



## FINA Women's Water Polo World League 2012 Rules & Regulations for National Federations

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## Rules & Regulations for Women

### Accommodation & Meals:

The participating teams must cover their own travel, accommodation and meals expenses for the preliminary rounds only.

### Groups

Groups are established based on the results of the Preliminary and Super Final rounds of the previous edition.

### Dates:

The dates will be as follows:

■ Americas	May 2012	May 2012
■ Asia/Oceania	May 2012	May 2012
■ Europe	May 2012	May 2012
■ <b>Super Final</b>		<b>May 29– June 3, 2012</b>

### Competition System:

#### **Preliminaries:**

The competition will be played with a tournament system, with one or two tournaments for the Americas, Asia & Oceania and for Europe, depending on the number of participants. A Super Final with eight teams will conclude the event.

#### **Super Final:**

Two (2) teams from the Americas tournament, two (2) teams from the Asia & Oceania tournament and four (4) teams from the European Tournaments will qualify. The host National Federation organizing the Super Final will automatically qualify and will be considered to be a ranked team from that continent.



### **Specific World League Rules**

#### **Points Awarded per Match to each Team**

The following points will be awarded per match to each team:

- Match won: 3 points
- Match won by penalty: 2 points
- Match lost by penalty: 1 point
- Match lost or forfeited: 0 point

#### **In the case of a tie in Preliminaries, Semi Finals and Final Games:**

- In all the matches there will be a winner.
- If at the end of a fourth quarter the score is in a tie, then the winner shall be resolved by each team shooting five penalty shots from 5m at the same goal in alternate succession. The first team shall take its first penalty shot and then the other team shall take its first penalty shot, etc. If a tie shall exist after that procedure, each team shall then take alternate shots until one team scores and the other misses. Different members of the team must shoot each shot.
- All the penalties must be shot from the 5m line.

#### **General Tie Breaking Rule:**

- See FINA Handbook BL 9.6.3

#### **Game Duration:**

- 4 periods of 8 minutes each
- 2 minute break between periods 1-2 and 3-4
- 5 minute break at half-time

#### **Players:**

- For each match or tournament, each team must present a list of 13 players as per FINA Rule WP 5.1

#### **Official World League Sport Equipment and Material**

- Only FINA approved material may be used
- Exclusive FINA Water Polo Game Ball: Mikasa (W6000W)
- Exclusive FINA Water Polo Caps may be decided by FINA
- Timing and Scoring System (to be provided by the each NF Organiser Preliminary and Super Final).

**Referees:**

Each team is requested to nominate a FINA listed referee that will officiate in the event. The referee must be submitted to the FINA TWPC Commission for approval. The expenses of the referee are to be covered by his/her National Federation.

Neutral Referees will be nominated by the FINA TWPC Commission. The organising National Federation must cover the expenses related to the accommodation and meals of the Neutral Referees. FINA will cover the travel expenses (economy fare).

**Delegates:**

Delegates will be nominated by FINA. The organising National Federation must cover the expenses related to the accommodation and meals of the Delegates. FINA will cover the travel expenses (economy fare).

**Financial Conditions:****Direct Expenses of FINA**

- Administration Expenses of the World League Secretariat
- Flight tickets for:
  - FINA Officials
  - FINA Delegates
  - FINA Doping Control Delegate
  - FINA Press Delegate
  - Neutral Referees
  - TV Supervisor
- Per diem for:
  - FINA Delegates
  - FINA Doping Control Delegate
  - FINA Press Delegate
  - Neutral Referees
- Payments received in relation with the registration fee will be used for prize money

**Direct Income of FINA****Marketing Rights from International Sponsors**

- Title/Presenting Sponsor
- Official Players Caps (To be confirmed)
- Official Water Polo Ball of the World League
- Sale of International TV Rights (For the Super Final **only**)

**Structural Expenses to be met by each Host National Federation**

- All local transportation expenses
- Board and lodging for 7 teams (13 players, 4 officials, 1 referee, a total of 18 persons) **for the Super Final only**
- Board and lodging for Doping Control Delegate, Press Delegate, FINA Officials and Neutral Referees. The Neutral Referees and Referees must be accommodated in a different hotel than the teams
- Arrangements and decoration for venue look
- Acquisition of official material and technical equipment
- Expenses regarding competition venue, organisation, staff and auxiliary refereeing officials, official opening and closing ceremony and press conferences during the competition
- Production cost of national and local official programme, posters as well as entrance tickets
- Production cost of advertising boards
- Production cost of the flags
- Medical expenses for First Aid and Medical Assistance
- Cost of the Doping Control tests (Minimum two (2) tests per game).
- Publicity for event on national scale
- Cost for hosting FINA and International Sponsor VIP's lounge (with refreshment and catering)
- Cost of Host Broadcast Production

**Expenses Participating Teams:****Non-refundable Registration fee:**

- A total of 15'000.- to be paid in two instalments
- Payment Terms: USD 5'000.- to be paid by September 30, 2011

**Preliminaries:**

- Travel, accommodation and meal expenses for their own National team (including referee)

**Finals:**

- Travel expenses for their own National team (including referee)

**Prize Money Distribution:**

■ Preliminaries	
• Teams non-qualifiers	10'000.- USD
■ Super Final	
• 1st Place	50'000.- USD
• 2nd Place	40'000.- USD
• 3rd Place	30'000.- USD
• 4th Place	25'000.- USD
• 5th Place	20'000.- USD
• 6th Place	15'000.- USD
• 7th Place	12'500.- USD
• 8th Place	10'000.- USD
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>202'500.- USD</b>



## **Additional information for all Local Organising Committees (LOC) of FINA Water Polo World League Matches.**

### **Doping Control Testing**

- A minimum of two (2) urine tests per game must be conducted during the competition. FINA may notify the OC if blood tests are necessary.
- Samples shall be analyzed in a WADA-accredited laboratory and the laboratory must be request to forward the analytical results directly to the FINA Office.
- The original doping control forms shall be sent to FINA Office after the event by post mail.

### **Medical Services:**

#### First Aid for Teams & Spectators

- Adequate First Aid personnel (Medical Doctors and Nurses), facilities and equipment available at all times at the venue
- Ambulance located at the competition venue
- Designated hospital
- First Aid facilities for players at the hotel

### **Teams Delegations:**

The delegation is formed by 18 persons: 13 players, 4 officials, 1 referee

### **Uniform Protocol:**

- Swimsuits:
  - All participants must wear swimsuits of the same colour and design, with underwear beneath the suit.
- Caps:
  - Water polo caps must be in the Federation's national colours however at the same time two additional sets (white & blue) must be provided by each team. If the caps of both teams are similar colours, the host team will use caps with their national colours and the other team will use either the white or the blue following the decision of the referee.
- Bench:
  - All officials must be attired in official team uniform. Pants and shirt are accepted provided that they are part of the official uniform. Shorts and tracksuits are not allowed.





**Accommodation:**

For the teams, accommodation must be provided in a First Class hotel. The 18 persons from the National Delegation will be accommodated in the same hotel in single and twin rooms.

For the officials: (1 FINA Delegate, 1 TV coordinator, 1 FINA Marketing Agent, 1 Doping Control delegate, 4 Neutral Referees) the OC will cover the expenses for board and lodging in single rooms in a first class hotel.

**Food:**

Quantity and quality must be guaranteed 3 times per day plus a snack prior to matches.

The LOC must cover extra expenses for board and lodging for a maximum of 8 days and 8 nights if necessary

**TV Broadcasting:**

TV production must be provided by each host team in accordance with the FINA TV Guidelines

- Minimum level of TV production
- Minimum number of cameras
- Graphics package in English
- Programme format and running order
- Provision of commentary positions and bookings for other TV rights holders, as required

**Public Relations:**

- The National Federation must appoint a Public Relations Manager who must co-operate closely with the Press & Communications Director to ensure the best possible promotion of the event in the host country
- The Public Relations Manager will also act as the liaison with the VIPs, city authorities and sponsors



## **Marketing:**

### **Preliminaries**

- FINA may appoint a Title Partner for the World League series
- The National Federations may appoint local sponsors and suppliers for its home matches

### **Super Final**

- FINA World League Title Partner
- Other Marketing rights to be exploited by FINA and the National Federation as agreed
- FINA will retain the Title Partner rights for the World League
- The National Federation may appoint local sponsors and suppliers and retain all income
- The National Federation must follow the World League marketing programme
- Clothing licensing rights retained by FINA
- Exploitation to be decided case-by-case
- All advertising in TV view must respect FINA's standards at all venues
- Only officially appointed Sponsors and Suppliers may have any form of identification at the competition venue
- Product category exclusivity must be respected at the venue

## **Promotion:**

The National Federation must promote the World League to:

- Member clubs
- National & local media
- Public authorities
- Schools & colleges
- The local community

The National Federation must produce print materials using the World League logo

- World League match posters
- Match programmes
- Final Report

**→ Posters and programmes to be approved prior to publishing**



**TV Broadcast Rights:**

- FINA & the National Federation will jointly negotiate domestic broadcast rights to ensure the highest possible production standards
- All income from domestic rights will be retained by the National Federation
- All international TV rights will be marketed centrally by FINA through its agent IEC in Sports

**Press operations:**

The LOC must appoint a Press Officer:

- English-speaking
- Professional journalism background
- Excellent knowledge of water polo

The LOC must arrange Press facilities as follows:

- Press working room
- Press tribune
- Press conference room

The LOC has to supervise the Media Accreditation procedure.

The LOC must provide the following World League information:

- Match schedules
- Team information
- Venue information
- Review of the matches
- At least 3 high-definition photos per game.



**Milestones National Federations:**

**Right after the confirmation of participation:**

- Contract to be signed and returned to the FINA Office to be counter-signed by the FINA President

**Sept. 30, 2011:**

- First payment of registration fee due (USD 5'000.-)

**March 31, 2012:**

- Second and last payment of registration fee due (USD 10'000.-)

**Milestones Organisers:**

**3 months before the competition:**

- Inform FINA Marketing of host broadcaster
- Send the “Competition Information Form” (Single Matches)/ the “Information Bulletin” (Tournaments) to the FINA Office for approval by TWPC.
  - City, address, name of the venue
  - Time
  - Arrival airport from where transportation is organised
  - Hotels for teams and delegates
  - Anti-Doping procedure

For Tournaments:

- Match schedule

Once the information bulletin is approved it will be published on the FINA Website. Send it to all competing teams, delegates and referees.

**Right after the competition:**

- Send results, review and photos to the FINA Office & Press



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**Event:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teams:** \_\_\_\_\_ vs. \_\_\_\_\_

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Country:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address of the  
Competition venue:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Arrival Airport:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hotel for Teams:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hotel for Referee/s:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hotel for FINA Delegate/s:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Doping Control by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additionnel Information:**

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