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**ARTISTIC
SWIMMING
WORLD CUP 2026**

Additional Rules & Regulations

Purpose of this Document: This document serves to supplement the World Aquatics Competition Regulations (the “Competition Regulations”) by specifying additional rules, regulations and technical components that are specific to the 2026 World Aquatics Artistic Swimming World Cup (the “Event”). This document also offers further World Cup-specific operational guidance to support consistent application across all stops of the Event. Unless specified otherwise, all technical components referenced in this document can be found in the Competition Regulations. For the avoidance of doubt, if any conflict arises between these additional rules and regulations and the Competition Regulations, the Competition Regulations shall prevail.

Changes from the 2025 Artistic Swimming World Cup Rules and Regulations:

- The scores in each Artistic Swimming event category (Solo, Duet, Mixed Duet and Teams) will no longer be combined. Rankings are established in Technical and Free routines for each category (Solo, Duet, Mixed Duet and Teams) per competition.
- All Member Federations are allowed up to two (2) entries per event except the Host that is allowed up to three (3). This changes from the 2025 World Cup in which three entries were allowed for all Federations.
- Duet & Mixed Duet results & rankings are attributed to their Federation. This changes from the 2025 World Cup where they were attributed to the athletes.

1. COMPETITION FORMAT

The Artistic Swimming World Cup (ASWC) is an annually staged **elite** level competition comprised of four (4) stops and a super final competition (Super Final).

The ASWC is open to all elite athletes of World Aquatics member federations (National Federations), subject to World Aquatics’ Constitution, rules and regulations.

All ASWC stops will be conducted according to the Competition Regulations.

All events as per point 2. are part of the competition programme with their own ranking per competition.

2. EVENTS

| Category | events |
|-----------------------|--|
| Women Solo (2) | Women Solo Technical Women Solo Free |
| Men Solo (2) | Men Solo Technical Men Solo Free |
| Duet (2) | Women Duet Technical Women Duet Free |
| Mixed Duet (2) | Mixed Duet Technical Mixed Duet Free |
| Open (3) | Team Technical Team Free Acrobatic routine |

As with the 2025 Artistic Swimming World Cup, all events are direct finals. No preliminary events will be held.

3. ENTRIES

3.1 GMS

All entries to be done in the World Aquatics General Management System (GMS): <https://data.worldaquatics.com>.

Each National Federation may have up to two (2) entries maximum per event, except for the Host Country who can enter three (3). Entries are to be submitted through the GMS according to the deadlines for National Federations.

Clubs are not allowed to take part in ASWC competitions.

It is the responsibility of each National Federation to ensure that their delegation is entered correctly in the GMS for each stop they take part in <https://data.worldaquatics.com>. Any National Federation that does not follow this procedure will not be accepted to participate in ASWC competitions.

3.2 Sport Entries in the GMS

When making sport entries in the GMS, all entries must be allocated to Team 1, 2 or 3 even in the case of a single entry where Team 1 should be selected. Reserve athletes must be entered in each event in accordance with the World Aquatics Competition Regulations.

| Is Reserve | Team 1 | Team 2 | Team 3 | Submitted |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|
| | | | | |

Except for medical emergencies, all changes should be managed **prior** to the Team Leaders' Meeting. As per the Competition Regulations, no changes to the registrations will be accepted after the sport entries deadline (GMS) unless on medical grounds. In such cases, a medical report must be sent to the World Aquatics Office. A 500.- USD fine will be applied for any non-medical changes after the deadline for sport entries.

Team routines shall consist of no less than four (4) and no more than eight (8) competitors and a maximum of two (2) reserve athletes. The total number of competitors during a team routine may include no more than two (2) male competitors.

Any substitution to the names of the competitors (in accordance with registrations), from the most recent entry lists, must be submitted in person to the referee in writing at least two hours prior to the published start time of routine number one. Changes after this deadline can only be made in case of sudden illness or accident of a competitor and if the reserve athlete is ready to compete without delaying the competition. The final decision in such a situation shall be made by the referee in his or her sole discretion. For solo competitions, the solo reserve athlete may be substituted only if registered in the GMS. For subsequent events, no substitution will be allowed.

If a lack of reserve athletes reduces the team size to less than that as required by the World Aquatics Competitions Regulations, such team shall be disqualified. Failure to notify the Referee of a substitution and/or scratching, as per the Competition Regulations, shall result in disqualification of the routine.

Please contact World Aquatics for any questions or concerns related to the entries. In no way should a scoring partner be contacted in order to change entries. Only the sport entries approved in the GMS will be considered valid prior to the Team Leaders Meeting.

For the Super Final, only one (1) entry per Federation per event will be accepted.

3.3 Start Lists:

The World Rankings are used to determine the start lists in all Artistic Swimming competitions as per the Competition Regulations.

4. RANKING and PRIZE MONEY

4.1 World Cup Ranking

A ranking per Artistic Swimming event will be created in accordance with the results of the competition. No cumulative ranking will be created.

Solo results belong to the athletes and not the National Federation.
 Duet, Mixed Duet and Team results belong to their National Federations.

In case of multiple entries, all scores are considered for the rankings and the prize money.

The host National Federation is allowed up to three (3) entries, however only the first two (2) highest scores will be considered for the podium and rankings.

4.2 Super Final Ranking

A ranking is created by event using the scores of the Super Final and the two (2) best scores per National Federation from the World Cups across two (2) different competitions.

E.g. if a National Federation ranks first and second at one of the stops in a duet, mixed duet or team event, we will only consider the highest score towards the Super Final ranking.

4.3 Prize Money World Cup Stops

Prize money, payable by World Aquatics, will be allocated per stop to the top three (3) in each event as follows:

| | All amounts in USD | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|------------|------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|
| Categories | Women Solo Technical | 2'000.- | 1'500.- | 1'000.- |
| | Women Solo Free | 2'000.- | 1'500.- | 1'000.- |
| | Men Solo Technical | 2'000.- | 1'500.- | 1'000.- |
| | Men Solo Free | 2'000.- | 1'500.- | 1'000.- |
| | Women Duet Technical | 3'000.- | 2000.- | 1'500.- |
| | Women Duet Free | 3'000.- | 2'000.- | 1'500.- |
| | Mixed Duets Technical | 3'000.- | 2'000.- | 1'500.- |
| | Mixed Duet Free | 3'000.- | 2'000.- | 1'500.- |
| | Open Team Technical | 4'500.- | 3'000.- | 2'000.- |
| | Open Team Free | 4'500.- | 3'000.- | 2'000.- |
| | Open Team Acrobatic | 4'500.- | 3'000.- | 2'000.- |
| | Total per Stop | | | 72'500.- |

Prize money across tied positions is added and divided by the number of eligible athletes. Ranks in between are skipped. For the solos this is done by athlete, but for the duet/mixed duet and teams this is done by National Federation.

4.4 Prize Money Super Final

Prize money, payable by World Aquatics, will be allocated per stop to the top six (6) in each event as follows:

National Federation must participate in at least two (2) stops and the Super Final to be eligible for the prize money.

5. SUPER FINAL TROPHY

The scores obtained in every event entered at the **Super Final only** are added by National Federation and a ranking is created.

The National Federation with the highest score is the winner of the Trophy.

| | All amounts in USD | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th |
|-------------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Categories | Women Solo Tech | 4'300 | 2'900 | 2'400 | 1'900 | 1'600 | 1'400 |
| | Women Solo Free | 4'300 | 2'900 | 2'400 | 1'900 | 1'600 | 1'400 |
| | Men Solo Tech | 4'300 | 2'900 | 2'400 | 1'900 | 1'600 | 1'400 |
| | Men Solo Free | 4'300 | 2'900 | 2'400 | 1'900 | 1'600 | 1'400 |
| | Women Duet Tech | 6'800 | 4'800 | 3'800 | 2'800 | 2000 | 1'800 |
| | Women Duet Free | 6'800 | 4'800 | 3'800 | 2'800 | 2000 | 1'800 |
| | Mixed Duet Tech | 6'800 | 4'800 | 3'800 | 2'800 | 2000 | 1'800 |
| | Mixed Duet Free | 6'800 | 4'800 | 3'800 | 2'800 | 2000 | 1'800 |
| | Mixed Team Tech | 13'500 | 9'800 | 7'800 | 5'500 | 3'500 | 2'400 |
| | Team Free | 13'500 | 9'800 | 7'800 | 5'500 | 3'500 | 2'400 |
| | Team Acrobatic | 13'500 | 9'800 | 7'800 | 5'500 | 3'500 | 2'400 |
| | Total | | | 280'000.- | | | |

6. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

National Federations may propose one (1) Judge and/or one (1) Technical Controller for each stop (maximum of two (2) officials). In principle, only **one (1) official** from each Federation may officiate per session.

All officials will be evaluated by a **World Aquatics Evaluator**.

6.1 Judges:

Every participating National Federation may propose one (1) judge to every meet they enter. All judges must be part of the World Aquatics database and in the bronze, silver or gold category.

National Federations must apply to World Aquatics (artisticswimming@worldaquatics.com) for the registration and approval of their judge(s) in accordance with the deadline in the information bulletin for each competition.

The maximum number of judges for an ASWC stop is twenty (20). Only applications that are received within the deadline will be considered.

Officials from non-competing National Federations may apply to officiate at the competition at their own expense.

6.2 Practice Judges:

Each National Federation is allowed to send one (1) practice judge per stop, and the host National Federation is permitted to have a maximum of three (3) practice Judges. To be eligible to be a Practice Judge at any of the aforementioned competitions, judges must be in bronze or silver category. Gold category judges cannot apply for practice judge positions. A maximum of six (6) practice judges will be accepted per competition on a first come first served basis.

6.3 Technical Controllers:

Every participating National Federation may nominate one (1) difficulty technical controller (DTC) or one (1) synchronization technical controller (STC) to every meet they enter. Any DTC or STC must be part of the World Aquatics database and in the bronze, silver or gold category.

The maximum number of DTCs for an ASWC stop is nine (9) and for STCs is three (3). Only applications that are received within the deadline will be considered. Continental distribution is considered.

The host National Federation is allowed to have two (2) practice technical controllers.

Continental distribution for DTC will be done as follows on a first come first served basis as follows:

- Americas: 2
- Asia: 2
- Europe: 3
- Oceania: 1
- Africa: 1

Note for both judges and technical controllers: it is mandatory for officials that have never officiated in a World Aquatics competition to attend an ASWC as practice official before being eligible to officiate as part of a panel in a World Aquatics competition. Upon recommendation of the Evaluator, officials may be asked to sit on a panel.

In addition to the above, all officials must complete and submit a Conflict-of-Interest (COI) form at the time of their application. Approval will only be granted once the COI forms have been reviewed and no major conflict identified, Any wrongful declarations will be reported to the [AQIU](#).