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In addition to the LEN General Event Rules the following

REGULATIONS

shall apply:

CLUB 1 LEN CLUB EVENTS

Club 1.1 The Events of the European Water Polo Cups for Club Teams are:

a) Men:

- **European Water Polo League Men (Euro League);**
- **LEN Trophy for Water Polo Men;**
- **LEN European Water Polo Super Cup Men.**

b) Women:

- **European Water Polo Cup for National Champions Women;**
- **LEN Trophy for Water Polo Women;**
- **LEN European Water Polo Super Cup Women.**

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

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

They shall be announced by the Secretary of the TWPC and circulated by the LEN Office.

Clarification:

All Club Competitions are LEN Events (E 1.1 c). Federations are to meet financial liabilities of clubs (C.2.2.2 d, E 9.1 and E 15.4).

Club 1.4 Time and place of any draw shall be announced by the Secretary of the LEN TWPC and circulated by the LEN Office.

Club 1.5 Delegates appointed by the LEN Bureau and/or the LEN TWPC shall be responsible for and supervise the correct conduct of the competitions according to LEN Rules and Regulations. The Delegate(s) shall decide on all matters arising on site at the competitions which require an immediate decision.

CLUB 2 EURO LEAGUE

Club 2.1 System of Competitions

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

- Phase I: Qualification Round I;
- Phase II: Qualification Round II;
- Phase III: Preliminary Round;
- Phase IV: Quarter Finals;
- Phase V: Final Four.

Club 2.2 Participation

Club 2.2.1 Federations may submit entries maximum for:

- a) Two (2) teams having finished 1st and 2nd in the National Championships;

b) The team having finished 3rd in the National Championships of those eight (8) Federations with a team classified best in the previous year of the Euro League Preliminary Rounds.

Entries shall include the ranking of the respective team in the National Championships.

Club 2.2.2 The first classified club teams of the Federations which have the right to participate with three teams are directly qualified for the Preliminary Round (Phase III).

Club 2.2. The second classified club teams of the Federations which have the right to participate with three teams are directly qualified for the Qualification Round II (Phase II).

Club 2.2.4 All the other teams entered shall play in the Qualification Round I (Phase I).

Club 2.3 Qualification Round I (Phase I)

Club 2.3.1 The teams participating in Qualification Round I shall be drawn into eight (8) groups, each to be held in a tournament at different venues. If there are less than 24 teams, LEN TWPC may change this system.

Club 2.3.2 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 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 decided.

- Club 2.3.4 All matches shall be played to the normal time.
- Club 2.3.5 Classification shall be according to Club 9.1 and 9.3.
- Club 2.3.6 The teams ranked 1st and 2nd in each group shall qualify for Qualification Round II.
- Club 2.3.7 The teams ranked 3rd in each group shall qualify for Qualification Round II of LEN Trophy (see Club 3.2 b).

Club 2.4 Qualification Round II (Phase II)

- Club 2.4. The Qualification Round II shall be held with twenty-four (24) teams:
- a) The eight (8) teams directly qualified according to Club 2.2.3;
 - b) The sixteen (16) teams qualified according to Club 2.3.6.
- Club 2.4.2 The teams shall be drawn into four (4) groups, each to be held in a tournament at different venues.
- Club 2.4.3 Seeding shall be according to previous classification. As far as possible teams from the same Federation shall not be drawn into the same group.
- Club 2.4.4 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 decided.
- Club 2.4.5 All matches shall be played to the normal time.

- Club 2.4.6 Classification shall be according to Club 9.1 and 9.3.
- Club 2.4.7 The teams ranked 1st and 2nd in each group shall qualify for the Preliminary Round.
- Club 2.4.8 The teams ranked 3rd and 4th in each group shall qualify for Qualification Round II of LEN Trophy (see Club 3.2 b).

Club 2.5 Preliminary Round (Phase III)

- Club 2.5.1 The Preliminary Round shall be held with **sixteen (16)** teams:
- a) The eight (8) teams directly qualified according to Club 2.2.2;
 - b) The eight (8) teams qualified according to Club 2.4.7.
- Club 2.5.2 The teams shall be drawn into four (4) groups.
- Club 2.5.3 The seeding shall be by draw according to the following system:
- a) First batch: the teams of the Federations with a team having ranked 1st to 4th in the previous year.
 - b) Second batch: the teams of the Federations with a team having ranked 5th to 8th in the previous year (see Club 2.2.1 b).
 - c) Third batch: the teams ranked 1st in each of the four groups of the Qualification Round II.
 - d) Fourth batch: the teams ranked 2nd in each of the four groups of the Qualification Round II.
- Teams which were in the same group in Qualification Round II shall not be in the same group again.

- 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 end after the normal time.
- Club 2.5.6 Classification shall be according to Club 9.1 and 9.3.
- Club 2.5.7 The teams ranked 1st and 2nd in each group of the Preliminary Round shall qualify for the Quarter Finals.

Club 2.6 Quarter Finals (Phase IV)

- Club 2.6.1 The Quarter Finals shall be held with the eight (8) teams qualified according to Club 2.5.7.
- Club 2.6.2 The four (4) teams ranked 1st in the Preliminary Round shall play against a team ranked 2nd from a different group on a home and away basis.
- Club 2.6.3 The seeding and the schedule of matches to be played shall be decided by draw.
- Club 2.6.4 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 9.2).
- Club 2.6.5 The four (4) winning teams shall qualify for the Final Four.

Club 2.7 Final Four (Phase V)

Club 2.7.1 The Final Four shall be held with the four (4) teams qualified according to Club 2.6.5, to be played on two days at one venue.

Club 2.7.2 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 2.7.3 On the 2nd day the losers of the Semi Finals shall play for the third place and the winners for the first place.

Club 2.7.4 The winning team shall be declared the «European Club Champion Men». It shall be awarded a Trophy, engraved accordingly.

CLUB 3 LEN TROPHY FOR WATER POLO MEN

Club 3.1 System of Competitions

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

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

Club 3.2 Participation

Participating teams are:

- a) Up to two (2) teams to be entered by the Federations which shall play in the Qualification Round I (Phase I);

- b) The sixteen teams qualified from the Euro League (see Club 2.3.7 and 2.4.8) which are directly qualified for the Qualification Round II (Phase II).

Club 3.3 Qualification Round I (Phase I)

Club 3.3.1 The teams participating in Qualification Round I 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 LEN 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 made.

Club 3.3.4 All matches shall be played to the normal time.

Club 3.3.5 Classification shall be according to Club 9.1 and 9.3.

Club 3.3.6 The teams ranked 1st and 2nd in each group shall qualify for the Qualification Round II.

Club 3.4 Qualification Round II (Phase II)

Club 3.4.1 The Qualification Round II shall be held with **thirty-two (32)** teams:

- a) The sixteen (16) teams directly qualified according to Club 3.2 b);
- b) The sixteen (16) teams qualified according to Club 3.3.6.

Club 3.4.2 The teams shall be drawn into eight (8) groups, each to be held in a tournament at different venues.

Club 3.4.3 Seeding shall be according to previous classification.

As far as possible teams from the same Federation shall not be drawn into the same group.

Club 3.4.4 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 decided.

Club 3.4.5 All matches shall be played the normal time.

Club 3.4.6 Classification shall be according to Club 9.1 and 9.3.

Club 3.4.7 The teams ranked 1st and 2nd in each group shall qualify for the Eight Finals.

Club 3.5 Eight Finals (Phase III)

Club 3.5.1 The eight teams ranked 1st in the Qualification Round II shall play against a team ranked 2nd from a different group 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.

Club 3.5.3 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 9.2).

Club 3.5.4 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 3.5.6 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. If, after the two matches, there is equality in the added scores, the second match shall be played to a final result (see Club 9.2).

Club 3.6.4 The four winning teams shall qualify for the Semi Finals.

Club 3.7 Semi Finals (Phase V)

Club 3.7.1 The four (4) teams qualified according to Club 3.6.4 shall play the Semi Finals on a home and away basis.

Club 3.7.2 The teams to play against each other and the teams to play first at home shall be decided by draw.

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 9.2).

Club 3.7.4 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 9.2).

Club 3.8.4 The winning team shall be awarded a Trophy, engraved «LEN Trophy for Water Polo Men».

CLUB 3.9 LEN EUROPEAN SUPER CUP

Club 3.9.1 Participation

The Winning Teams of the Euro League and LEN Trophy of the previous year of the Club Cup Competitions.

Club 3.9.2 System of Competition

The match shall be played to a final result (see Club 9.2).

Club 3.9.3 Organiser

Club 3.9.4 The date and the site of the match is to be fixed and agreed on by the two teams and approved by LEN.

CLUB 4 EUROPEAN WATER POLO CUP FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONS WOMEN

Club 4.1 System of Competitions

Club 4.1.1 The Event shall be held in four (4) phases:

- Phase I: Qualification Round;
- Phase II: Preliminary Round;
- Phase III: Quarter Final Round;
- Phase IV: Final Four.

Club 4.1.2 All matches shall be played the normal time.

Club 4.1.3 Classification shall be according to Club 9.1 and 9.3.

Club 4.2 Participation

Club 4.2.1 Federations may submit entries for the two (2) teams having finished 1st and 2nd in the National Championships;

Club 4.2.2 Directly qualified for the Preliminary Round are the National Champions of Federations with a team having ranked 1st to 4th in the previous Cup for National Champions Women.

Club 4.2.3 All the other teams entered shall play in the Qualification Round.

Club 4.3 Qualification Round (Phase I)

- Club 4.3.1 The teams playing 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 24 teams LEN TWPC may change the system.
- Club 4.3.2 In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams.
- Club 4.3.3 Each team shall play only one match per day. Exceptions may be decided.
- Club 4.3.4 a) The teams ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each group shall Qualify for the Preliminary Round (Phase II);
b) The teams ranked 4th in each group shall qualify for the Preliminary Round (Phase II) of LEN Trophy Women (See Club 5.2.1 c).

Club 4.4 Preliminary Round (Phase II)

- Club 4.4.1 The Preliminary Round shall be held with **sixteen (16)** teams:
a) The teams directly qualified according to Club 4.2.2;
If there are less than four (4) teams the LEN TWPC may decide on the qualification system;
b) The teams qualified according to Club 4.3.4 a.
- Club 4.4.2 The teams shall be seeded into four (4) groups, each to be held in a tournament at different venues. The groups shall then be drawn according to the following system:
1st Batch: The teams of Federations with a team

having ranked 1st to 4th in the previous year.

2nd Batch: The teams ranked 1st in each group of the Qualification Round.

3rd Batch: The teams ranked 2nd in each group of the Qualification Round.

4th Batch: The teams ranked 3rd in each group of the Qualification Round.

Teams which were in the same group in the Qualification Round shall not be in the same group again.

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

Club 4.4.4 Each team shall play only one match per day. Exceptions may be decided.

Club 4.4.5 The teams ranked 1st and 2nd in each group shall qualify for the Semi Finals.

Club 4.5 Quarter Finals (Phase III)

Club 4.5.1 The Quarter Finals shall be held with the **eight (8)** teams qualified according to Club 4.4.5.

Club 4.5.2 The teams shall play on a home and away basis.

Club 4.5.3 The teams to play against each other and the teams to play first at home shall be decided by draw.

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 9.2).

Club 4.5.5 The four winning teams shall qualify for the Final Four.

Club 4.6 Final Four

Club 4.6.1 The final four shall be held with the four (4) teams qualified according to Club 4.5.5 to be played on two days in one venue.

Club 4.6.2 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 4.6.3 On the 2nd day the losers of the semi finals shall play for the third place and the winners for the first place.

Club 4.6.4 The winning team shall be declared «European Club Champion Women». It shall be awarded a Trophy engraved accordingly.

CLUB 5 LEN TROPHY FOR WATER POLO WOMEN

Club 5.1 System of Competitions

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

- Phase I: Qualification Round;
- Phase II: Preliminary Round;
- Phase III: Semi Finals;
- Phase IV: Final.

Club 5.2 Participation

- Club 5.2.1 Participating teams are:
- a) teams of the Federations ranked 1st to 4th in the previous LEN Trophy and not qualified for the Cup of the National Champions;
 - b) two teams, not qualified for the Cup of the National Champions;
 - c) teams ranked 4th in each group of the Champions Cup Qualification Round according to Club 4.3.4 b.

Club 5.3 Qualification Round (Phase I)

- Club 5.3.1 The teams playing 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 24 teams LEN TWPC may change the system.
- Club 5.3.2 In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams.
- Club 5.3.3 Each team shall play only one match per day. Exceptions may be decided.
- Club 5.3.4 All matches shall be played to the normal time
- Club 5.3.5 Classification shall be according to Club 9.1 and 9.3.
- Club 5.3.6 The teams ranked 1st and 2nd in each group shall qualify for the Preliminary Round.

Club 5.4 Preliminary Round (Phase II)

- Club 5.4.1 The Preliminary Round shall be held with **Sixteen (16)** teams:

a) the teams directly qualified according to Club 5.2.1 a);

If there are less than 4 teams the LEN TWPC may decide on the qualification system.

b) the teams qualified according to Club 5.3.6;

c) the teams qualified according to Club 4.3.4 b).

Club 5.4.2 The teams shall be seeded into four (4) groups, each to be held in a tournament at different venues. The seeding shall be by draw according to the following system:

1st Batch: the teams of the Federations with a team having ranked 1st to 4th in the previous year.

2nd Batch: the teams qualified according to Club 4.3.4 b).

3rd Batch: the teams ranked 1st in each of the four groups of the Qualification Round.

4th Batch: the teams ranked 2nd in each of the four groups of the Qualification Round.

Teams which were in the same group in the Qualification Round shall not be in the same group again.

Club 5.4.3 In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams.

Club 5.4.4 Each team shall play only one match per day. Exceptions may be decided.

Club 5.4.5 The teams ranked 1st and 2nd in each group shall qualify for the Quarter Finals.

Club 5.5 Quarter Finals (Phase III)

Club 5.5.1 The Quarter Finals shall be held with the **eight (8)** teams qualified according to Club 5.4.5.

Club 5.5.2 The teams shall play on a home and away basis.

Club 5.5.3 The teams to play against each other and the teams to play first at home shall be decided by draw.

Club 5.5.4 All matches shall end after normal time.

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

Club 5.5.5 The four winning teams shall qualify for the Semi Finals.

Club 5.6 Semi Finals (Phase IV)

Club 5.6.1 The four (4) teams qualified according to Club 5.5.5 shall play the Semi Finals on a home and away basis.

Club 5.6.2 The teams to play against each other and the teams to play first at home shall be decided by draw.

Club 5.6.3 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 9.2).

Club 5.6.4 The winners of the Semi Finals shall qualify for the Final.

Club 5.7 Final (Phase V)

Club 5.7.1 The Final shall be played on a home and away basis.

Club 5.7.2 The team to play first at home shall be decided by draw.

Club 5.7.3 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 9.2).

Club 5.7.4 The winning team shall be awarded a Trophy, engraved «LEN Trophy for Water Polo Women».

CLUB 5.8 LEN EUROPEAN SUPER CUP FOR WATER POLO WOMEN

Club 5.8.1 Participation

The Winning Teams of the Champions Cup and LEN Trophy of the previous year of the Club Cup Competitions.

Club 5.8.2 System of Competition

The match shall be played to a final result (see Club 9.2).

Club 5.8.3 Organiser

Club 5.8.4 The date and the site of the match is to be fixed and agreed on by the two teams and approved by LEN.

CLUB 6 ENTRIES

Club 6.1 Preliminary Entries

Club 6.1.1 Preliminary Entries shall be sent to the Secretary of the LEN TWPC, with copy to the LEN Office, no later than the date decided by the LEN TWPC and circulated by the LEN Office.

Club 6.1.2 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 6.2 Entry Fee

Club 6.2.1 The entry fee for each team entered shall:

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

Club 6.2.2 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 6.3 Named Entries

Club 6.3.1 Named Entries of players shall be sent to the Secretary of the LEN TWPC, with copy to the LEN Office, no later than the date announced and circulated.

The number of players entered is not restricted.

The 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.

Clarification:

The list may not be changed during the whole LEN Club Water Polo Season which means the whole period from the Qualifications up to the Finals in the respective LEN Club Competitions.

Club 6.3.2 Players entered shall be affiliated to the Club they are representing when named entries are submitted.

Such players shall not be allowed to play for another club in any National Competition before the Finals of the respective LEN Water Polo Club Competition or before three months elapse from the date their club was eliminated in the respective LEN Water Polo Club Competition, whichever date is the earliest.

Club 6.3.3 At the Technical Meeting before the first match in each stage of the LEN Club Competitions, as well as before the matches to be played on home and away basis, **thirteen (13)** players of those listed on the official form shall be nominated for participation in the competitions.

Club 6.3.4 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 6.3.5 The names of the 13 players and the names of the coach and the officials to sit on the bench shall be submitted to the LEN Technical Delegate no later than one hour before the match.

A player suspended for one or more matches due to brutality can not be substituted.

- Club 6.3.6 The LEN Technical Delegate shall check the players personal identification documents and ensure that the names of the players are in accordance with the list of entered players.

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

CLUB 7 OBLIGATIONS OF ORGANISERS

Club 7.1 Pool Requirements

- Club 7.1.1 All matches shall be played in indoor pools between 1st October and 30th April of the season. Exceptions may be approved by the LEN TWPC for the time before and after this period.

- Club 7.1.2 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 FINA Rules (FR 7.1, FR 7.2, FR 7.3, FR 7.4);

b) Pool Deck:

The pool deck shall be of a minimum space of two (2) metres to allow referees, players and team staff members a free way 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, in order 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 FINA-Rules (FR 7.4);

(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 7.1.3 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 7.2 Competence for Appointments

Club 7.2.1 The organisers of all matches with the exception of the «Final Four» shall be appointed by the LEN TWPC with the approval of the LEN Bureau Executive.

Club 7.2.2 If the number of applicants to organise a round is less than required, the organisers shall be drawn from the participating teams.

CLUB 8 REFEREES

Club 8.1 In all stages of the LEN Club Competitions from the Qualification Round to the Finals referees shall be appointed by the LEN TWPC.

Club 8.2 The LEN Technical Delegate shall nominate for each match the referees and the other officials.

Club 8.3 Referees may be evaluated.

CLUB 9 CLASSIFICATION

Club 9.1 Scores and Points

Club 9.1.1 Each victory shall count three (3) points for the winning team, each draw one (1) point per team and zero (0) points for the losing team.

Club 9.1.2 The final classification within a group shall be established according to the points gained by each team in all matches of its group.

Club 9.1.3 For each match in which a team is disqualified a goal score of 10:0 shall be awarded to the opposing team.

Club 9.2 Matches to be played to a final result

Club 9.2.1 If a match ends with a tie after the normal time, there shall be, after an interval of five minutes, two extra periods each of three minutes actual play with an interval of one minute for the referees to change sides.

Club 9.2.2 In case of further equality, there shall be a penalty shoot out to determine the result.

Note: If a penalty shoot out is necessary, this shall be in accordance with the FINA rules.

Club 9.3 Equality of Points

Club 9.3.1 In case of equality of points in groups in which teams are playing **in a tournament at the same venue**, the following shall apply:

a) If equality of points is between **two (2) teams**, precedence shall be given to the team winning

the match in which the two teams played against each other.

- i) If this has been a tie, precedence shall be given to the team with the largest difference between goals scored for and against.
 - ii) If there is still a tie precedence shall be given to the team having scored the higher number of goals.
 - iii) If there is still a tie precedence shall be given to the team having won the largest number of matches
 - iv) If there is still equality, the classification of the teams shall be decided by lot.
- b) If equality of points is between more than **two (2) teams** the classification shall be established as follows:**
- i) Only the points gained in those matches played among the teams with equal points shall be decisive.
 - ii) If there is still equality the classification shall be established according to the goal difference from only those matches played among the teams with equal points.
 - (iii) If there is still equality the classification shall be established according to the highest number of goals scored in the matches played among the teams with equal points.
 - iv) If there is still equality the classification shall be established according to the goal difference from all matches played in the group.

- v) If there is still equality the classification shall be established according to the highest number of goals scored in all matches of the group.
- vi) If there is still equality precedence shall be given to the team having won the largest number of matches.
- vii) If there is still equality the classification shall be decided by lot.

Club 9.3.2 In case of equality of points in groups where each team is playing on a **home and away basis** against each of the other teams, the following shall apply:

- a) If equality of points is between **two teams** the classification shall be established as follows:
 - i) Only the points gained in the matches played among the two teams with equal points shall be decisive.
 - ii) 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.
 - iii) If there is still equality the classification shall be established according to the goal difference from all matches played in the group.
 - iv) If there is still equality precedence shall be given to the team having scored more goals in all matches played in the group.
 - v) If there is still equality precedence shall be given to the team having won the largest number of matches.

vi) If there is still equality the classification shall be decided by lot.

b) If equality of points is between **more than two teams** the classification shall be established as follows:

- i) Only the points gained in those matches played among the teams with equal points shall be decisive.
- ii) If there is still equality the classification shall be established according to the goal difference from only those matches played among the teams with equal points.
- iii) If there is still equality the classification shall be established according to the highest number of goals scored in the matches played among the teams with equal points.
- iv) If there is still equality the classification shall be established according to the goal difference from all matches played in the group.
- v) If there is still equality the classification shall be established according to the highest number of goals scored in all matches of the group.
- vi) If there is still equality precedence shall be given to the team having won the largest number of matches.
- vii) If there is still equality the classification shall be decided by lot.

Club 9.4 Exclusion and Suspension of Teams

- Club 9.4.1 A team/club not complying with the Rules, the Regulations and/or the instructions issued to all participating clubs may be excluded. It may also be excluded from the next LEN Club Competition for which this team/club shall qualify.
- Club 9.4.2 The LEN Delegate(s) shall suspend a team from a LEN Club Competition in case of forfeiting a ranking match. Exception may be made.
- Club 9.4.3 The LEN Bureau may suspend a team from a LEN Club Competition in case of not complying with the financial liabilities it is responsible for.
- Club 9.4.4 All results achieved so far by the team excluded or suspended shall be expunged.

CLUB 10 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

- Club 10.1 Each Federation entering a club shall be responsible that the club is fulfilling any financial obligations in connection with the Cup Competitions.
- Club 10.2 Any organiser of a LEN 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) sessions of 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 telephone lines for them.

Club 10.3 Expenses of **LEN Delegate(s) and Referees** shall be borne by the organising club according to the Regulations «Reimbursement of Expenses for LEN Representatives and Referees at Water Polo matches included in the LEN Calendar».

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