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INFORMATION BULLETIN

FINA Women's Water Polo Olympic Games Qualification Tournament 2016

Gouda (NED)

***Groenhovenbad
March 21 - 28, 2016***

This information bulletin has been designed to assist your National Federation in its attendance to this event and it contains useful information. It also encloses registration forms, and the opportunity to book official hotels.



Welcome!

On behalf of the Royal Dutch Swimming Federation it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Women's Water Polo Olympic Qualification Tournament on the way to Rio 2016.

Gouda is a one of the best Water Polo strongholds of the Netherlands. Many Dutch internationals have trained in this historic town. We are very happy that the City of Gouda offered to be the host of this showcase event, where it will be decided which teams will be playing in Brazil in August.

We are very grateful and thank FINA for giving us the opportunity to show spectators the highest level of international water polo. Most of all we would like to wish the teams the best of success in their preparation for the continental championships.



We know many teams aim to qualify directly, including the Dutch squad. For those who do not succeed, we will provide the best training and competition conditions to make sure the extra step on the way to Rio will be a good investment in your Olympic path.

Erik van Heijningen
President Royal Dutch Swimming Federation
FINA Bureau member



EVENT CONTACTS

Should you have any questions or queries regarding the information provided in this document, please feel free to contact the following Royal Dutch Swimming Federation event staff:

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PARTICIPANTS

	Group A		Group B
A1	Japan (JPN)	B1	France (FRA)
A2	Spain (ESP)	B2	Italy (ITA)
A3	South Africa (RSA)	B3	New Zealand (NZL)
A4	Canada (CAN)	B4	Russia (RUS)
A5	Greece (GRE)	B5	Germany (GER)
A6	United States of America (USA)	B6	Netherlands (NED)

BL 9.3.10.4 Olympic Games Qualification Tournament – Women

BL 9.3.10.4.1 The competition shall be between a maximum of twelve (12) teams selected through continental qualification tournaments or continental championships.

BL 9.3.10.4.2 The twelve (12) teams from the continents shall be selected according to the following formula: Europe - 5; Americas - 3; Asia - 2; Africa - 1; and Oceania - 1. The Host Country will be considered to be a representative from that Continent.

BL 9.3.10.4.3 The highest qualifying team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championship shall be entitled to represent that continent; if any teams do not accept, then the next highest ranking team willing to accept and participate in the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament shall qualify.

BL 9.3.10.4.4 If there is an unfilled vacancy from a continent, then that vacancy shall be filled by the next highest placed team(s) from the continental qualification tournament or continental championship with the following rotation: host continent of the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament, Americas, Asia, Europe, Oceania and Africa.



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ENTRY PROCESS AND PROTOCOL

To register for this event, the National Federation has to send the preliminary entry form back to the Royal Dutch Swimming Federation no later than the deadline (see below).

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

For reference

Submission Preliminary Entry Form *January 29, 2016*

Submission of Accommodation Form *January 29, 2016*

Online booking forms available for each hotel in accommodation and meals section of this document.

Submission of Team Roster Form *February 5, 2016*

Submission Final Entry Form *February 5, 2016*

Arrival in City: *March 17, 2016*

Competition: *March 21 - 28, 2016*

Departure from City: *March 29, 2016*

DELEGATES

Mr Gianni LONZI	TWPC Chairman
Mr Khosrow AMINI	TWPC Vice Chairman
Mr John WHITEHOUSE	TWPC Honorary Secretary
Mr Gus PINKER	TWPC Member
Mr Peter BOOKELMAN	TWPC Member
Mr Nico FIROIU	TWPC Member
Mr. Gergely CSURKA	Press Delegate
Mr. C-R V.D. HOOGENBAND	Medical + Anti-Doping Delegate

NEUTRAL REFEREES

Mr Daniel Flahive	Australia
Ms Natacha Florestano	Brazil
Ms Gabriella Varkonyi	Hungary
Mr Adrian Alexandrescu	Romania

REFEREES WITH THE TEAM

Mr Nikolaos Boudramis	Greece
Mr Yosuke Kajiwara	Japan
Mr John Waldow	New Zealand
Ms Svetlana Dreval	Russia
Mr Alessandro Severo	Italy
Mr Steve Rotsart	USA
Mr Erwin Schaapers	The Netherlands
Ms Marie-Claude Deslières	Canada
Mr Benjamin Mercier	France
Mr Jaume Teixido	Spain
Mr. Michael Baty	South Africa
Ms. Marcela Mauss	Germany



VENUE INFORMATION

During the tournament the Groenhovenbad will be used as the official competition and training venue. The Groenhovenbad has a 33 x 25 water polo pool, and a 15 x 25 training pool. In 2013, the Groenhovenbad opened and some exciting water polo matches have been hosted in this state-of-the-art venue.



COMPETITION INFORMATION

Training Dates: Prior to the event: March 19 and 20, 2016
 During the event: March 21 - 28, 2016

Training opportunities will be available in both the competition and training pool. The training schedule can be found [here](#).

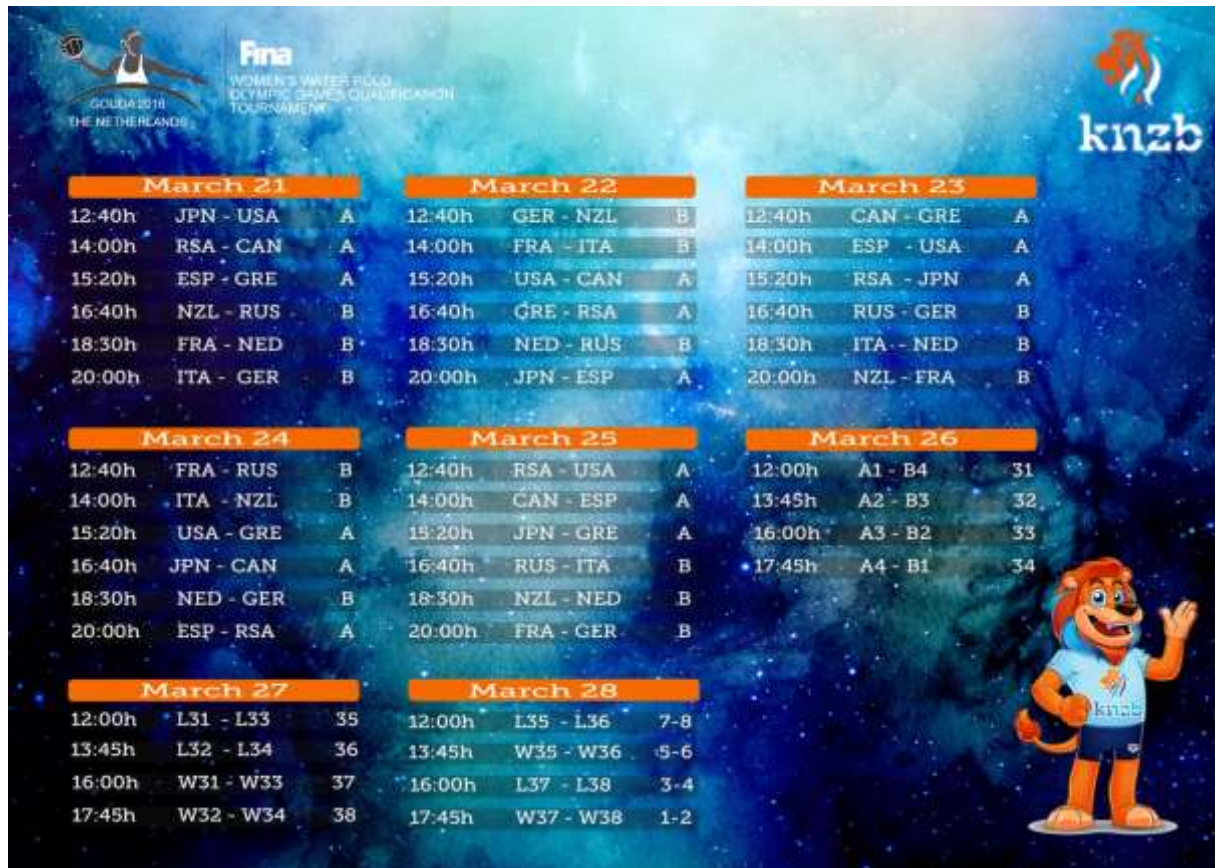
Technical Meeting: The OC shall organize a Technical Meeting on March 20 at 2.15pm in the competition venue Groenhovenbad in Gouda. The FINA TWPC Commission shall chair this meeting.

Competition Dates: March 21 - 28, 2016

The competition will start on March 21 and will end on March 28. The competition schedule will be published after the entries of the teams.

21 March	Group stage
22 March	Group stage
23 March	Group stage
24 March	Group stage
25 March	Group stage
26 March	Quarter Finals
27 March	Semi Finals
28 March	Finals

SCHEDULE



March 21			March 22			March 23		
12:40h	JPN - USA	A	12:40h	GER - NZL	B	12:40h	CAN - GRE	A
14:00h	RSA - CAN	A	14:00h	FRA - ITA	B	14:00h	ESP - USA	A
15:20h	ESP - GRE	A	15:20h	USA - CAN	A	15:20h	RSA - JPN	A
16:40h	NZL - RUS	B	16:40h	GRE - RSA	A	16:40h	RUS - GER	B
18:30h	FRA - NED	B	18:30h	NED - RUS	B	18:30h	ITA - NED	B
20:00h	ITA - GER	B	20:00h	JPN - ESP	A	20:00h	NZL - FRA	B
March 24			March 25			March 26		
12:40h	FRA - RUS	B	12:40h	RSA - USA	A	12:00h	A1 - B4	31
14:00h	ITA - NZL	B	14:00h	CAN - ESP	A	13:45h	A2 - B3	32
15:20h	USA - GRE	A	15:20h	JPN - GRE	A	16:00h	A3 - B2	33
16:40h	JPN - CAN	A	16:40h	RUS - ITA	B	17:45h	A4 - B1	34
18:30h	NED - GER	B	18:30h	NZL - NED	B			
20:00h	ESP - RSA	A	20:00h	FRA - GER	B			
March 27			March 28					
12:00h	L31 - L33	35	12:00h	L35 - L36	7-8			
13:45h	L32 - L34	36	13:45h	W35 - W36	5-6			
16:00h	W31 - W33	37	16:00h	L37 - L38	3-4			
17:45h	W32 - W34	38	17:45h	W37 - W38	1-2			

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.

ATHLETE MEDICAL SERVICES

Information about the athlete medical services will be further explained in the team leaders' guide, which will be sent to the participating national federations at a later stage.

EVENT INFORMATION DESK

Information about the event information desk will be further explained in the team leaders' guide, which will be sent to the participating national federations at a later stage.

ACCREDITATION, ACCREDITATION DESK

Information about accreditation will be further explained in the team leaders' guide, which will be sent to the participating national federations at a later stage.

RULES

The FINA Women's Water Polo Olympic Games Qualification Tournament will be conducted under FINA rules. The specific Rules & Regulations can be found on the FINA Website.

TICKETS

Tickets are on sale.

Tickets for the event can be purchased online at www.gaanvoorgoud.eu and www.knzb.nl prior to the start of the tournament. During the event, tickets can be purchased at the door, based on availability.

VISA INFORMATION

Please contact the host national federation event staff for further information regarding VISA requests and other related VISA information.

TRANSPORTATION

During the training and competition period transport (shuttle service) between the main pool, the training pools and the official hotels will be organised for this event.

Amsterdam Schiphol Airport (AMS) is the official airport for this event. Teams may arrive on March 17 or later. Any team wishing to arrive earlier must contact the host national federation event staff.

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

The official Olympic Games Qualification Tournament 2016 accommodation agency has developed hotel packages especially for all federations.

For reservations, please fill in the booking form of the preferred official hotel. All bookings will be handled on a first come, first serve basis. Please submit your online booking form of the preferred hotel no later than January 29, 2016.

For more information, or low budget solutions please contact us via email info@gouda2016.nl. We are more than happy to help you.

All prices mentioned below are including free use of the shuttle service between the airport, hotels and the Groenhovenbad.

Please note:

City tax (varies per hotel) is not included

All prices mentioned below are applicable until February 1, 2016.

All extra costs, such as internet, telephone and (mini)bar have to be paid upon checkout

Continental Champions that qualify directly for Rio, can cancel their reservations without any cost. In order to ensure availability we would like to recommend you to book the hotel of your first choice as soon as possible.

FINA Delegates and Referees **Best Western Plus City Hotel ******

In the historical city centre of Gouda, located on one of the most beautiful canals of the city - the Hoge Gouwe - you will find the 4 star level hotel Best Western Plus City Hotel. Free Wi-Fi access is available throughout the hotel.



Distance to the venue 4km.

Bed and Breakfast

Price single room: EUR 115,00

Price double room: EUR 165,00

City tax EUR 1,40pppn

Click [here](#) to book this hotel.

Teams

Van der Valk Blijdorp ****

Van der Valk Hotel Blijdorp is a modern hotel in the city of Rotterdam. All rooms have free internet, a flat screen tv, air conditioning and a spacious walk-in shower.

Distance to the venue 24.3km.

Full board

Price single room: EUR 156,00

Price double room: EUR 230,00

City tax 4,5%

Click [here](#) to book this hotel.



Tulip Inn Bodegraven ***

This modern three-star hotel is ideally located on the outskirts of Bodegraven, just off the A 12 motorway that links Utrecht to Rotterdam. This welcoming Tulip Inn hotel offers a perfect base for leisure and business guests visiting Bodegraven, the nearby city of Gouda and its cheese farms, or the Reeuwijkse Plassen a peaceful area with 11 lakes.

You can choose from standard and executive rooms which come fully equipped with balconies, free Wi-Fi, cable television and working corners.

Distance to the venue 8.6km.

Full board

Price single room: EUR 162,50

Price double room: EUR 246,00

City tax EUR 1,98 pppn

Click [here](#) to book this hotel.





Booking information accommodation

By making your reservations through our web site you agree with the terms and conditions of the accommodation agency and you will be billed for the amount due.

Terms and conditions

Reservations will be handled on a first come, first serve basis.

Your reservations will be confirmed by the Accommodation Agency.

By paying the invoice your reservation turns into a booking.

Payment will be confirmed by the Accommodation Agency.

For cancellations between January 1 and January 28, 2016 you will be charged 25% of the costs of the reservation. *This excludes cancellations due to direct qualification of your team for the Olympic Games.*

For cancellations between January 29 and February 15 you will be charged 40% of the costs of the reservation. *This excludes cancellations due to direct qualification of your team for the Olympic Games.*

For cancellations between February 15 and March 15 you will be charged 75% of the costs of the reservation. After this date no refunds are applicable.

50% of the booking has to be paid before February 1. The second instalment is due before March 1. Later bookings have to be paid within 14 days after booking, however, the final due date is March 1, 2016.

Prices are guaranteed until February 1, 2016.

Hotel reservations can be made via the link included in the hotel description in this information bulletin.