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## WP OLYMPIC GAMES QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENTS: TEAMS ANNOUNCED!



The draws for the FINA Men & Women's Water Polo Olympic Games Qualification Tournaments 2016 were conducted on January 23, 2016 in Belgrade (SRB).

### Men's Tournament

#### GROUP A

A1 - RUS – Russia  
A2 - SVK – Slovakia  
A3 - FRA – France  
A4 - HUN - Hungary  
A5 - ROU – Romania  
A6 - CAN – Canada

#### GROUP B

B1 - ITA – Italy  
B2 - RSA – South Africa  
B3 - ESP – Spain  
B4 - NED – Netherlands  
B5 - GER – Germany  
B6 - KAZ – Kazakhstan

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

### Women's Tournament

#### GROUP A

A1 - JPN – Japan  
A2 - ESP – Spain  
A3 - RSA – South Africa  
A4 - CAN – Canada  
A5 - GRE – Greece  
A6 - USA – United States of America

#### GROUP B

B1 - FRA – France  
B2 - ITA – Italy  
B3 - NZL – New Zealand  
B4 - RUS – Russia  
B5 - CUB – Cuba  
B6 - NED – Netherlands

*The qualifying tournament will be held in Gouda (NED) on March 21-28, 2016*

So far, the following teams have qualified for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games:

## MEN

Brazil, USA, Japan, Montenegro, Australia, Serbia, Croatia, Greece

## WOMEN

Brazil, China, Hungary, Australia

From the Qualification Tournaments, another four (4) teams will qualify to complete the 12 men's and eight (8) women's teams

In parallel, the Rio 2016 Organising Committee confirmed that both the men and women's Water Polo Olympic Tournaments will entirely take place within the Barra Olympic Park, the main venue cluster. The preliminary matches will be played at the Maria Lenk Aquatics centre, while the knockout phases will be staged in the new Aquatics stadium.

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## Windsor (CAN) to welcome the world's swimming elite in December 2016



From December 6-11, 2016, Windsor, Canada, will welcome 1,000 of the world's best swimmers from more than 170 National Federations as they compete for the World title in the 13th edition of the **FINA World Swimming Championships (25m)**.

The Windsor 2016 Organising Committee launched this week the official website already providing useful information regarding the event and the venues, the teams, the registration and how to get tickets.

**Have a look at Windsor 2016 WEBSITE**

The previous edition of the Short Course World Championships was held in Doha (QAT) in December 2014, where 21 World Records were established.

Perpetuating the tradition, the FINA World Aquatics Convention will precede the Championships from December 3-5, 2016, at the Caesars Windsor Resort and Convention Centre. Launched in 2010, the Convention's provides a platform for the global Aquatics family and business leaders to come together to network and share best practices, to encourage greater engagement in aquatic sports and elite performance across FINA six disciplines.

More than a thousand delegates, 300 organisations and 60 exhibitors are expected to take part in the Convention at the end of the year.

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## Diving Grand Prix 2016 to resume in Rostock for second leg

The FINA Diving Grand Prix returns to FINA's long-time partner, the city of Rostock, in Germany, for the second leg of the 2016 circuit.

The competition will take place from January 29-31 at the Indoor Pool "Hallenschwimmbad Neptun", with a total of eight events on the programme.

85 athletes (41 men and 44 women) from 16 countries\* are announced to take part, among which Germany's famous divers such as Patrick Hausding and Sascha Klein.

Powerhouse China will be coming with ten young athletes (born between 1994-2002), while Canada's squad includes well-known divers like Pamela Ware, Jennifer Abel, Meaghan Benfeito, François Imbeau-Dulac, Philippe Gagne, Vincent Riendeau and Maxim Bouchard who all completed really good results last year.

*\*Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Canada, China, Egypt, Spain, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Ukraine*

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