MARATHON SWIMMING: OLYMPIC LIST OF 50 IS COMPLETE

Xin Xin and Zu Lijun of China were the two winners of respectively the women and the men’s races of the FINA Marathon Swimming Olympic Games Qualification Tournament, which were staged in Setubal, Portugal on June 11-12.

Zu touched home in 1h52m18s2 and was followed by Germany’s Christian Reichert (silver in 1h52m20s4) and by Ecuador’s Ivan Enderica (bronze in 1h52m22s6).

In the women’s race on Saturday, Xin grabbed gold in 1h55m12s1. Keri-Anne Payne (GBR) and Samantha Arevalo (ECU) were the other two medallists (in this order).

Around 120 swimmers from 50 nations battled it out in the Portuguese waters last weekend, however only 15 male and 15 female swimmers were able to secure the remaining Olympic berths to compete in the waters off Copacabana beach this summer.

The list of 50 athletes that will take part in the 10km Marathon Swimming events at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games is now complete, after the best 10 athletes in both genders were qualified at the 2015 FINA World Championships in Kazan (RUS).

According to the qualification rules, the deadline for NFs/NOCs to confirm the participation of their athletes is set to June 27, 2016.

Qualified athletes in Setubal

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USA secure third straight World League title in Shanghai

The U.S. women’s water polo team grabbed their third consecutive FINA Water Polo World League title, beating Spain 13-9 (3-2,4-2,3-3,3-2) in Shanghai, on Sunday June 12, on the occasion of the Super Final.

Maddie Musselman and team captain Maggie Steffens each scored two goals, while Kiley Neushul, KK Clark, Rachel Fattal and Mel Seidemann tallied one goal each.

Water polo world’s best nation USA remained unbeaten during the six-day tournament.

Australia outscored the Chinese hosts and grabbed the bronze medal in 10-3 (2-3,1-5,0-1,0-1). In the fifth/sixth place game, Italy led the first quarter to end up defeating Russia 10-8 (3-5, 2-2,1-1,2-2). With a very consistent game, Team Canada led the entire match against Brazil and won 12-6 (3-1,3-1,3-1,3-4).

Spain’s Roser Tarrago was the best scorer of the tournament, while Australian Lea Yanitsas was considered the best goalkeeper. MVP (Most Valuable Player) went to Courtney Mathewson from the USA.

As a reminder, team USA defeated Spain in the 2012 Olympic Gold Medal Match. Let’s see what happens in Rio!*

Super Final final ranking

1. USA, 2. ESP, 3. AUS, 4. CHN, 5. ITA, 6. RUS, 7. CAN, 8. BRA

The USA have won the World League title in 2014, 2015 and 2016. Other medallists of the 2015 edition, also held in Shanghai, were Australia (silver) and the Netherlands (bronze).

FINA Women’s Water Polo World League Super Final was the highest-level water polo competition worldwide in 2016, and also the last international event before the Rio Olympic Games.

*Teams qualified for the Olympic Games and group’s distribution

GROUP A
A1 - ITALY
A2 - RUSSIA
A3 - AUSTRALIA
A4 - BRAZIL

GROUP B
B1 - SPAIN
B2 - CHINA
B3 - HUNGARY
B4 - UNITED STATES

The FINA Men’s Water Polo World League Super Final 2016 will be organised in Huizhou, China, from June 21-26. Australia, Brazil, China, Greece, Italy, Japan, Serbia and the USA are the qualified squads set to fight for the title.

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Registration to attend the 4th FINA World Aquatics Convention (FWAC) is now open for all National Federations, coaches, clubs, Organising Committees of FINA’s major championships, host cities, sports medicine professionals and the Aquatics business community.

Occurring on even years, the 4th edition takes place at Caesars Windsor Resort and Convention Centre in Ontario, Canada from 3-5 December 2016. Over 1000 delegates will meet to network, share knowledge and develop business.

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The Convention includes: FINA Aquatics Conference, FINA World Sports Medicine Congress, FINA Swimming Coaches Golden Clinic, and FINA Gala Dinner & Awards Ceremony – "Soirée des Etoiles". As in 2014, the Convention will precede the FINA World Swimming Championships (25m), which takes place from 6-11 December, also in Windsor.

Delegate packages for the 4th FINA World Aquatics Convention are currently available at the early bird rate of 500.00 USD.

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