



# Rules & Regulations

## Water Polo

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## Foreword

Dear participants of the European Maccabi Games Berlin 2015,

The Rules & Regulations at hand, provide the guidelines of the European Maccabi Games 2015 in Berlin. The Rules & Regulations regulate the execution of the sports competitions.

The Organising Committee and the sports federations, in most cases the Berlin sports federations, execute the competitions at the European Maccabi Games in close cooperation with one another. Insofar, the Rules & Regulations at hand are a joint product of the EMG2015 Organising Committee and the implementing sports federations.

We hope that the Rules & Regulations at hand will be the basis for sportsmanlike and fair sports competitions and an unforgettable European Maccabi Games Berlin 2015.



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## 1. Organisation

- a. The Water Polo Committee of the 14th European Maccabi Games will be responsible for the Water Polo competitions of the 14th European Maccabi Games.
- b. Participation in the competitions is open to any athlete who is in possession of a Participant Card, issued by the Organizing Committee of the 14th European Maccabi Games and has registered the Water Polo competitions.
- c. The Water Polo competition will be conducted according to the rules of the International Swimming Federation (F.I.N.A.).

## 2. Venues & Times

- a. The Water Polo Committee of the 14th European Maccabi Games will determine the venues and times of the Water Polo competition and teams will be notified accordingly.
- b. All the Water Polo competitions will be held in swimming pools measuring 50 meters that will be decided upon by the Water polo Committee. The distance between the goal lines shall be not more than 30 meters.
- c. The Water Polo Committee is authorized to change the venues and times of the competitions. These decisions will be final.

## 3. Teams

- a. Each country may enter one team for the Water Polo Open Male competition.
- b. Each team may consist of a maximum of 13 players, approved by the Water Polo Committee.

## 4. System of Competition

- 4.1 SYSTEM A** - with the participation of up to 6 teams;
- a. The competition will be played on a league basis of a single round robin.
  - b. The winner of each game will be awarded two points, the loser none. In the event of a draw each team will be awarded one point.

- c. In the event of a team not arriving for the game, the team that is present will be awarded two points; the non-appearing team, none, and the goal difference will be 5:0.
- d. The first two teams in the league will compete for the title: "14th European Maccabi Games Champion".
- e. The teams in places 3 and 4 in the league will compete for the third place.
- f. The rest of the teams will be placed according to their league order.
- g. In the event of two teams, or more, achieving the same number of points, the goal difference in the league table will be determined. The team with the higher goal difference will take the higher place.
- h. In the event of two teams achieving the same number of points, and the same goal difference, the winner of the game between them will take the higher place.
- i. In the event that equality still persists, the higher place will go to the team with the higher number of wins.
- j. In the event that equality still persists, the higher place will go to the team scoring more goals than the others.
- k. If equality still persists, placing will be determined by a draw.

#### **4.2 SYSTEM B** - if the number of teams will be 7-12;

- a. The teams will be divided into 2 groups by a draw.
- b. The games in the groups will be played as described in SYSTEM A.
- c. The Semi-final games will be played on the Cross system, i.e., the team placed first in Group A will play against the team placed second in Group B and the team placed second in Group A will play against the team placed first in Group B.
- d. The two winning teams in the Semi-finals will play in the Final game for 1st and 2nd places, and the two losing teams in the Semi-finals will play for 3rd and 4th places.
- e. The remaining teams will play on the Cross system, i.e., the team placed 3rd in Group A will play against the team placed 4th in Group B and the team placed 4th in Group A will play against the team placed 3rd in Group B.
- f. The two winning teams will play for places 5 – 6 and the two losing teams will play for places 7 – 8.
- g. In the event that the final placement games are not determined within the official time, there shall be a penalty shoot out to determine the winner. (FINA-Rules)

## **5. Ball Specifications & Equipment**

- a. The games will be played with the official ball of FINA: Mikasa Men's Waterpolo W6000W .
- b. The Water Polo Committee is authorized to change the brand name of balls, if necessary, and these decisions will be final.

**REMARK:** Should a team cease to play in the competition, or be suspended before the competition is completed, all scoring of that team will be cancelled and made invalid.

## **6. Draw**

- a. The draw of the teams in the groups will be a public draw before the opening of the 14<sup>th</sup> European Maccabi Games

## **7. Officiating**

- a. The Water Polo Committee will select a Referees' Committee, which in turn will appoint the Referees of the competition.

## **8. General**

- a. These regulations are but one part of the complete 14th European Maccabi Games regulations, and must be read along with the instructions found in "Basic Regulations and Disciplinary Procedures".
- b. In the event of a discrepancy between the regulations written here and those appearing in the "Basic Regulations", the regulations written here will apply and be binding.