



FINA Men's Water Polo World League 2013 Rules & Regulations for National Federations

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Rules & Regulations for Men

Dates:

The dates will be as follows:

■ Americas	March-May 2013	2 Preliminary Rounds – same place
■ Asia/Oceania	March-May 2013	2 Preliminary Rounds – same place
■ Europe	October 31- November 3, 2012	2 Preliminary Rounds - 2 different places
	January 30- February 2, 2013	2 Preliminary Rounds - 2 different places
	March 27-30, 2013	2 Preliminary Rounds - 2 different places
■ Super Final	June 11-16, 2013	

- The established programme and dates must be respected by all participating teams. If any change will occur, following request by a team, then any financial consequences related with the change are to be covered by the respective National Federation.

Groups:

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

Accommodation & Meals:

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

Competition System:

Preliminaries:

- The competition will be played with a tournament system, with one or two tournaments for the Americas and Asia & Oceania. A “home and away” system will apply for Europe.



Super Final:

- Two (2) teams from the Americas tournament, two (2) teams from the Asia & Oceania tournament and four (4) teams from Europe will qualify. The host National Federation organising the Super Final will automatically qualify and will be considered to be a ranked team from that continent.
- Seeding of teams will be in accordance with the following formula

Group A

1A 1st Americas
 2A 1st Europe Group A
 3A 2nd Asia/Oceania
 4A 1st Europe Group C

Group B

1B 2nd Americas
 2B 1st Europe Group B
 3B 1st Asia/Oceania
 4B 1st Europe Group D

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 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 in the Preliminary Round and the Super Final, each team must present a list of 13 players as per FINA Rule WP 5.1; should the tournament be played in a double round robin, each round will be considered as one tournament, accordingly consistent with the above a team is able to present a list of 13 players for each tournament.

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 referee from the FINA Water Polo Referees List 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 the respective 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

Preliminaries and Super Final:

- All local transportation expenses
- Board and lodging for FINA Officials, Doping Control Delegate, Press Delegate 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 of two (2) tests per game, to be confirmed by FINA)
- 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

**Super Final only:**

- Board and lodging for 7 teams (13 players, 4 officials, 1 referee, a total of 18 persons) for a maximum of 8 days and 8 nights if necessary

Expenses Participating Teams:**Non-refundable Registration fee to be paid to FINA:****For Europe:**

- USD 10'000.- to be paid by October 1, 2012
- USD 15'000.- to be paid by October 15, 2012

For Americas, Asia/Oceania::

- USD 10'000.- to be paid by February 1, 2013
- USD 15'000.- to be paid by February 15, 2013

Preliminaries:

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

Super Final:

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

Prize Money Distribution:

- Preliminary Rounds
 - Teams non-qualifiers 15'000.- USD
- Super Final
 - 1st Place 100'000.- USD
 - 2nd Place 70'000.- USD
 - 3rd Place 50'000.- USD
 - 4th Place 35'000.- USD
 - 5th Place 30'000.- USD
 - 6th Place 25'000.- USD
 - 7th Place 20'000.- USD
 - 8th Place 15'000.- USD

TOTAL 345'000.- USD



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 and to be confirmed by FINA. FINA may notify the LOC if blood tests are necessary.
- Samples shall be analysed 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 Team Delegation is comprised of 18 persons: 13 players, 4 officials and 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 National Federation's 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 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 17 persons from the Team Delegation will be accommodated in the same hotel in single and twin rooms; the referee will be accommodated in a different hotel.

- For the officials: (1 FINA Delegate, 1 TV coordinator, 1 FINA Marketing Agent, 1 Doping Control Delegate, 4 Neutral Referees) the LOC 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.

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:

Following the confirmation of participation:

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

For Europe:

- USD 10'000.- to be paid by October 1, 2012
- USD 15'000.- to be paid by October 15, 2012

For Americas, Asia/Oceania::

- USD 10'000.- to be paid by February 1, 2013
- USD 15'000.- to be paid by February 15, 2013

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 Commission.
 - City, address, name of the venue
 - Time
 - Arrival airport from where transportation is organised
 - Hotels for teams and delegates
 - Anti-Doping procedure

For Tournaments:

- Competition schedule

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

Following the competition:

- Immediately send results, game sheets, review and photos to the FINA Office (waterpolo@fina.org), Press (press@fina.org) & Web (web@fina.org).



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Event: _____

Teams: _____ vs. _____

Date: _____ **Time:** _____

City: _____

Country: _____

**Address of the
Competition venue:** _____

Arrival Airport: _____

Hotel for Teams: _____

Hotel for Referee/s: _____

Hotel for FINA Delegate: _____

Doping Control by: _____

Contact E-Mail: _____

FINA Delegate: _____

Neutral Referees (Country): _____ (____)

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Additional Information:

