

## **PR 75 - Berlin Men's Water Polo World Cup starts today**

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Eight water polo squads representing the five continents are set to dispute the [FINA Men's Water Polo World Cup 2018](#) [1]title in Berlin, Germany from Tuesday September 11 to Sunday September 16.

Elite national teams from Australia, Croatia, Germany, Hungary, Japan, Serbia, South Africa and the USA will be continuing the testing of new rules proposed by the FINA TWPC at the FINA World Water Polo Conference in Budapest in April 2018 which will then be presented for approval in Hangzhou, China, on December 10. See proposed rule changes [here](#) [2]

The 16th FINA Men's Water Polo World Cup is coming back to Berlin after 29 years, when the city hosted the 1989 edition. The upcoming competition will be the first big water polo tournament held in the German capital since the 2006 FINA World League Super Final.

Olympic and World Cup champions Serbia are the players to beat in Berlin, while World champions Croatia and World Championships silver medallists Hungary are other strong contenders.

The groups' composition for the tournament is as follows:

## GROUP 1

A1	 - AUS
A2	 - GER
A3	 - HUN
A4	 - JPN

## GROUP 2

B1	 - CRO
B2	 - SRB
B3	 - RSA
B4	 - USA

Competition's schedule

DATE	TIME	MATCH NO.	TEAMS
<b>Day 1</b> September 11	15.45	1	B2 SRB – B3 RSA
	17.15	3	B1 CRO – B4 USA
		OPENING CEREMONY	
	19.00 *	2	A2 GER – A3 HUN
	20.30	4	A1 AUS – A4 JPN
<b>Day 2</b> September 12	16.00	5	A1 AUS – A3 HUN
	17.30	6	B2 SRB – B4 USA
	19.00 *	7	A2 GER – A4 JPN
	20.30	8	B1 CRO – B3 RSA
<b>Day 3</b> September 13	16.00	9	B2 SRB – B1 CRO
	17.30	11	B3 RSA – B4 USA
	19.00 *	10	A2 GER – A1 AUS
	20.30	12	A3 HUN – A4 JPN
<b>Day 4</b> September 14	16.00	13	2A – 3B
	17.30	14	3A – 2B
	19.00	15	1A – 4B
	20.30	16	4A – 1B
<b>Day 5</b> September 15	14.00	17	L13 – L16
	15.30	18	L14 – L15
	17.00	19	W13 – W16
	18.30	20	W14 – W15
<b>Day 6</b> September 16	10.00	21	L17 – L18
	11.30	22	W17 – W18
	13.00	23	L19 – L20
	15.00	24	W19 – W20
		AWARD CEREMONY	

The final ranking of the 2014 World Cup was:

**1. Serbia, 2. Hungary, 3. Croatia,** 4. USA, 5. Australia, 6. Kazakhstan; 7. Montenegro; 8. South Africa

Medallists of all the FINA Men's World Cups:

1979: 1. HUN, 2. USA, 3. YUG

1981: 1. URS, 2. YUG, 3. CUB

1983: 1. URS, 2. FRG, 3. ITA

1985: 1. FRG, 2. USA, 3. ESP

1987: 1. YUG, 2. URS, 3. FRG

1989: 1. YUG, 2. ITA, 3. HUN

1991: 1. USA, 2. YUG, 3. ESP

1993: 1. ITA, 2. HUN, 3. AUS

1995: 1. HUN, 2. ITA, 3. RUS

1997: 1. USA, 2. GRE, 3. HUN

1999: 1. HUN, 2. ITA, 3. ESP

2002: 1. RUS, 2. HUN, 3. YUG

2006: 1. SCG, 2. HUN, 3. ESP

2010: 1. SRB, 2. CRO, 3. ESP

The competition venue in the German capital is an indoor aquatic complex, the *Schwimm- und Sprunghalle im Europasportpark (SSE)*, including a 50 x 25m pool and a 50 x 25 m warm-up pool. The pool will be divided in order to provide two fields of play (each 25 x 25m) with four goals in total for both warming up and training sessions.

Daily detailed game reports and the results will be available on [FINA website](#) [1]. All games will be live

streamed on [FINA.tv](#). [3]

The FINA Women's Water Polo World Cup 2018 concluded on Sunday September 9 as the USA claimed their third consecutive victory.

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