit entries for two (2) Clubs having finished 3rd and 4th in the National Championships.
- b) Federations that are qualified in the position 11th to 12th in the Men Clubs Country ranking, may submit entries for two (2) Clubs having finished 1st, and 2nd in the National Championships.
- c) The Clubs that did not qualify for the Champions League Men's Group stage.
- d) The Clubs that did not qualify for the Champions League Men's Quarterfinal stage.
- e) The previous season's Conference Cup winner, has the right to choose to play next season in the upper-ranked competition – Euro Cup Men, no matter their national ranking or place in the National Championships. If he is one of the Clubs that fulfill the upper conditions, his rights do not pass to the 5th (1-10 ranking) or 3rd (11-12 ranking) Club in their National Championships.

European Aquatics Office will officially announce the final season Men Clubs Country Ranking latest 7 days after the last game of the European Aquatics Club Competition



When applying for participation, each Federation can propose a replacement of their Clubs from one competition to another with the consent of both Clubs and proving a valid reason. The TWPC will make the final decision.

Club 3.2.2. The 3rd position Clubs from the National Championships from 1-10 Men Clubs Country ranking are directly qualified for the Group stage.

Club 3.2.3 All the other Clubs shall play the Qualification Round:

- a) The 4th place Club in the National Championships from 1-10 Men Clubs Country ranking.
- b) The 1st and 2nd Clubs in the National Championships, from 11th to 12th Men Clubs Country ranking place.
- c) The Clubs – that did not qualify for the Champions League Men's Group Stage.
- d) The Club - the previous season's Conference Cup winner.

Club 3.2.4. The Clubs – that did not qualify for the Champions League Men's quarter-final stage will play the eighth final round of Euro Cup Men competition.

Club 3.2.5.. The draw should decide the order of play of each phase of the competition.

Club 3.3 **PHASE I: Qualification Round**

Club 3.3.1 All other participating Clubs according to Club 3.2.3 are playing in the Qualification round.

According to the number of applied Clubs to participate, the number of groups/tournaments and the number of qualifying Clubs for the next round will be defined by the TWPC.

The Clubs that qualified from the Qualification Round will play in the Group stage, and the Clubs that did not qualify will pass to the Conference Cup Qualification Round II.

Club 3.3.2 The Clubs participating in the Qualification Round shall be drawn into groups, each to be played in a tournament system at different venues.
The Qualification Round groups will be decided by the draw, and the previous classification shall be taken into consideration when seeding teams in batches following Men Club Ranking.

NOTE: During this draw, as far as possible, Clubs from the same Country should be kept in separate groups.

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 according to the World Aquatics Water Polo rules.

Club 3.3.5 Classification shall be according to Club 15.1 and 15.3.

Club 3.3.6 The Clubs that qualified from the Qualification Round will play in the Group stage. The Clubs that did not qualify will pass to the Conference Cup Qualification Round II, excluding the Clubs that played Champions League Qualification Round.

Club 3.4 **PHASE II: Group Stage**

Club 3.4.1 The Group Stage shall be held with sixteen (16) teams:

- a) The Clubs according to the Club 3.2.2
- b) The Clubs qualified from the Qualification Round of Euro Cup Men according to Club 3.3.6.

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

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

- First batch: Clubs that are directly qualified according to the Club 3.2.2
- Second batch: Clubs that are qualified from the Qualification Round according to the Club 3.3.6.

NOTE: The Clubs that qualified from the same group in the Qualification Round cannot be drawn into the same group in the Group Stage.

Club 3.4.4 In each group each Club shall play against each of the other Club on a home and away basis. Schedule of the games will be according to the draw results and sent out by the European Aquatics Office.

Club 3.4.5 All Matches shall be played according to the World Aquatics Water Polo rules.

Club 3.4.6 Classification shall be according to Club 15.1 and 15.3.

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

Club 3.5 **PHASE III: Eight Finals**

Club 3.5.1 The Eight Finals will be held with 16 Clubs.

The eight (8) Clubs that did not qualify for the Champions League Men Quarterfinal Stage, according to the 2.4.6.

The eight (8) Clubs that qualified from the Group Stage of the Euro Cup according to Club 3.4.7.

The Clubs shall play against each other in a best of a two home-and-away matches.

Club 3.5.2 The Clubs shall be drawn into eight (8) pairs, including which Club will play the first game at home.

The seeding shall be by draw according to the following:

- First batch: 4 Clubs ranked 3rd at the Group Stage of the Champions League Men competition.
- Second batch: 4 Clubs ranked 4th at the Group Stage of the Champions League Men competition.
- Third batch: 4 Clubs ranked 1st at the Group Stage of the Euro Cup Men competition.
- Fourth batch: 4 Clubs ranked 2nd at the Group Stage of the Euro Cup Men competition.

The Clubs from the 1st batch will play the Eight finals against the Clubs from the 4th batch. The Clubs from the 2nd batch will play against the Clubs from the 3rd batch. The same order will be applied during the draw.

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 15.2)

Club 3.5.5 The best eight Clubs after two (2) games shall qualify for the Quarter Finals.

Club 3.6 **PHASE IV: Quarter-finals**

Club 3.6.1 The eight (8) Clubs qualified according to Club 3.5.5 shall play the Quarter Finals in a best of two home-and-away matches. .

Club 3.6.2 The Clubs shall be drawn into four (4) pairs, including which Club will play the first game at home.

The seeding shall be by draw according to the following:

- First batch: All eight (8) Clubs that qualified for the Quarter final stage.

NOTE: During the draw, the semifinal pairs will be drawn.

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 15.2).

Club 3.6.5 The winners of Quarterfinals shall qualify for the Semi-final.

Club 3.7 **PHASE V: Semi-finals**

Clubs 3.7.1. The four (4) teams qualified according to Club 3.6.5. shall play the Semi-Finals in a best of two home-and-away matches.

Club 3.7.2 The two (2) pairs of semifinals will play in the following order:

- SF1 - 1st Game: WQF1 vs WQF2
- SF1 - 2nd Game: WQF2 vs WQF1
- SF2 - 1st Game: WQF3 vs WQF4
- SF2 - 2nd Game: WQF4 vs WQF3

Club 3.7.3 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 15.2).

Club 3.7.4. The winners of the Semi-Finals shall qualify for the Finals.

Club 3.8. **PHASE VI: Finals**

Club 3.8.1 The Final shall be played in best of two (2) a home and away matches.

Club 3.8.2 The finals will be played in the following order:

- 1st Game: SF1 vs SF2
- 2nd Game: SF2 vs SF1

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 15.2).

Club 3.8.4 The winning Club shall be declared the «European Aquatics Euro Cup Men Winner». The winning Club shall be awarded with a Trophy, engraved accordingly.

CLUB 4 EUROPEAN AQUATICS CONFERENCE CUP MEN

Club 4.1 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: Final Four.

Club 4.2 PARTICIPATION

Participating Clubs are:

- a) Federations that are qualified in the position 1st to 10th in the Men Clubs Country ranking, may submit entries for two (2) Clubs having finished 5th and 6th in the National Championships.
- b) Federations that are qualified in the position 11th to 12th in the Men Clubs Country ranking, may submit entries for two (2) Clubs having finished 3rd, 4th, and 5th in the National Championships.
- c) Federations that are qualified from 13th and over position in the Men Clubs Country ranking, may submit one (1) entry, only the Club having finished 1st in the National Championships. These Clubs can refuse to participate in the Conference Cup Men in favor of the Challenger Cup Men.
- d) The previous season's Challenger Cup winner has the right to choose to play next season in the upper-ranked competition – Conference Cup Men, no matter their national ranking or place in the National Championships. If he is one of the Clubs that fulfill the upper conditions, his rights do not pass to the 2nd placed Club in their National Championships from Countries ranked 13 and over.
- e) The Clubs that did not qualify for the Euro Cup Men's Group Stage competition, excluding the Clubs that played in the Champions League Qualification Round.

European Aquatics Office will officially announce the final season Men Clubs Country Ranking latest 7 days after the last game of the European Aquatics Club Competition.

When applying for participation, each Federation can propose a replacement of their Clubs from one competition to another with the consent of both Clubs and proving a valid reason. The TWPC will make the final decision.

Club 4.2.1. All participating Clubs are playing the Qualification Round I.

Club 4.2.2. The Clubs that did not qualify for the Euro Cup Men's Group stage, will play the second round of qualifications – Qualification Round II.

Clubs 4.2.3. The draw should decide the order of play of all phases of the competition.

Club 4.3 **PHASE I: Qualification Round I**

Club 4.3.1 All participating Clubs are playing in the Qualification Round I, according to Club 4.2.1.

According to the number of applied Clubs to participate, the number of groups/tournaments and the number of qualifying Clubs for the next round will be defined by the TWPC.

Clubs 4.3.2 Only the Clubs, from countries, ranked 13th and over in the Men Clubs Country ranking, that did not qualify for the Conference Cup Qualification Round II, will pass to the Challenger Cup Qualification Round II.

Club 4.3.3 The Qualification Round I groups will be decided by the draw, each to be played in a tournament system at different venues. The previous classification be taken into consideration when seeding teams in batches. As far as possible, during the draw according to the composition of batches, the geographical position of participating Clubs shall be taken into consideration.

Club 4.3.4 In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams. Each Club can play more than one match per day.

Club 4.3.5 All Matches shall be played according to the World Aquatics Water Polo rules.

Club 4.3.6 Classification shall be according to Club 15.1 and 15.3.

Club 4.3.7 According to the number of entries and the defined number of qualified Clubs, following 4.3.1 the best Clubs will qualify for the Qualification Round II.

In case the Clubs, from countries ranked 13th and over in the Men Clubs Country ranking, did not qualify for the Conference Cup Qualification Round II, they have the right to pass to the Challenger Cup Qualification Round II.

Club 4.4 **PHASE II: Qualification Round II**

Club 4.4.1 The best Clubs qualified according to Club 4.3.7. and the Clubs that did not qualify for the Euro Cup Group Stage, will have the right to play in Qualification Round II.

The number of groups/tournaments and the number of qualifying Clubs for the next round will be defined by the TWPC.

According to Club 4.3.7, the Clubs shall be drawn into groups, each to be held in a tournament at different venues.

Club 4.4.2 The Clubs participating in Qualification Round II shall be drawn into groups, each to be played in a tournament system at different venues.

The Qualification Round II groups will be decided by the draw. The classification from the previous round shall be taken into consideration when seeding teams in batches.

- First batch: the Clubs qualify according to Club 4.2.2.
- Second batch: the Clubs qualify according to Club 4.3.7.

NOTE: As far as possible, during the draw according to the composition of batches, the geographical position of participating Clubs shall be taken into consideration.

Club 4.4.3 In each group each Club shall play against each of the other Clubs. Each Club can play more than one match per day.

Club 4.4.4 All Matches shall be played according to the World Aquatics Water Polo rules

Club 4.4.5 Classification shall be according to Club 15.1 and 15.3.

Club 4.4.6 The Clubs, according to Club 4.4.1 shall qualify for the quarter-finals.

Club 4.5 **PHASE III: Quarter Finals**

Club 4.5.1 The best Clubs qualified according to Club 4.4.6. shall play the Quarter Finals in a tournament system.

Club 4.5.2 The number of groups/tournaments will be defined by the TWPC and the number of Clubs qualified for the next phase.

Club 4.5.3 The Clubs participating in the Quarter-finals shall be drawn into groups, each to be played in a tournament system at different venues.

The Quarter Final groups will be decided by the draw. The classification from previous round shall be taken into consideration when seeding teams in batches.

Club 4.5.4 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 15.2).

Club 4.5.5 The best four (4) Clubs shall qualify for the Final Four.

Club 4.6. **PHASE IV: Final Four**

Club 4.6.1 The four (4) teams qualified according to Club 4.5.5 to be played during a two-day event at one venue.

Club 4.6.2 On the 1st day of the event the semifinal matches shall be played.

- SF1: A1 – B2
- SF2: B1 – A2

- Club 4.6.3. The losers of the semi-final matches shall play for the 3rd and 4th place as follows:
- LSF1 – LSF2
- Club 4.6.4 The winners of the semi-final matches shall play for the 1st and 2nd place as follows:
- WSF1 – WSF2
- Club 4.6.5 The winning Club shall be declared the «European Aquatics Conference Cup Men Winner». The winning Club shall be awarded with a Trophy, engraved accordingly.

CLUB 5 EUROPEAN AQUATICS CHALLENGER CUP MEN

Club 5.1 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 Classification.

Club 5.2 PARTICIPATION

Participating teams are:

- a) Federations that are in the position 13th and over in the Men Club Country Ranking, may submit entries for the six (6) best-ranked Clubs in their National Championships. Only the Clubs having finished 1st in the National Championships can choose to play the Conference Cup Men.
- b) Only the Clubs from ranking 13th and over in the Men Club Country Ranking, that did not qualify for the Conference Cup Men's Qualification Round II, will play in the Qualification Round II of the Challenger Cup.

European Aquatics Office will officially announce the final season Men Clubs Country Ranking latest 7 days after the last game of the European Aquatics Club Competition.

When applying for participation, each Federation can propose a replacement of their Clubs from one competition to another with the consent of both Clubs and proving a valid reason. The TWPC will make the final decision.

Club 5.2.1 All participating Clubs are playing the Qualification Round I.

Club 5.2.2 Only the Clubs from ranking 13th and over in the Men Club Country Ranking that did not qualify for the Conference Cup Men's Qualification Round II will play directly the second round of Challenger Cup qualifications – Qualification Round II.

Clubs 5.2.3 The draw should decide the order of play of all phases of the competition.



Clubs 5.3 **PHASE I: Qualification Round I**

Club 5.3.1 All participating Clubs are playing in the Qualification Round I, according to Club 5.2.1.

According to the number of applied Clubs to participate, the number of groups/tournaments and the number of qualifying Clubs for the next round will be defined by the TWPC.

Club 5.3.2 The Clubs participating in Qualification Round I shall be drawn into groups, each to be played in a tournament system at different venues.

The Qualification Round I groups will be decided by the draw. The previous classification be taken into consideration when seeding teams in batches. As far as possible, during the draw according to the composition of batches, the geographical position of participating Clubs shall be taken into consideration.

Club 5.3.3 In each group each Club shall play against each of the other Club. Each Club can play more than one match per day.

Club 5.3.4 All Matches shall be played according to the World Aquatics Water Polo rules.

Club 5.3.5 Classification shall be according to Club 15.1 and 15.3.

Club 5.3.6 The best Clubs shall qualify for the Qualification Round II, according to 5.3.1.

The Clubs that did not qualify for the Qualification Round II will play in the Final Classification tournament.

Club 5.4 **PHASE II: Qualification Round II**

Club 5.4.1 The best Clubs qualified according to Club 5.3.6. and Club 5.2.2.

The number of groups/tournaments and the number of qualifying Clubs for the next round will be defined by the TWPC.

Club 5.4.2 According to Club 5.3.6 and Club 5.2.2, shall be drawn into groups, each to be held in a tournament system at different venues.

The Qualification Round II groups will be decided by the draw. The classification from the previous round will be taken into consideration when seeding teams in batches.

Club 5.4.3 In each group each Club shall play against each of the other Club. Each Club can play more than one match per day.

Club 5.4.4 All Matches shall be played according to the World Aquatics Water Polo rules.

Club 5.4.5 Classification shall be according to Club 15.1 and 15.3.

Club 5.4.6 The best Clubs according to Club 5.4.1 will qualify for the Final Eight.

The Clubs that did not qualify for the Final Eight will play in the Final Classification 1 and 2.

Club 5.5 **PHASE III: Final Classification**

Club 5.5.1 Participating Clubs:

- a) The Clubs that qualify for the Final Eight
- b) The Clubs that did not qualify for the Final Eight will play in separate one or more groups in the Final Classification 1.
- c) The Clubs that did not qualify for Qualification Round II will play in one or more groups for in the Final Classification 2.

The number of groups/tournaments and the system of Final classification will be defined by the TWPC.

Club 5.5.2 According to Club 5.3.7, and Club 5.4.6 shall be drawn into groups, each to be held in a tournament system at different venues.

Club 5.5.3 The groups for the Final classification 1 and 2 will be decided by the draw. The classification from the previous round be taken into consideration when seeding teams in batches.

NOTE: Clubs qualified from the same Group of Qualification Round I cannot play against each other, if possible.

Club 5.5.4 All matches shall end after the normal time.

Club 5.5.5 The eight (8) teams qualified according to Club 5.4.6 will play the Final Eight, to be played during a four-day event at one venue.

Club 5.5.6 According to Club 5.4.6, the Clubs for Final Eight shall be drawn into two (2) groups of four (4). Schedule of the games will be according to the draw results and sent out by the European Aquatics Office.

The classification from the previous round will be taken into consideration when seeding teams in batches.

Club 5.5.7 On the first two (2) days of the event the quarterfinal matches shall be played following the draw results and in the Round Robin system.

Club 5.5.8 On the third (3) day of the event, the following matches shall be played:

- Final Classification 7-8: 4th Ranked from each Group A4 vs B4
- Final Classification 6-5: 3rd Ranked from each Group A3 vs B3
- SF1: A1 vs B2
- SF2: B2 vs A2

Club 5.5.9 On The fourth (4) day of the event the following matches shall be played:

Final Classification 3-4: The losers of the semi-final matches shall play as follows:

- LSF1 – LSF2

Finals: The winners of the semi-final matches shall play as follows:

- WSF1 – WSF2



Club 5.5.10 The winning Club shall be declared the «European Aquatics Challenger Cup Men Winner». The winning Club shall be awarded with a Trophy, engraved accordingly.

CLUB 6 EUROPEAN AQUATICS SUPER CUP MEN

Club 6.1 PARTICIPATION

The Winning Club 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 6.2 System of Competition

One match that shall be played to a final result (see Club 15.2).

Club 6.3 ORGANIZER

The host of the match is to be fixed and agreed on between the two participating teams and approved by European Aquatics.

The winner of the Champions League Men's competition has the priority of getting the organization.

CLUB 7 EUROPEAN AQUATICS CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN

Club 7.1 System of Competition

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

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

Club 7.2 PARTICIPATION

Participating teams are:

- a) Federations that are qualified in the position 1st to 4th in the Women Clubs Country Ranking, may submit entries for four (4) Clubs having finished 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th in the National Championships.
- b) The winner of the previous edition of the Champions League competition has the right to directly participate. If the Winner of the Champions League is also a 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th placed Club in the National Championships, the right to direct participation will not be passed to the 5th placed Club from the same Country.

- c) Federations that are qualified in 5th and 6th position in the Women Clubs Country Ranking, may submit entries for two (2) Clubs having finished 1st and 2nd in the National Championships.
- d) The previous season's Euro Cup winner, has the right to choose to play next season in the upper-ranked competition – Champions League Women, no matter their national ranking or place in the National Championships. If the winner is one of the Clubs that fulfill the upper conditions, his rights do not pass to the 5th (1-4 ranking) or 3rd (5-6 ranking) Club in their National Championships.

European Aquatics Office will officially announce the final season Women Clubs Country Ranking latest 7 days after the last game of the European Aquatics Club Competition

When applying for participation, each Federation can propose a replacement of their Clubs from one competition to another with the consent of both Clubs and proving a valid reason. The TWPC will make the final decision.

Club 7.2.1 The Clubs 1st and 2nd placed in the National Championship from 1-4 Women Clubs Country Ranking and the Winner of the previous edition of the Champions League are directly qualified for the Champions League Groupe Stage.

Club 7.2.2 All the other Clubs entered shall play the QualificationRound .

- a) The Clubs 3rd and 4th place in the National Championship from 1-4 Women Clubs Country Ranking.
- b) The Clubs 1st and 2nd place in National Championships from 5-6 Women Clubs Country Ranking.
- c) The Club - the previous season's Euro Cup winner.

Club 7.2.3. The draw should decide the order of play of each phase of the competition.

Club 7.3 **PHASE I: Qualification Round**

Club 7.3.1 Participating Clubs

- a) The Clubs 3rd and 4th place in the National Championship from 1-4 Women Clubs Country Ranking.
- b) The Clubs 1st and 2nd place in National Championships from 5-6 Women Clubs Country Ranking.
- c) The Club - the previous season's Euro Cup winner.

Club7.3.2 According to the number of applied Clubs to participate, the TWPC has the right to define the number of groups and system of qualifications for the next round.

Each group will play a tournament at different venues.

Club 7.3.3 The Qualification Round groups will be decided by the draw, and previous classification shall be taken into consideration when seeding teams in batches following Women Club Ranking.



NOTE: During this draw, if possible, Clubs from the same Country should be kept as much as possible in separate groups.

- Club 7.3.4 In each group, each Club shall play against each of the other Clubs. Each Club shall play only one match per day. Exceptions may be accepted.
- Club 7.3.5 All Matches shall be played according to the World Aquatics Water Polo rules.
- Club 7.3.6 Classification shall be according to Club 15.1 and 15.3.
- Club 7.3.7 The best Clubs according to Club 7.3.2 will qualify for the Group stage.
The Clubs 1st and 2nd placed in the National Championship from 1-4 Women Clubs Country Ranking and the Winner of the previous edition of the Champions League are directly qualified for the Champions League Groupe Stage.
- Club 7.3.8 The Clubs that did not qualify for the Group Stage, will have the rights to play the Euro Cup Group stage.

Club 7.4 **PHASE II: Group Stage**

- Club 7.4.1 The Group Stage shall be held with sixteen (16) teams:
- The Clubs directly qualified according to Club 7.2.2;
 - The Clubs qualified according to Club 7.3.7.
- Club 7.4.2 The teams shall be drawn into four (4) groups of four (4).
The seeding for the draw shall be according to the following system:
- First batch: the Clubs that are 1st in the National Championships from 1-4 Women Clubs Country Ranking and the Winner of the previous edition of the Champions League that are directly qualified for the Champions League Groupe Stage.
 - Second batch: the Clubs that are 2nd in the National Championships from 1-4 Women Clubs Country Ranking that are directly qualified for the Champions League Groupe Stage.
 - Third and fourth batch: the Clubs that are qualified according to Club 7.3.7.
- NOTE: Teams qualified from the same group of Qualification Round cannot play in the same group in the Group Stage.
- Club 7.4.3 In each group each Club shall play against each of the other Club on a home and away basis. Schedule of the games will be according to the draw results and sent out by the European Aquatics Office.
- Club 7.4.4 All Matches shall be played according to the World Aquatics Water Polo rules.
- Club 7.4.5 Classification shall be according to Club 15.1 and 15.3.
- Club 7.4.6 The Clubs ranked 1st and 2nd from each group of this stage shall qualify for the Quarterfinal stage.

Club 7.5. **PHASE III: Quarter Final stage**

Club 7.5.1 The eight (8) Clubs qualified according to Club 7.4.6. shall play the Quarter Final stage in a best-of-two home-and-away games.

Club 7.5.2 The Clubs shall be drawn into four (4) pairs. Clubs that will first game play at home will also be drawn.

The seeding shall be by draw according to the following:

- First batch: Clubs ranked 1st in the Group stage.
- Second batch: Clubs ranked 2nd in the Group stage.

NOTE: Clubs from the First batch will play against Clubs from the Second batch under the condition that Clubs qualified from the same Group of the Group stage 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 15.2).

Club 7.5.4 The best four (4) Clubs after two (2) games shall qualify for the Final Four.

Club 7.6 **PHASE IV: Final Four**

Club 7.6.1 The Champions League Final Four shall be held with the four (4) Clubs qualified according to Club 7.5.4 to be played during a two days event in one venue.

Club 7.6.2 On the 1st day of the event the semi-final matches shall be played.
The Clubs to play against each other and the order of matches shall be decided by draw.

Club 7.6.3 On the 2nd day the losers of the semi-finals shall play for the 3rd and 4th place as follows:

- LSF1 – LSF2

Club 7.6.4 The winners of the semi-final matches shall play for the 1st and 2nd place as follows:

- WSF1 – WSF2

Club 7.6.5 The winning Club shall be declared the «European Aquatics Champions League Women Winner». The winning Club shall be awarded with a Trophy, engraved accordingly.

Club 7.6.6 During the Final Four, the most valuable player and the best goalkeeper of the Final Four event will be awarded.



CLUB 8 EUROPEAN AQUATICS EURO CUP WOMEN

Club 8.1 System of Competition The Event shall be held in five (5) phases:

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

Club 8.2 PARTICIPATION

Club 8.2.1 Participating Clubs are:

- a) Federations that are qualified in the position 1st to 4th in the Women Clubs Country Ranking may submit entries for two (2) Clubs having finished 5th, and 6th in the National Championships.
- b) Federations that are qualified in the position 5th to 6th in the Women Clubs Country Ranking, may submit entries for two (2) Clubs having finished 3rd and 4th in the National Championships.
- c) Federations that are qualified in the position 7th to 12th in the Women Clubs Country Ranking may submit entries for one (1) Clubs having finished 1st in the National Championships.
- d) The previous season Euro Cup winner.
- e) The previous season's Conference Cup winner, has the right to choose to play next season in the upper-ranked competition – Euro Cup Women, no matter their national ranking or place in the National Championships. If he is one of the clubs that fulfill the upper conditions, his rights do not pass to the 7th (1- 4 ranking), 5th (5-6 ranking), or 2nd (7-12 ranking) in their National Championships.
- e) The Clubs that did not qualify for the Champions League Women's Group stage.

The European Aquatics Office will officially announce the final season Women Clubs Country Ranking latest 7 days after the last game of the European Aquatics Club Competition.

When applying for participation, each Federation can propose a replacement of their Clubs from one competition to another with the consent of both Clubs and proving a valid reason. The TWPC will make the final decision.

Club 8.2.2 The Clubs – 5th place in the National Championship Rank from 1-4 of Women Clubs Country ranking, and the Winner of the previous edition of the Euro Cup, and the Clubs that did not qualify for the Champions League Group stage are directly qualified for the Euro Cup Groupe Stage.

Club 8.2.3 All other Clubs entered shall play the qualification round:

- a) The Clubs - 6th in the National Championships Rank from 1-4 of Women Clubs Country Raking shall play the Qualification round.



- b) The Clubs – 3rd and 4th in the National Championships Rank from 5-6 of Women Clubs Country Raking shall play the Qualification round.
- c) The Clubs – 1st in the National Championships Rank from 7-12 of Women Clubs Country Raking shall play the Qualification round.
- d) The Club - the previous season's Conference Cup winner, shall play in the Qualification round.

Club 8.2.4 The order of play of the competition should be decided by the draw.

Club 8.3. **PHASE I: Qualification round.**

Club 8.3.1. Participating Clubs:

- a) The Clubs - 6th in the National Championships Rank from 1-4 of Women Clubs Country Raking.
- b) The Clubs – 3rd and 4th in the National Championships Rank from 5-6 of Women Clubs Country Raking.
- c) The Clubs – 1st in the National Championships Rank from 7-12 of Women Clubs Country Raking.
- d) The previous season Euro Cup winner.
- d) The Club - the previous season's Conference Cup winner.

Club 8.3.2 According to the number of applied Clubs to participate, the TWPC has the right to define the number of groups and system of qualifications for the next round.

Each group will play a tournament at different venues.

Club 8.3.3 The Qualification Round groups will be decided by the draw, and the previous classification shall be taken into consideration when seeding teams in batches following Women Club Ranking.

NOTE: During this draw, if possible, Clubs from the same Country should be kept as much as possible in separate groups.

Club 8.3.4 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 8.3.5 All Matches shall be played according to the World Aquatics Water Polo rules.

Club 8.3.6 Classification shall be according to Club 15.1 and 15.3.

Club 8.3.7 The best Clubs according to Club 8.3.2 will qualify for the Group stage, together with the Clubs that finished in 5th place in the National Championships Ranked from 1-4 of Women Clubs Country ranking, the Winner of the previous edition of the Euro Cup, and the Clubs that did not qualify for the Champions League Group stage are directly qualified for the Euro Cup Group Stage.

Club 8.3.8 The Clubs that did not qualify for the Group Stage, will have the right to play the Conference Cup Qualification Round II, excluding the Clubs that played in the Champions League Qualification round.



Club 8.4 **PHASE II: Group stage**

- Club 8.4.1 The Group stage shall be held with twelve (12) Teams:
- a) The Clubs that finished in 5th place in the National Championship Rank from 1-4 of Women Clubs Country ranking.
 - b) The Winner of the previous edition of the Euro Cup.
 - c) The Clubs that did not qualify for the Champions League Women's Group stage, excluding the Clubs that played in the Champions League Qualification round.
 - d) The Clubs that have qualified according to Club 8.3.2.

Club 8.4.2. The teams shall be drawn into four (4) groups of three (3).
The seeding for the draw shall be according to the following system:

- First batch: The Clubs that did not qualify for the Champions League Women's Group stage
- Second batch: The Clubs that finished in 5th place in the National Championship Rank from 1-4 of the Women Clubs Country ranking.
- Third batch: the Clubs that are qualified according to Club 8.3.6.

NOTE: Clubs qualified from the same group of Qualification Round cannot play in the same group in the Group Stage.

Club 8.4.3 In each group each Club shall play against each of the other Club on a home and away basis. Schedule of the games will be according to the draw results and sent out by the European Aquatics Office.

Club 8.4.4 All Matches shall be played according to the World Aquatics Water Polo rules.

Club 8.4.5 Classification shall be according to Club 15.1 and 15.3.

Club 8.4.6 The Clubs ranked 1st and 2nd from each group will be qualified for the Quarterfinal stage.

Club 8.5 **PHASE III: Quarter Finals**

Club8.5.1 The eight (8) Clubs qualified according to. Club 8.4.6. shall play the Quarter Finals in a best-of-two home and away games.

Club 8.5.2 The Clubs shall be drawn into four (4) pairs. Clubs that will first game play at home will be drawn.

The seeding shall be by draw according to the following:

- First batch: Clubs ranked 1st from each group of Group Stage
- Second batch: Clubs ranked 2nd from each group of Group Stage

NOTE: Clubs from the First batch will play against Clubs from the Second batch under the condition that Clubsqualified from the same Group of Group stage cannot play against each other .

Club 8.5.3 All matches shall end after the normal time.
All Matches shall be played according to the World Aquatics Water Polo rules
If, after the two matches, there is equality in the added scores, the second match shall be played to a final result (see Club 15.2).



Club 8.5.4 The best four (4) Clubs after two games shall qualify for the Semi-Finals.

Club 8.6 **PHASE IV: Semi-Finals**

Club 8.6.1 The four (4) teams qualified according to Club 8.5.4 shall play the Semi-Finals in a best of two home and away games.

Club 8.6.2 The two (2) pairs of semifinals will play in the following order:

- SF1 - 1st Game: WQF1 vs WQF2
- SF1 - 2nd Game: WQF2 vs WQF1
- SF2 - 1st Game: WQF3 vs WQF4
- SF2 - 2nd Game: WQF4 vs WQF3

Club 8.6.3 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 15.2).

Club 8.6.4 The winners of the Semi-Finals shall qualify for the Final.

Club 8.7 **PHASE V: Final**

Club 8.7.1 The Final shall be played in a best-of-two home and away games.

Club 8.7.2 The finals will be played in the following order:

- 1st Game: SF1 vs SF2
- 2nd Game: SF2 vs SF1

Club 8.7.3 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 15.2).

Club 8.7.4 The winning Club shall be declared the «European Aquatics Euro Cup Women Winner». The winning Club shall be awarded with a Trophy, engraved accordingly.

CLUB 9 **EUROPEAN AQUATICS CONFERENCE CUP WOMEN**

Club 9.1 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 Eight



Club 9.2 PARTICIPATION

Participating teams are:

- a) Federations that are qualified in the position 1st to 4th in the Women Clubs Country ranking, may submit entries for two (2) Clubs having finished 7th and 8th in the National Championships.
- b) Federations that are qualified in the position 5th to 6th in the Women Clubs Country ranking, may submit entries for two (2) Club having finished 5th and 6th in the National Championships.
- c) Federations that are qualified in the position 7th to 12th in the Women Clubs Country ranking, may submit entries for two (2) Clubs having finished 2nd, and 3rd in the National Championships.
- d) Federations that are qualified from the position 13th and over in the Women Clubs Country ranking, may submit entries for one (1) Club having finished 1st in the National Championships.
- e) The previous season's Challenger Cup Women winner, has the right to choose to play next season in the upper-ranked competition – Conference Cup Women, no matter their national ranking or place in the National Championships. If the winner is one of the Clubs that fulfill the upper conditions, his rights do not pass to the 4th place Club in their National Championships ranked 7-12 Women Clubs Country Ranking, nor 2nd from the 13th and over ranking.
- f) The Clubs that did not qualify for the Euro Cup Women's Group stage competition, excluding the Clubs that played in the Champions League Qualification round.

European Aquatics Office will officially announce the final season Women Clubs Country Ranking latest 7 days after the last game of the European Aquatics Club Competition.

When applying for participation, each Federation can propose a replacement of their Clubs from one competition to another with the consent of both Clubs and proving a valid reason. The TWPC will make the final decision.

Club 9.2.1. All participating Clubs are playing the Qualification Round I.

The Clubs that did not qualify for the Euro Cup Women's Group stage, will play the second round of qualifications – Qualification Round II, excluding the Clubs that played in the Champions League Qualification round.

Clubs 9.2.2. The draw should decide the order of play of all phases of the competition.

Club 9.3 PHASE I: Qualification Round I

Club 9.3.1 In the Qualification Round I will play Clubs according to Club 9.2.1.

According to the number of applied Clubs to participate, the number of groups/tournaments and the number of qualifying Clubs for the next round will be defined by the TWPC.

- Clubs 9.3.2 Only the Clubs, from countries, ranked 7th and over in the Women Clubs Country ranking, that did not qualify for the Conference Cup Qualification Round II, will pass to the Challenger Cup Qualification Round II.
- Club 9.3.3 The Clubs participating in Qualification Round I shall be drawn into groups, each to be played in a tournament system at different venues.
- The Qualification Round I groups will be decided by the draw. The previous classification be taken into consideration when seeding teams in batches following Women Club Ranking. As far as possible, during the draw according to the composition of batches, the geographical position of participating Clubs shall be taken into consideration.
- Club 9.3.4 In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams. Each team can play more than one match per day.
- Club 9.3.5 All Matches shall be played according to the World Aquatics Water Polo rules
- Club 9.3.6 Classification shall be according to Club 15.1 and 15.3.
- Club 9.3.7 According to the number of entries and the defined number of qualified Clubs, following 9.3.1 the best Clubs will qualify for the Qualification Round II.
- In case the Clubs, from countries ranked 7th and over in the Women Clubs Country ranking, did not qualify for the Conference Cup Qualification Round II, they will pass to the Challenger Cup Qualification Round II.
- Club 9.4 **PHASE II: Qualification Round II**
- Club 9.4.1 The best Clubs qualified according to Club 9.3.7. and the Clubs that did not qualify for the Euro Cup Women Group Stage, will have the right to play in Qualification Round II.
- The number of groups/tournaments and the number of qualifying Clubs for the next round will be defined by the TWPC.
- According to Club 9.3.7, shall be drawn into groups, each to be held in a tournament at different venues.
- Club 9.4.2 The Clubs participating in Qualification Round II shall be drawn into groups, each to be played in a tournament system at different venues.
- The Qualification Round II groups will be decided by the draw. The classification from the previous round shall be taken into consideration when seeding teams in batches. As far as possible, during the draw according to the composition of batches, the geographical position of participating Clubs shall be taken into consideration.
- Club 9.4.3 In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams. Each team can play more than one match per day.
- Club 9.4.4 All Matches shall be played according to the World Aquatics Water Polo rules.
- Club 9.4.5 Classification shall be according to Club 15.1 and 15.3.
- Club 9.4.6 The best Clubs according to Club 9.4.1 will qualify for the Final Eight.
- The Clubs that did not qualify for the Final Eight will play in the Final Classification 1 and 2.



Club 9.5 **PHASE III: Final Eight**

Club 9.5.1 The eight (8) teams qualified according to Club 9.4.6 to be played during a four-day event at one venue.

Club 9.5.2 According to Club 9.4.6, the Clubs shall be drawn into two (2) groups of four (4). The classification from the previous round be taken into consideration when seeding teams in batches.

Club 9.5.3 On the first two (2) days of the event the quarterfinal matches shall be played following the draw results and in the Round Robin system.

Club 9.5.4 On the third (3) day of the event, the following matches shall be played:

- SF1 Final Classification 5-8: 4A vs 3B
- SF2 Final Classification 5-8: 4B vs 3A
- SF3: 1A vs 2B
- SF4: 2B vs 2A

Club 9.5.5 On The fourth (4) day of the event the following matches shall be played:

- Final Classification 7-8: LSF1 vs LSF2
- Final Classification 5-6: WSF1 vs WSF2
- Final Classification 3-4: The losers of the semi-final matches shall play as follows: LSF3 – LSF4
- Finals: The winners of the semi-final matches shall play as follows: WSF3 – WSF4

Club 9.5.6 The winning Club shall be declared the «European Aquatics Conference Cup Women Winner». The winning Club shall be awarded with a Trophy, engraved accordingly.

CLUB 10 **EUROPEAN AQUATICS CHALLENGER CUP WOMEN**

Club 10.1 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 Classification

Club 10.2 PARTICIPATION

Participating teams are:

- a) Federations that are qualified in the position 7th to 12th in the Women Clubs Country ranking, may submit entries for two (2) Clubs having finished 4th and 5th in the National Championships.



- b) Federations that are qualified from the position 13th in the Women Clubs Country ranking, may submit four (4) best-ranked Clubs in their National Championships.
- c) The Clubs from countries ranked 7th and over in the Women Clubs Country ranking that did not qualify for the Conference Cup Qualification Round II.

European Aquatics Office will officially announce the final season Women Clubs Country Ranking latest 7 days after the last game of the European Aquatics Club Competition

When applying for participation, each Federation can propose a replacement of their Clubs from one competition to another with the consent of both Clubs and proving a valid reason. The TWPC will make the final decision.

Club 10.2.1 All participating Clubs are playing the Qualification Round I.

Only the Clubs from countries ranked 7th and over in the Women Clubs Country ranking that did not qualify for the Conference Cup Qualification Round II, will play the second round of Challenger Cup qualifications – Qualification Round II.

Clubs 10.2.2. The draw should decide the order of play of all phases of the competition.

Club 10.3 **PHASE I: Qualification Round I**

Club 10.3.1 All participating Clubs are playing in the Qualification Round I, according to Club 10.2.1.

According to the number of applied Clubs to participate, the number of groups/tournaments and the number of qualifying Clubs for the next round will be defined by the TWPC.

Club 10.3.2 The Clubs participating in Qualification Round I shall be drawn into groups, each to be played in a tournament system at different venues.

The Qualification Round I groups will be decided by the draw. The previous classification will be taken into consideration when seeding teams in batches following Women Club Ranking. As far as possible, during the draw according to the composition of batches, the geographical position of participating Clubs shall be taken into consideration.

Club 10.3.3 In each group each Club shall play against each of the other Clubs. Each Club can play more than one match per day.

Club 10.3.4 All Matches shall be played according to the World Aquatics Water Polo rules.

Club 10.3.5 Classification shall be according to Club 15.1 and 15.3.

Club 10.3.6 The best Clubs shall qualify for the Qualification Round II, according to 10.3.1 and only the Clubs from countries ranked 7th and over in the Women Clubs Country ranking that did not qualify for the Conference Cup Qualification Round II, will play the second round of Challenger Cup qualifications – Qualification Round II.

All other Clubs that did not qualify for the Qualification Round II will play in the Final Classification tournament.



Club 10.4. **PHASE II: Qualification Round II**

Club 10.4.1 The best Clubs qualified according to Club 10.3.6. and only Clubs from countries ranked 7th and over in the Women Clubs Country ranking that did not qualify for the Conference Cup Qualification Round II, can play the second round of Challenger Cup qualifications – Qualification Round II.

The number of groups/tournaments and the number of qualifying Clubs for the next round will be defined by the TWPC following Club 10.3.1.

Club 10.4.2 According to Club 10.4.1, shall be drawn into groups, each to be held in a tournament system at different venues.

The Qualification Round II groups will be decided by the draw. The classification from the previous round will be taken into consideration when seeding teams in batches. As far as possible, during the draw according to the composition of batches, the geographical position of participating Clubs shall be taken into consideration.

Club 10.4.3 In each group each Club shall play against each of the other Clubs. Each Club can play more than one match per day.

Club 10.4.4 All Matches shall be played according to the World Aquatics Water Polo rules

Club 10.4.5 Classification shall be according to Club 15.1 and 15.3.

Club 10.4.6 The best four (4) teams according to Club 10.4.1 will qualify for the Final Four. The Clubs that did not qualify for the Final Four will play in the Final Classification 1 and 2.

Club 10.5 **PHASE III: Final Classification**

Club 10.5.1 a) The Clubs that qualify for the Final Four.

b) The Clubs that did not qualify for the Final Four will play in separate one or more groups in the Final Classification 1

c) The Clubs that did not qualify for Qualification Round II will play in one or more groups for in the Final Classification 2.

The number of groups/tournaments and the system of Final classification will be defined by the TWPC.

Club 10.5.2 According to Club 10.5.2 the Clubs shall be drawn into groups, each to be held in a tournament system at different venues.

The groups for the Final classification 1 and 2 will be decided by the draw. The classification from the previous round be taken into consideration when seeding teams in batches.

NOTE: If possible, the Clubs qualified from the same Group of Qualification Round I and II cannot play against each other.

Club 10.5.3 In each group each Club shall play against each of the other Clubs. Each Club can play more than one match per day.

- Club 10.5.4 All matches shall end after the normal time.
- Club 10.5.5 All Matches shall be played according to the World Aquatics Water Polo rules.
- Club 10.5.6 Classification shall be according to Club 15.1 and 15.3.
- Club 10.5.7 The Final Four shall be held with the four (4) teams qualified according to Club 10.4.6 to be played on two days in one venue.
- Club 10.5.8 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 following 10.4.1
- Club 10.5.9 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 10.5.10 The winning team of the Challenger Cup Women Final Four shall be declared «European Aquatics Challenger Cup Women Winner». The winning Club shall be awarded with a Trophy, engraved accordingly.

CLUB 11 **EUROPEAN AQUATICS SUPER CUP WOMEN**

- Club 11.1 Participation
- The Winning Clubs of the European Aquatics Champions League Women and European Aquatics Euro Cup Women of the previous year (season) of the Club Competitions.
- Club 11.2 System of Competition
- One match shall be played to a final result (see Club 13.2).
- Club 11.3 Organizer
- The host of the match is to be fixed and agreed on between the two Clubs and approved by European Aquatics. The winner of the Champions League Women has the priority of getting the organization.

CLUB 12 **ENTRIES**

- Club 12.1 Preliminary Entries
- Club 12.1.1 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 12.1.2 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 Club is affiliated.

Club 12.2 **Entry Fee**

Club 12.2.1 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 12.2.2 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 12.3 Clubs Players and Team Officials entries

Club 12.3.1 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.

The official form shall list up to twenty-five (25) players, including their names, surnames, date of birth, and passport number or ID card 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 players may not be changed after the deadline for its submission and until the 1st of January every year.

On the period 1st January – 31st January every year, each Club 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 Clubs participating in the same season at the European Aquatics Club Competitions or any other Club.

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

After the submission of the Players list on 31st January, or earlier depending on the season competition calendar, additional changes are not permitted.

Club 12.3.2 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.

Club 12.3.3 At the Technical Meeting before the first match in the phase of the European Aquatics 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 in group stage or 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 Club entering the game shall consist of eleven field players and two goalkeepers.

- Club 12.3.4 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 12.3.5 The names of 13 players and the names of the head coach and team officials shall be submitted to the European Aquatics Technical Delegate no later than an hour (1h) before the match.

A player suspended for one or more matches can be substituted with one of the 25 players listed in the Clubs Players list

- Club 12.3.6 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 13 ORGANISERS OBLIGATIONS

Club 13.1 Pool Requirements

- Club 13.1.1 All matches shall be played in indoor pools between 1st November and 31st Match of the season. Exceptions may be approved by the European Aquatics TWPC for the time before and after this period.

- Club 13.1.2 Specifications of the Pools should be according to the World Aquatics Water Polo Rules.

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) Attack time shotclocks:

There shall be four possession ball (attacking time) 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.
- (vi) Organization of TV broadcast of Champions League MEN matches in accordance with EA TV Broadcast CL Men Guidelines.
- (vii) Organization of Streaming of matches of Champions League Women, Euro Cup Men and Women, Conference Cup and Challenger Cup Men and Women in accordance with EA Streaming guidelines for each competition.

Club 13.1.3 An organizer who delivers a lower level of signal quality than that prescribed for the TV broadcast of the Men's Champions League can be fined up to 7,000 euros.

An organizer who fails to deliver a live TV broadcast of a Men's Champions League match can be fined up to 15,000 euros.

Club 13.1.4 An organizer who delivers a lower level of signal quality than that prescribed for the Streaming of the Men's Euro Cup can be fined up to 2,000 euros.

An organizer who delivers a lower level of signal quality than that prescribed for the Streaming of all other European club competition (men and women) can be fined up to 1,000 euros.

Club 13.1.5 Any organizer 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 500 euros for any omission.

Club 13.2 Allocation of the tournaments/matches.

Club 13.2.1 The organizers of all tournaments/matches with the exception of the Champions League Men Final Four shall be appointed by the European Aquatics TWPC with the approval of the European Aquatics Bureau Executive.

Club 13.2.2 If the number of applicants to organize a round is less than required, the organizers shall be drawn from the participating teams.

CLUB 14 TECHNICAL DELEGATES AND REFEREES

Club 14.1 In all stages of the European Aquatics Club Competitions from the Qualification Round to the Finals technical delegates and referees shall be appointed by the European Aquatics Delegates and Referees Committee.

Club 14.2 During the tournaments the European Aquatics Technical Delegate shall nominate the referees for each match.

Club 14.3 Referees shall be evaluated.

CLUB 15 CLASSIFICATION

Club 15.1 Scores and Points

Club 15.1.1 All matches will be played under the World Aquatics Water Polo Rules.

Club 15.1.2 The point scale for all matches shall follow the World Aquatics Water Polo Rules.

Club 15.1.3 The final classification within a group shall be established according to the points gained by each team in all matches of its group.

Club 15.1.4 For each match in which a team is disqualified a goal score of 10:0 shall be awarded to the opposing team.

Club 15.2 Final result

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 15.3 Equality of Points

Club 15.3.1 If two (2) teams shall have equal points, further classification shall be according to the World Aquatics Water Polo Rules.

Club 15.3.2 If three (3) or more teams shall have equal points, further classification shall be according to the World Aquatics Water Polo Rules.



Club 15.4 **Exclusion and Suspension of Teams**

Club 15.4.1 The European Aquatics Code of Discipline shall apply.

Club 15.4.2 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 15.4.3 The European Aquatics Bureau may suspend a Club if:

- a) the Rules, the Regulations, and/or the instructions issued to all participating teams are not complied with by the Club, or;
- b) the financial liabilities in regard to the Club are not fulfilled.

CLUB 16 **FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

Club 16.1 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 16.2 Any organiser of a European Aquatics Club Competition shall provide:

- a) Transport from the nearest airport to the official hotel and back for participating teams, Delegate(s) and Referee(s);
- b) Transport from official hotels to the pool and back for training and competitions for participating teams, Delegate(s) and Referee(s);
- c) Consequently, only the Clubs accommodated in the official Hotels will have local and airport transport provided by the organizing Club.
- d) Sessions of a minimum of one (1) hour per day for training in the competition pool beginning preferably one day before the first match;
- e) Places for journalists and sufficient internet lines for them. All other requirements written in the official competition Guidelines.

Club 16.3 Expenses for accommodation, and per diem of European Aquatics Technical Officials (Delegates and Referees), and to all other European Aquatics Representatives on-site, if present, shall be borne by the organizing club according to the European Aquatics Travel and Daily Allowance Policy.

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