



# Waterpolo Rules



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**PROGRAM of the MATCHES**

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## I. Introduction

- The tournament will be held at the Federal Swimming Centre in Ostia, via delle Quinqueremi, 100 - 00122 - Lido di Ostia (RM) from Friday 12th July to Saturday 13th July.
- Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, the matches will start at 9 am and finish at 9 pm
- Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, the matches will start at 9am and finish at 4pm.
- All game rules follow the latest FINA rules available at [http://www.fina.org/sites/default/files/2017\\_2021\\_wp\\_rules\\_16032018\\_color.pdf](http://www.fina.org/sites/default/files/2017_2021_wp_rules_16032018_color.pdf) (OLD RULES)
- In order to provide the best possible tournament, ensure safety and, of course, fun and the best performance, we will provide some suggestions below.
- All players must be at least 18 years old by the time the event starts and they must be registered in accordance with the rules governing water polo in their countries of origin. It is mandatory to supply the medical sports certificate as well as the card.
- A team can consist of a minimum of 7 to a maximum of 15 players and up to 2 coaches.
- If a team does not play a game by fault, the game must be assigned to the opponent team with a score of 5 to 0.
- The duration of the game will be of two periods each lasting eight minutes of continuous play. For the finals 1st and 2nd place instead there will be 4 periods of 8 minutes each.
- The time will start at the beginning of each period as soon as a player touches the ball.
- At all stop signs, the watch must not be stopped unless due to goals, penalties, time out or at the discretion of the referee for serious reasons.



- The regular 30-second timers will be used for the duration of the actions.
- There must be intervals between 2-minute periods.
- Single refereeing without door judges is foreseen, the dimensions and measurements of the field will be the regular ones (25 mt. X 20 mt. For minimum depth of 1.80 mt.).
- Only WP 5 can be used.
- It is possible to request a time-out per team per half of the game for a period of one minute.
- Only for the semi-final and final phase, in the case of a draw, penalties must be used to determine the result. The penalties will be shot immediately at the end of the regular game and the same referees will be used. Before the match starts the respective coaches of the teams must complete the list of five players and the goalkeeper who will participate in the penalty shots in the event of a draw. The goalkeeper can be changed at any time provided that the substitute has been included in the list of team members in that game. The five named players will have to be listed in order and that order will determine the sequence, which cannot be changed. Penalty shots will be made alternatively at each end of the pool, unless the conditions at one end of the pool benefit and / or disadvantage a team, in which case all shots may be taken at the same end. The players who will shoot the penalties will remain in the water in front of their bench while all the players not involved will have to sit on the team bench. The team shooting first will be determined by a coin toss. In the event that the teams draw after completing the five initial penalties, the same five players will then have to alternate shots until a team fails.
- The teams have the opportunity to warm up in the pool in front of the one where the official matches will take place only 30 minutes before the whistle starts their game.
- **The Organizing Committee reserves the right at any time to adapt the rules of the game to sudden occurrences of extraordinary and / or unpredictable nature.**





## II. TOURNAMENT

### 1. First phase.

The first phase of the tournament consists of 3 groups Round A, Round B, Round C made up of 4 teams each.

In each group, the teams will compete against each other.

The points awarded for each game:

Victory: 3pts

Draw: 1pts

Defeat: 0 pts

The ranking is based on the number of points, weighed with the goal difference, goals scored and goals conceded.

### 2. Second phase.

This phase is an elimination round.

The best first of each group and the best second ranked team will play the semi-finals and finals of the competitive group.

All the other teams will play the semi-finals and finals of the amateur round.

Each match must determine a winner, in the event of a draw the penalty procedure explained in the introduction part of the regulation will be applied.

### 3. Awarding.

After the finals for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place the teams will be awarded.