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## PR 69 - Siberia set to host the FINA Women's Water Polo World Cup 2018

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Eight water polo squads representing the five continents are set to dispute the FINA Water Polo World Cup [1] 2018 title in

Surgut, Siberia, Russia, from Tuesday September 4 to Sunday September 9.

Elite national teams from Australia, Canada, China, New Zealand, Russia, Spain, South Africa and the U.S. will be testing a

set of innovative rules proposed by the FINA TWPC for discussion. See proposed rule changes here [2]

The format of the competition however remains unchanged: There are two pools for the round robin stage, and a standard play-off chart for the finals.

The groups' composition for the tournament is as follows:

## GROUP A

A1	 - ESP
A2	 - AUS
A3	 - CHN
A4	 - RUS

## GROUP B

B1	 - RSA
B2	 - NZL
B3	 - USA
B4	 - CAN

Competition's schedule

Match #1. 14:30 NZL – USA

Match #2. 16:00 AUS – CHN

Match #3. 17:30 RSA – CAN

Match #4. 19:00 ESP – RUS

21:00 Opening Ceremony

**Day 2: 5 September, 2018**

Match #5. 15:00 ESP – CHN

Match #6. 16:30 NZL – CAN

Match #8. 18:00 RSA – USA

Match #7. 19:30 AUS – RUS

**Day 3: 6 September, 2018**

Match #9. 15:00 NZL – RSA

Match #10. 16:30 AUS – ESP

Match #11. 18:00 USA – CAN

Match #12. 19:30 CHN – RUS

**Day 4: 7 September, 2018, Quarter-finals**

Match #13. 15:00 2A – 3B

Match #14. 16:30 3A – 2B

Match #15. 18:00 1A – 4B

Match #16. 19:30 4A – 1B

**Day 5: 8 September, 2018, Semi-finals**

Match #17. 15:00 L13 – L16

Match #18. 16:30 L14 – L15

Match #19. 18:00 W13 – W16

Match #20. 19:30 W14 – W15

**Day 6: 9 September, 2018, Finals**

Match #21. 15:00 L17 – L18 (7 – 8 places)

Match #22. 16:30 W17 – W18 (5 – 6 places)

Match #23. 18:00 L19 – L20 (3 – 4 places)

Match #24. 19:30 W19 – W20 (1 – 2 places)

You can read a preview [3] of the event with an overview of all the participating teams here [3].

The FINA Women's Water Polo World Cup was founded in 1979 and kicked off in Merced, USA and is held every four years. Defending World Cup champions USA, also current Olympic and World champions, will be the team to beat in this competition, while Spain and China are amongst the other strong contenders in Surgut.

The final ranking of the **2014 edition** of the World Cup was:

**1. USA, 2. AUS, 3. ESP, 4. CHN, 5. HUN, 6. RUS, 7. RSA, 8. SGP**

The competition venue in the Russian city is an indoor aquatics centre including a 50m pools, a 25m warm-up pool and many facilities for different activities and disciplines.  
The capacity of the pool tribunes is about 500 spectators to which an extra 250 seats will be added for the World Cup needs.

Daily detailed game reports and the results will be available on FINA website.

The FINA Men's Water Polo World Cup 2018 [4] will kick-off next week on Tuesday September 11 in Berlin, Germany.

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