

MEMORANDUM

**TO: THE FOLLOWING FINA FEDERATIONS:
CAN, ESP, FRA, GER, HUN, ITA,
KAZ, NED, ROU, RSA, RUS, SVK**

FROM: FINA, Lausanne (SUI)

DATE: January 23, 2016

**RE: Draw FINA Men's Water Polo Olympic Games
Qualification Tournament 2016
January 23, 2016 // Belgrade (SRB)**

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Dear Friends,

Please be informed that the Draw for the *FINA Men's Water Polo Olympic Games Qualification Tournament 2016* was conducted by Mr. Gianni Lonzi (TWPC Chairman) in the presence of Mr. Dimitris Diathesopoulos (TWPC Bureau Liaison) in Belgrade (SRB) on January 23, 2016 with the assistance of the Water Polo Federation of Serbia.

The tournament will be held in Trieste (ITA) on April 3-10, 2016.

Draw Lines:

Line 1	ITA – Italy	HUN – Hungary
Line 2	CAN – Canada	KAZ – Kazakhstan
Line 3	RSA – South Africa	RUS – Russia
Line 4	ESP – Spain	FRA – France
Line 5	ROU – Romania	GER – Germany
Line 6	NED – Netherlands	SVK – Slovakia

Results Draw:

GROUP A	GROUP B
A1 RUS – Russia	B1 ITA – Italy
A2 SVK – Slovakia	B2 RSA – South Africa
A3 FRA – France	B3 ESP – Spain
A4 HUN – Hungary	B4 NED – Netherlands
A5 ROU – Romania	B5 GER – Germany
A6 CAN – Canada	B6 KAZ – Kazakhstan

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Preliminary Round – April 3, 2016 – Day 1

1. A1 – A6	3. A2 – A5	5. B3 – B4
2. A3 – A4	4. B1 – B6	6. B2 – B5

Preliminary Round – April 4, 2016 – Day 2

7. B6 – B4	9. B1 – B2	11. A5 – A3
8. B5 – B3	10. A6 – A4	12. A1 – A2

Preliminary Round – April 5, 2016 – Day 3

13. A4 – A5	15. A3 – A1	17. B2 – B6
14. A2 – A6	16. B4 – B5	18. B3 – B1

Preliminary Round – April 6, 2016 – Day 4

19. B6 – B5	21. B2 – B3	23. A1 – A4
20. B1 – B4	22. A6 – A5	24. A2 – A3

Preliminary Round – April 7, 2016 – Day 5

25. A3 – A6	27. A1 – A5	29. B4 – B2
26. A4 – A2	28. B3 – B6	30. B1 – B5

The four highest ranked teams in each group will qualify for the Quarter Final Round. The fifth and sixth ranked teams in each group will be eliminated and will not play anymore.

Quarter Final Round – April 8, 2016 – Day 6

31. 1A – 4B	32. 2A – 3B	33. 3A – 2B	34. 4A – 1B
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Semi Final Round – April 9, 2016 – Day 7

35. L31 – L33	36. L32 – L34	37. W31 – W33	38. W32 – W34
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Final Round – April 10, 2016 – Day 8

39. L35 – L26 (Winner 7th, Loser 8th)

40. W35 – W36 (Winner 5th, Loser 6th)

41. L37 – L38 (Winner 3rd, Loser 4th)

42. W37 – W38 (Winner 1st, Loser 2nd)

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Games 31 through 42 must be played to a conclusion, accordingly it may be necessary to apply the Water Polo Rules relating to penalty shoot-out.

Please note that the Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television provided that at least twenty four (24) hours' notice is given.

The **four** highest classified teams will qualify for the Olympic Games Water Polo Tournament to be held in Rio (BRA) on August 5-21, 2016.

➔ Please note that each National Federation must appoint a Referee with the Team from the current FINA Water Polo Referees List. Please send us the proposed name **by February 12, 2016**.

The draw for the Olympic Games Water Polo Tournament will be held on April 10, 2016 in Trieste (ITA) following the conclusion of the FINA Men's Water Polo Olympic Games Qualification Tournament. Further information will follow.

We remain at your disposal for any further information you may need.

Yours Sincerely,

Cornel Marculescu
Executive Director

CM/mh

Cc: FINA Executive
FINA TWPC Commission