

Americas water polo tournament to decide last two teams for World Championships

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Beside the two national water polo teams from the Americas, all sides that qualified for the water polo tournaments of the 15th FINA World Championships are known. The two teams from Americas, in the men's and women's competition, will earn their Barcelona berth at the qualification tournament that will be held at the end of this month. The men's national team representing Africa is South Africa. The deadline to get to know the 16 nations that will participate at the Barcelona 2013 FINA World Championships is February 4. Event organisers plan to make the official draws for the men's and women's water polo tournaments in February or March, offering fans the chance to obtain useful information before buying their tickets.

To date, the following teams have qualified for the Barcelona 2013 water polo tournaments in the men's and women's category:

MEN

Europe: Croatia, Italy, Serbia, Montenegro, Hungary, Romania, Greece, Germany and Spain

Asia: China and Kazakhstan

Oceania: Australia and New Zealand

Africa: South Africa

WOMEN

Europe: Hungary, Russia, Italy, Greece, Netherlands, Great Britain and Spain

America: USA

Asia: China, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan

Oceania: Australia and New Zealand

Africa: South Africa

The Barcelona 2013 water polo tournaments will be held at the Bernat Picornell pool on Monjuïc Mountain and the 16 teams will be seeded into four groups. The women's competition will start on July 21 and conclude on August 2 while the men's tournament is scheduled from July 22 to August 3. Both finals will take place at the Palau Sant Jordi, main venue of the 15th FINA World Championships in Barcelona.
