FINA ARTISTIC SWIMMING WORLD SERIES 2019 – HOSTS & DATES

The final calendar of the FINA Artistic Swimming World Series 2019 has been announced, with eight hosts in Europe and Asia staging the event from February to June.

The event will kick-off in Europe with three hosts: Paris (FRA) from February 28 to March 3, Alexandroupolis (GRE) on April 4-7 and Kazan (RUS) from April 19-21.

Two Asian hosts, Tokyo (JPN) and Beijing (CHN) will then welcome the 2019 circuit on April 27-29 and May 4-5 respectively.

The artistic swimming competition will then move to North America as Greensboro (USA) will stage the sixth leg from May 24-26 and Quebec City (CAN) the seventh leg from May 30 to June 1.

Finally the circuit will conclude in Barcelona (ESP) from May 31- June 2, before the first Super Final is organised in Budapest (HUN) from June 14-16, 2019.

1. Paris (FRA) : 28 February – 3 March
2. Alexandroupolis (GRE) : 4 – 7 April
3. Kazan (RUS) : 19-21 April
4. Tokyo (JPN) : 27 – 29 April
5. Beijing (CHN) : 4 – 6 May
6. Greensboro (USA) : 24 – 26 May
7. Quebec City (CAN) : 30 May – 1 June
8. Barcelona (ESP) : 31 May – 2 June
WPWL 209: RUSSIA AND ITALY TAKE LEAD OF RESPECTIVE GROUP

The FINA Women's Water Polo World League 2019 resumed in Europe with the preliminary phase.

On January 9, Spain defeated Israel 13-6 in Netanya (ISR) (3-1, 3-1, 4-4, 3-0), while the Hungarians narrowly won 14-13 against the Dutch on Saturday January 12 in the Hague (NED) (4-2, 3-2, 3-2, 0-4) after extra time.

Last night, Tuesday January 15, Russia played Greece at home in Ruza and ended up winning the game 17-13 (5-3, 5-4, 4-3, 3-3) and Italy defeated the Netherlands 9-6 in Trieste (ITA) (4-0, 2-2, 1-2, 2-2).

Also last night, France lost 5-12 to Hungary (1-2, 1-3, 1-5, 2-2).

Provisional ranking

GROUP A: 1. Russia 14pts ; 2. Spain 10pts ; 3. Greece 6pts ; 4. Israel 0

GROUP B: 1. Italy 12pts; 2. Hungary 9pts; 3. Netherlands 3; 4. France 0

The next women's Game Day will be on February 12, SCHEDULE available here

The Men's World League European preliminaries resumes on January 29 with six matches.

You can follow the pool action and watch most games LIVE streamed or VOD on FINA.tv.

FINA MEETS WITH NFS ON ATHLETE PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

FINA's approach to and interpretation of its rules regarding swimmers and their participation in international competitions was discussed today, at a meeting of FINA's leadership and a representative selection of national federations, present either in person in Lausanne (SUI) or by videoconference.

"FINA's principal concern remains the development of all the aquatics disciplines and the support and wellbeing of all our athletes", said FINA President Dr. Julio C. Maglione. "While FINA is bound to respect its rules, there is some scope for interpretation and application of those rules and it was a pleasure to be able to provide clarifications today."

FINA acknowledges that swimmers are free to participate in competitions or events staged by independent organisers, namely entities which are neither members of FINA nor related to it in any way.

Any independent organisers which intend to have the results and records of any competitions or events duly registered with and acknowledged by FINA shall cooperate with or seek approval from FINA or from any relevant member federation, as the case may be, the approval procedure shall be set out in FINA By-laws BL 12, which will be entirely applicable.

If an independent organiser does not obtain or does not request the above-mentioned approval, all results or records of such unapproved competition or event will be deemed null and void and ignored by FINA and shall not be taken into
account for any purpose whatsoever by FINA. However, such participation shall not be characterised as unauthorised relations in application of FINA General Rules GR4, and shall not give rise to sanctions by FINA.

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