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## PR 78 - Eight water polo squads join Malta for FINA Water Polo Development Trophy

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The 6th edition of the FINA World Men's Water Polo Development Trophy [1] kicks-off tomorrow October 17 in Gzira (MLT).

The competition will welcome eight promising teams for a six-day tournament until October 22.

The composition of the two groups is as follows:

**GROUP A:** Tunisia, Uruguay, Iran, Malta

**GROUP B: Peru, Singapore, Austria, Saudi Arabia**

With four games played each day, the competition schedule unfolds as follows:

DATE	TIME	MATCH	Grp.	WHITE	V	BLUE
Tue 17-Oct	15:30	1	B	SGP	V	AUT
Tue 17-Oct	16:50	2	B	PER	V	KSA
Tue 17-Oct	18:10	3	A	URU	V	IRI
Tue 17-Oct	19:30	4	A	TUN	V	MLT
Wed 18-Oct	15:30	5	B	SGP	V	KSA
Wed 18-Oct	16:50	6	A	IRI	v	TUN
Wed 18-Oct	18:10	7	B	AUT	v	PER
Wed 18-Oct	19:30	8	A	URU	v	MLT
Thu 19-Oct	15:30	9	B	KSA	V	AUT
Thu 19-Oct	16:50	10	A	TUN	v	URU
Thu 19-Oct	18:10	11	B	PER	v	SGP
Thu 19-Oct	19:30	12	A	MLT	v	IRI
Fri 20-Oct	15:30	13		2 <sup>nd</sup> Grp A	v	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grp B
Fri 20-Oct	16:50	14		3 <sup>rd</sup> Grp A	V	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grp B
Fri 20-Oct	18:10	15		1 <sup>st</sup> Grp A	V	4 <sup>th</sup> Grp B
Fri 20-Oct	19:30	16		4 <sup>th</sup> Grp A	v	1 <sup>st</sup> Grp B
Sat 21-Oct	15:30	17		L M13	v	L M16
Sat 21-Oct	16:50	18		L M14	v	L M15
Sat 21-Oct	18:10	19		W M13	v	W M16
Sat 21-Oct	19:30	20		W M14	v	W M15
Sun 22-Oct	09:30	21	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup>	L M17	v	L M18
Sun 22-Oct	10:50	22	5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup>	W M17	v	W M18
Sun 22-Oct	12:10	23	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup>	L M19	v	L M20
Sun 22-Oct	13:30	24	1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup>	W M19	v	W M20

All games on the final three (3) days must be played to a conclusion so the Water Polo Rules for a Penalty Shootout might need to be applied.

With this event, first launched ten years ago and held every odd year, FINA intends to promote water polo on a global scale, especially in countries where the sport has not matched its full development.

The last edition back in 2015 in Tehran (IRI) was won by the host country team, while Uruguay took silver and Austria bronze. Uzbekistan won the 2013 edition of the Development Trophy in Kuwait City, Egypt and Saudi Arabia came second and third respectively.

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