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DWS 2016 TO CONCLUDE IN KAZAN (RUS)



With an edition composed of four legs, Kazan, Russia, will be hosting the final meet of the 2016 circuit of the **FINA/NVC Diving World Series 2016** from April 22-24.

Kazan's programme includes the usual ten finals unfolded as follows:

DAY 1: Women's 10m synchro / Men's 10m synchro / Women's 3m synchro / Men's 3m synchro

DAY 2: Women's 10m / Men's 3m / Mixed 10m synchro

DAY 3: Women's 3m / Men's 10m / Mixed 3m synchro

15-year-old 10m platform ace Ren Qian, China's star Chen Aisen who defeated three-time 10m World champion Qui Bo last weekend in Windsor (CAN) have confirmed their attendance.

British great Tom Daley and the strong Canadian team, Olympic champion David Boudia (USA), Italian champion Tania Cagnotto and many Australian divers are also among the participants.

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The annual event, which previously stopped in Windsor (CAN), Dubai (UAE) and Beijing (CHN), witnessed China leading the charge by pocketing 29 gold medals out of 30 events contested so far.

This dominance is also reflected in the overall rankings of the competition, with China leading all the events but the women's 10m platform, where Melissa Wu (AUS) is the provisional top-ranked athlete.

Tom Daley’s powerful Olympic preparations underway

“You can’t go to the Olympics unless you want to win. If not, what’s the point?” asks the British superstar after getting the 10m synchro silver medal on Day 1 of the **FINA/NVC Diving World Series** in Windsor

(CAN).

If diving fans were to be asked about the main star of this discipline, a majority of them would point out Tom Daley. Many times referred as a “poster boy” of this sport – in Dubai (UAE), during the second leg of the World Series, this was literally true, as the image of Daley was the main way to promote the event throughout the city -, this Plymouth native is ready to compete at his third Games, in Rio.

“The Olympic preparation is a long one, it’s four years in the making. It’s not happening overnight, we have lots of steps before that. We are now here in Windsor, next week we have Kazan, then the European Championships, and then our Nationals. We have a lot of competitions before Rio, but it’s an exciting time”, confesses Daley during a short interview with FINA.



His first Olympic experience happened when he was still 14, in 2008. As one of the youngest competitors of the entire Games in Beijing (CHN), Daley arrived in the Chinese capital already labelled as a “diving prodigy”.

Earlier in January that year, still at 13 – he was born on May 21, 1994 – he had been the youngest ever British champion in the 10m platform.

Two months later, he earns gold at the European Championships. In the “Water Cube”, he finishes eighth in the synchronised event (with Blake Aldridge) and seventh in the individual final. The legend was born.

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FINA World Swimming Champs (25m) & World Aquatics Convention 2022, 2024 bidding process open

FINA is pleased to announce that the bidding process for the FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) & World Aquatics Convention 2022 and 2024 is open.

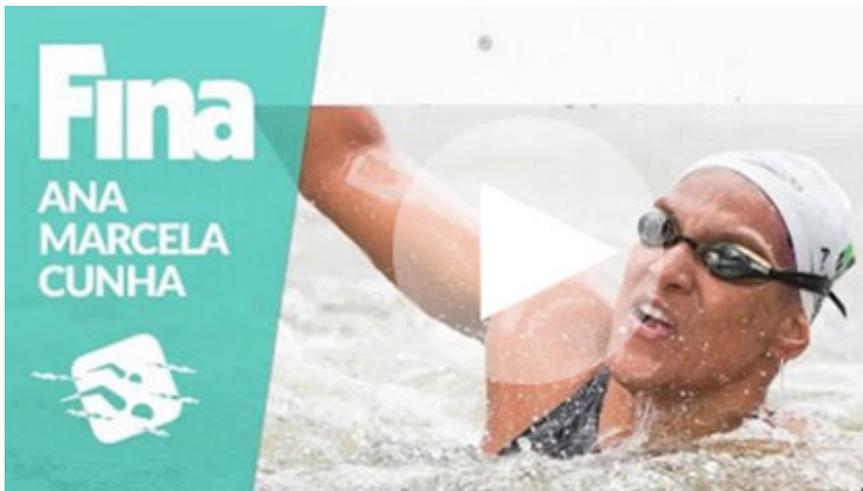
Cities and National Federations are requested to voice their initial interest by Friday July 15, 2016, while formal bids should be submitted to FINA by Tuesday November 1, 2016.

FINA will hold an information meeting for all potential hosts in Lausanne, Switzerland, on Tuesday September 20. General information and details regarding the World Swimming Championships (25m) and the Aquatics Convention will be provided.

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