

Preview Swimming 2018 Tokyo

General

- This will be the ninth World Cup meet to be held in Tokyo. It is the only Japanese city to have hosted a swimming World Cup.
- Tokyo has hosted a World Cup event every year since 2010.
- Daiya Seto is the only Japanese swimmer to have won World Cup events in 2018. He won the 200m and 400m individual medley in Eindhoven and the 400m individual medley in Budapest.
- Last year, Japanese swimmers claimed five race wins in Tokyo in the World Cup. Seto won the men's 200m and 400m individual medley, Yasuhiro Koseki won the men's 50m and 100m breaststroke and Masaki Kaneko won the men's 200m backstroke.
- The last Japanese woman to win a World Cup event in Tokyo was Rie Kaneto in 2016, when she won the 200m breaststroke.

Women

- Katinka Hosszú has won 24 World Cup events in 2018, most of all swimmers. She claimed four victories at the last World Cup meet in Beijing.
- Hosszú has won all 13 women's individual medley races this World Cup season (100m, 200m, 400m).
- Hosszú won exactly four individual events at each of the last three World Cup meets (Eindhoven, Budapest and Beijing). Apart from the three individual medley events she also won the 200m butterfly three times.
- Spain's Mireia Belmonte is the last woman other than Hosszú to have won an individual medley race - the 400m IM in Eindhoven in August 2017.
- Sarah Sjöström has won 17 World Cup events in 2018, adding two to her total tally at the last World Cup meet in Beijing.
- Sjöström has finished in first place (17 times) or in second place (10 times) in 27 of her 28 World Cup races in 2018. The only exception was when she finished fourth in the 100m individual medley in Eindhoven.
- Dutch swimmers Ranomi Kromowidjojo and Femke Heemskerk have both claimed 25 World Cup podium finishes this season (including relays), joint-third most among women behind only Hosszú (42) and Sjöström (27).
- Kromowidjojo has already won 12 events this year at the World Cup (including relays), most for a Dutch swimmer since Inge Dekker won 23 in 2014.
- Eighteen-year-old Minna Atherton claimed her first World Cup race win in Beijing last weekend. The Australian won the women's 100m and 200m backstroke.
- The last Australian female teenager to win three individual World Cup events in one year was Emma McKeon in 2013 (3).

Men

- Vladimir Morozov has won 14 World Cup events in 2018, most of all male swimmers. Mitch Larkin follows on 13 victories.
- Morozov finished on 19 total victories in the 2017 World Cup. Only Chad Le Clos (22) won more World Cup events in 2017 among men.
- Last year, Morozov claimed only one World Cup race win in Tokyo as he won the men's 100m freestyle.
- Russian male swimmers have claimed 25 World Cup wins in 2018, three shy of their total tally of last year in the World Cup (28).
- Mitch Larkin could become the first Australian male swimmer this century to claim most World Cup wins in a single year.

- Larkin's 13 wins in a single year is two shy of the Australian men's record this century, set by Bobby Hurley in 2013 (15).
- Larkin claimed all his wins this year in individual events. Thomas Fraser-Holmes (14 in 2014) is the only Australian male swimmer this century to win more than 13 individual World Cup races in a single year.

Mixed

- China won both mixed relay events in Beijing, after Netherlands had won all previous eight this World Cup year.
- Zhu Menghui was the only Chinese swimmer to take part in both relay victories last weekend.
- In 2017, Netherlands also won eight mixed relays, most of all countries.