



# 6<sup>th</sup> FINA World Men's Water Polo Development Trophy 2017 Rules & Regulations

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## **Place:**

Gzira, Malta

## **Dates:**

Arrival date teams: October 15, 2017

Technical Meeting: October 16, 2017

Competition dates: October 17-22, 2017

Departure date teams: October 23, 2017

## **Qualification:**

1. The competition shall be between a maximum of twelve (12) teams selected through continental qualification tournaments, continental championships or sub-continental competitions in the following manner:
2. The twelve (12) teams from the nominated continents shall be selected according to the following formula: Americas – 2, Asia – 4, Africa – 4 and Europe – 2. The Host Country will be considered a representative from that continent. For subsequent editions the formula will rotate according to the availability of teams.
3. The nominated teams from the continental qualification tournament, continental championships or sub-continental competitions shall be entitled to represent that continent; if any teams do not accept, then the next nominated team from that continent willing to accept shall qualify.
4. If there is an unfilled vacancy from a continent, then that vacancy shall be filled by the next nominated team(s) from the continental qualification tournament, Continental Championships or Sub-Continental Competitions with the following rotation: Host Continent of the Development Trophy Tournament, Americas, Asia, Africa and Europe.

**Competition:**

There will be seven (6) days of competition.

The competition system will be an abbreviated Olympic Games Programme as identified in FINA BL 9.4.1.2 with two (2) groups of six (6) teams playing a single round robin in each group. The final round will be using an abbreviated formula with the first ranked team in each group playing each other for first and second placing, the second ranked team in each group playing each other for third and fourth placing...and so on.

**Seeding:**

**Group A**

A1 Americas  
 A2 Asia  
 A3 Asia  
 A4 Africa  
 A5 Africa  
 A6 Europe

**Group B**

B1 Americas  
 B2 Asia  
 B3 Asia  
 B4 Africa  
 B5 Africa  
 B6 Europe

**Competition Schedule**

**Preliminary Round – Day 1**

Game 1	A1 – A6	Game 4	B1 – B6
Game 2	A3 – A4	Game 5	B3 – B4
Game 3	A2 – A5	Game 6	B2 – B5

**Preliminary Round – Day 2**

Game 7	B6 – B4	Game 10	A6 – A4
Game 8	B5 – B3	Game 11	A5 – A3
Game 9	B1 – B2	Game 12	A1 – A2

**Preliminary Round – Day 3**

Game 13	A4 – A5	Game 16	B4 – B5
Game 14	A2 – A6	Game 17	B2 – B6
Game 15	A3 – A1	Game 18	B3 – B1

**Preliminary Round – Day 4**

Game 19	B6 – B5	Game 22	A6 – A5
Game 20	B1 – B4	Game 23	A1 – A4
Game 21	B2 – B3	Game 24	A2 – A3

**Preliminary Round – Day 5**

Game 25	A3 – A6	Game 28	B3 – B6
Game 26	A4 – A2	Game 29	B4 – B2
Game 27	A1 – A5	Game 30	B1 – B5

**Final Round – Day 6**

Game 31	6 <sup>th</sup> Group A – 6 <sup>th</sup> Group B (Winner 11 <sup>th</sup> , Loser 12 <sup>th</sup> )
Game 32	5 <sup>th</sup> Group A – 5 <sup>th</sup> Group B (Winner 9 <sup>th</sup> , Loser 10 <sup>th</sup> )
Game 33	4 <sup>th</sup> Group A – 4 <sup>th</sup> Group B (Winner 7 <sup>th</sup> , Loser 8 <sup>th</sup> )
Game 34	3 <sup>rd</sup> Group A – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group B (Winner 5 <sup>th</sup> , Loser 6 <sup>th</sup> )
Game 35	2 <sup>nd</sup> Group A – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group B (Winner 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Loser 4 <sup>th</sup> )
Game 36	1 <sup>st</sup> Group A – 1 <sup>st</sup> Group B (Winner 1 <sup>st</sup> , Loser 2 <sup>nd</sup> )

Games 31 through 36 must be played to a conclusion; accordingly it may be necessary to apply the Water Polo Rules for Penalty Shootout.

Please note that the Management Committee of FINA Competitions may change the order and schedule of games to meet with the requirements of the Host Federation and/or television.

**Teams**

A Team Delegation consists of 17 persons (13 players, 3 team officials and 1 referee)

**Travel Assistance:**

FINA will provide travel expenses for the participants (excluding the Host Country) for no more than 17 persons as follows:

- USD 500.-/ per person            for all teams from the Host Continent
- USD 1000.-/per person        for all teams from other Continents

**Accommodation:**

Each participating federation has to cover the costs for accommodation for the team and the accompanying referee.

The Host National Federation (HNF) will cover all accommodation expenses for the Officials: (4 FINA Delegates, 1 Press Delegate, 1 Medical & Doping Control Delegate, 2 Neutral Referees) the HNF will cover the expenses for board and lodging in single rooms in a first class hotel.

**Meals:**

Quantity and quality must be guaranteed 3 times per day

**Referees:**

Each team is requested to nominate a Referee from the current FINA Water Polo Referees List who will officiate in the event. The name of the Referee with the Team must be submitted to the FINA Office for approval by the TWPC Commission. The participating National Federation must cover the expenses related to the accommodation and meals of the Referees with the Team.

Neutral Referees will be nominated by the FINA TWPC Commission. The organising National Federation must cover the expenses related to the accommodation and meals of the Neutral Referees. FINA will cover the travel expenses (economy fare) and the per diem.

**Delegates:**

Delegates will be nominated by FINA. The organising National Federation must cover the expenses related to the accommodation and meals of the Delegates. FINA will cover the travel expenses (economy fare) and the per diem.

**Doping Control Testing**

- A minimum of twelve (12) urine tests must be conducted during the competition. FINA may notify the HNF if blood tests are necessary.
- Samples shall be analysed in a WADA-accredited laboratory and the laboratory must be request to forward the analytical results directly to the FINA Office.
- The original doping control forms shall be sent to FINA Office after the event by post mail.

**TV Broadcasting:**

TV production may be provided by HNF in accordance with the FINA TV Guidelines

- Minimum level of TV production
- Minimum number of cameras
- Graphics package in English
- Programme format and running order
- Provision of commentary positions and bookings for other TV rights holders, as required

**Public Relations:**

- The HNF must appoint a Public Relations Manager who must co-operate closely with the Press & Communications Director to ensure the best possible promotion of the event in the host country
- The Public Relations Manager will also act as the liaison with the VIPs, city authorities and sponsors

**Milestones Organisers:**

**Three (3) months before the competition:**

- Send the “Information Bulletin” to the FINA Office for approval by the FINA TWPC Commission.
  - City, address, name of the venue
  - Time
  - Arrival airport from where transportation is organised
  - Hotels for teams, referees and delegates
  - Anti-Doping procedure
  - Match schedule

Once the Information Bulletin is approved it will be published on the FINA Website and will be sent to all competing teams, delegates and referees.

**Following the competition:**

- Send signed game sheets following each game to [results@fina.org](mailto:results@fina.org)
- Send a review and photos to the FINA Office: [media@fina.org](mailto:media@fina.org), [socialmedia@fina.org](mailto:socialmedia@fina.org)
- Send standard game sheets in excel format to [results@fina.org](mailto:results@fina.org)

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