

Preview Swimming 2018 Doha

General

- Doha will host the second meet of the FINA Swimming World Cup 2018.
- It marks the seventh time Doha hosts the World Cup. The capital of Qatar has been on the calendar ever since 2012.
- Last year, Katinka Hosszú (5) and Sarah Sjöström (5) won most races here (all events). Chad Le Clos followed on four victories.
- The best result by a Qatari swimmer in a World Cup event in Doha is Michelle Chu's sixth place in the women's 800m freestyle event last year.
- Doha has been elected to host the 2023 FINA World Aquatics Championships. Gwangju (Republic of Korea) in 2019 and Fukuoka (Japan) in 2021 will first host the next two world championships.

Women

- Last week in Kazan, Katinka Hosszú and Sarah Sjöström both won a meet-high five individual races.
- Hosszú also topped the total medal table on nine medals in individual events (G5-S3-B1), three more than Michael Andrew (G1-S4-B1).
- Breaststroke remains the only stroke Hosszú has not won a World Cup race in. Her 257 race wins came in individual medley (118), freestyle (63), backstroke (47) and butterfly (29).
- Hosszú has won 61 of the last 62 women's individual medley races at the World Cup. The only exception in this run was Mireia Belmonte's victory in the 400m individual medley event (short course) in Eindhoven last year.
- Since the start of the 2017 World Cup season, only Hosszú (32) has won more individual World Cup races than Sarah Sjöström (30).
- Sjöström has won 28 of her total 45 individual World Cup races in freestyle events and another 17 in butterfly events.
- Sjöström has finished second in seven individual medley World Cup races, and also won one silver medal in the 100m backstroke.
- Last weekend in Kazan, Dutch swimmer Kira Toussaint won the women's 50m and 100m individual backstroke events, her first two World Cup gold medals in any event.
- Toussaint had previously finished second in a World Cup race on two occasions, in the 100m individual backstroke event in Stockholm in 2012 and in the 50m individual backstroke event in Berlin in 2017.
- Last year, Ranomi Kromowidjojo won a season-high three gold medals in individual World Cup events among Dutch athletes.
- Sixteen-year-old Zhou Chanzhen from China won the women's 800m individual freestyle event last weekend in Kazan. She also claimed the bronze medal in the women's 400m individual freestyle event.
- The last woman who was sixteen years old or younger to win multiple individual World Cup races was China's Li Bingjie, who won her second and third World Cup race in November 2017 at the age of 15.
- Yuliya Efimova from Russia won the women's 50m and 100m individual breaststroke last weekend in Kazan, meaning she has already won one more World Cup race in 2018 than in the whole of last year (then one).
- The last season in which Efimova won more individual World Cup races was 2016: four.

Men

- Chad Le Clos (199) can win his 200th World Cup medal in all events.
- Le Clos' current tally of 199 breaks down as follows: 139 gold medals, 46 silver medals and 14 bronze medals.
- One of his 199 medals Le Clos won in a mixed event. He was part of the South Africa team that won the bronze medal in the 4x50m mixed freestyle relay event in Dubai in 2016.
- Last weekend in Kazan, Le Clos won the gold medal in the men's 200m butterfly event. He also claimed the silver medal in the men's 100m butterfly and the men's 200m freestyle.
- In the meet in Kazan, Vladimir Morozov from Russia and Australia's Mitch Larkin won a meet-high three individual men's races.
- Morozov won the men's individual 50m and 100m freestyle, as well as the men's individual 50m backstroke. Larkin was victorious in the men's individual 100m and 200m backstroke and in the men's 200m individual medley.
- In 2017, Chad Le Clos won five gold medals in men's individual events during the first two meets in Moscow and Berlin.
- Only Le Clos (139) has won more men's individual World Cup races than Morozov (69).
- In Kazan last weekend, Russian swimmers won seven of the 16 men's individual races: Morozov (3), Anton Chupkov (2) and Yaroslav Potapov (2).
- Michael Andrew from the United States claimed a meet-high six podium finishes in men's individual events last weekend: G1-S4-B1. His sole victory came in the men's 100m individual butterfly event.
- Brazil's Felipe Lima won the men's 50m individual breaststroke in Kazan last weekend, his first World Cup race win since October 2016.
- Lima is 33 years old and became the first swimmer aged 33 or over to win a men's individual World Cup race since Stanislav Donets from Russia won the men's 100m individual backstroke event in Hong Kong in October 2016 at the age of 33.