

MEMORANDUM

**TO: THE FOLLOWING FINA FEDERATIONS:
CAN, CUB, ESP, FRA, GRE, ITA,
JPN, NED, NZL, RSA, RUS, USA**

FROM: FINA, Lausanne (SUI)

DATE: January 23, 2016

**RE: Draw FINA Women'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 Women's Water Polo Olympic Games Qualification Tournament 2016* was conducted by Mr. G. Lonzi (TWPC Chairman) in the presence of Mr. D. 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 Gouda (NED) on March 21-28, 2016.

Draw Lines:

Line 1	USA – United States	NED – Netherlands
Line 2	ITA – Italy	GRE – Greece
Line 3	ESP – Spain	RUS – Russia
Line 4	CAN – Canada	NZL – New Zealand
Line 5	FRA – France	JPN – Japan
Line 6	RSA – South Africa	CUB - Cuba

Results Draw:

GROUP A	GROUP B
A1 JPN – Japan	B1 FRA – France
A2 ESP – Spain	B2 ITA – Italy
A3 RSA – South Africa	B3 NZL – New Zealand
A4 CAN – Canada	B4 RUS – Russia
A5 GRE – Greece	B5 CUB - Cuba
A6 USA – United States	B6 NED – Netherlands

Tournament Women after FINA BL 9.4.6.2

Preliminary Round – March 21, 2016 – Day 1

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

Preliminary Round – March 22, 2016 – Day 2

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

Preliminary Round – March 23, 2016 – Day 3

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

Preliminary Round – March 24, 2016 – Day 4

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

Preliminary Round – March 25, 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 – March 26, 2016 – Day 6

31. 1A – 4B	32. 2A – 3B	33. 3A – 2B	34. 4A – 1B
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Semi Final Round – March 27, 2016 – Day 7

35. L31 – L33	36. L32 – L34	37. W31 – W33	38. W32 – W34
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Final Round – March 28, 2016 – Day 8

39. L35 – L26 (Winner 7 th , Loser 8 th)
40. W35 – W36 (Winner 5 th , Loser 6 th)
41. L37 – L38 (Winner 3 rd , Loser 4 th)
42. W37 – W38 (Winner 1 st , Loser 2 nd)

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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 5, 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

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Cc: FINA Executive
FINA TWPC Commission