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Synchronised swimming preview

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Russia is the leading nation with a grand total of 49 medals in Synchronised Swimming at the FINA World Championships, including a record 44 gold medals.

All other nations combined have won 28 gold medals in this sport.

Russia has won 29 of the last 30 gold medals available in women's synchro events, a victorious run only interrupted by Spain's victory in the free combination on 23 July 2009 in Rome.

The only gold medal Russia failed to win in this span, was the first-ever mixed duet technical event in Kazan 2015, which was won by USA.

Bill May (USA) became the first man to win a World title in synchro when he won the mixed duet technical event in Kazan, together with Christina Jones and Kristina Lum-Underwood (reserve).



May and Jones (USA)

Bill May (G1-S1-B0), Aleksandr Maltsev (RUS, G1-S1-B0) and Giorgio Minisini (ITA, G0-S0-B2) are the only three men who have won two medals each in the history of the sport.

Svetlana Romashina (RUS) and Natalia Ishchenko (RUS) have won a record 22 medals at the World Championships.



Romashina and Ishchenko (RUS)

In all aquatic events at the World Championships only Michael Phelps (USA, 33 swimming) and Ryan Lochte (USA, 27 swimming) won more medals. All of Romashina's 22 medals are gold medals. Ishchenko won 20 golds.

Michael Phelps (26, swimming) is the only athlete to have won more gold medals at the FINA World Championships.

Ona Carbonell (ESP) and Gemma Mengual (ESP) have each won 20 medals, but only one gold medal, in the free combination event.



Carbonell and Mengual (ESP)

Since 1998, Russia has won all team events (team, free, technical). The last nation to beat Russia in a team event was the USA who won the team event in 1994. Russia finished fourth in this event.

Russia has won 44 of the total 51 events from 1998 to 2015 and won a medal in 49 of these events. It only missed out on a medal in the free combination in 2003 and in 2005. Spain (G0-S5-B5) has won a medal in the solo free and solo technical at each of the last five World Championships.



The synchronised swimming competition starts on Friday July 14 with the prelims of the Solo Technical at 11am and the

Duet Technical at 4pm. Check out the full programme here [1]

