

Preview Swimming 2018 Beijing

General

- This is the 15th swimming World Cup meet in Beijing. Only one venue has hosted the competition more often (Berlin 18 times).
- Beijing has been a regular stop on the swimming World Cup calendar since 2010 and also hosted the competition six times in the 1990s.
- Chinese swimmers have combined for five race wins this World Cup season. Wang Jianjiahe won the women's 400m and 800m freestyle in both Eindhoven and Budapest and Zhou Chanzhen won the women's 800m freestyle in Kazan. Both are 16 years old.

Women

- Katinka Hosszú has won 20 individual women's events in the 2018 World Cup, five more than Sarah Sjöström.
- Hosszú won all the individual medleys (100m, 200m, 400m) in this World Cup season (LC in Kazan and Doha, and SC in Eindhoven and Budapest).
- Spain's Mireia Belmonte is the last woman other than Hosszú to have won an individual medley - the 400m IM in Eindhoven in August 2017.
- Sarah Sjöström has won eight of the last 10 women's 100m freestyle races in the World Cup, including three of four in 2018.
- Sjöström finished second behind Cate Campbell at the World Cup in Singapore in November 2017 and second behind Ranomi Kromowidjojo in Budapest this year.
- Sjöström has won 12 World Cup races in the women's 100m freestyle in total, joint-most in this century together with Jeanette Ottesen (12) and Martina Moravcova (12).
- Sjöström has won the women's 100m butterfly event at seven of the last eight World Cup meets.
- Hosszú and Kira Toussaint have each won three backstroke events in this year's World Cup, but both have won these in the long course meets in Kazan and Doha.
- Emily Seebohm won all three backstroke events in Budapest. She has won 37 backstroke events at the World Cup, only trailing Hosszú's 49 wins in this stroke in this century.
- Kathleen Baker won the women's 100m and 200m backstroke short course in Eindhoven, while Etienne Medeiros claimed the 50m backstroke in the Netherlands.
- The last US women to win more than two World Cup races in a single year were Molly Hannis (3 in breaststroke events) and Felicia Lee (3 in butterfly events), both in 2015.
- In 2011, Missy Franklin (4) was the last US woman to win more than four World Cup races in backstroke events in a single year.
- Yuliya Efimova won eight of the 12 women's breaststroke events in the World Cup in 2018. She also won eight breaststroke events in 2007. Alia Atkinson won 13 breaststroke events in 2017.

Men

- Chad Le Clos has won 98 men's butterfly races in the World Cup, most of all swimmers in a specific stroke in this century.
- Mitch Larkin has won 12 World Cup races this season, four more than his previous best campaign of eight wins in 2016. The best performance by a male Australian swimmer in individual events this century is 14 by Thomas Fraser-Holmes in 2014.
- Vladimir Morozov has claimed 19 medals in the four meets this year. He holds the record for most individual podium finishes in a World Cup season - 37 in 2016.
- Michael Andrew (16 medals) is the only man to have finished on the podium in all four strokes in this year's World Cup - freestyle (2), butterfly (4), backstroke (6), breaststroke (2). He also won two medals in individual medley events.

- Blake Pieroni has won 13 medals in men's freestyle events in 2018, including four wins in the men's 200m freestyle. In 2017 Chad Le Clos won the men's 200m freestyle four times.

Mixed

- Netherlands has won all eight mixed relays in this year's World Cup.
- Femke Heemskerk formed part of seven of these gold medal winning relays.
- In 2017, Netherlands also won eight mixed relays. Australia (5), Russia (2) and China (1) won the other relay medals.