



EUROPEAN
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U18 MEN DIVISION I

WATER POLO
CHAMPIONSHIPS

RIO MAIOR~2025

INFORMATION
BULLETIN

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM EUROPEAN AQUATICS PRESIDENT ANTONIO SILVA



Dear Water Polo Family, Dear Friends,

Let me welcome all of you on behalf of European Aquatics on the occasion of another wonderful water polo event in Rio Maior.

I'm delighted to see another event come to Portugal, a country which has really stepped up in recent years to host a series of outstanding European Aquatics meets.

Just this year, the artistic swimming Europeans will be held in Funchal, the continent's best junior open water swimmers are to gather in Setubal and Rio Maior also joins in by staging the Division One tournament at the men's U18 European Water Polo Championships.

Having this event is also a strong message on the water polo development in Europe, as well as highlights the brand-new approach our Technical Water Polo Committee apply.

It's uplifting to see more and more nations entering teams to our age-group championships. Europe has always been the heart and soul of this sport and involving more and more countries is a true sign of the constant growth we are witnessing across our continent.

Reflecting on this, the TWPC took the wise decision, and our European Aquatics Bureau were happy to embrace the idea of organising an Elite Championship and a Division One tournament, instead of the springtime qualifications which curtailed the number of teams having the chance to head to the annual championships.

This new approach let a lot more teenage talents enjoy the atmosphere of a major tournament. Preparations during the summer vacation should have more quality even for players at the developing nations. This Division One tournament offers a lot more opportunity to showcase what they have learnt at the trainings – and may boost the young players' morale to stay in the sport on the long term.

European Aquatics are also happy to be able to widen the circle of the tournaments' hosts. I'm sure Rio Maior will offer a competition environment of the highest standards while all participants may enjoy the sights and sounds Portugal should offer in summertime.

At the same time, let me thank the Portugal Swimming Federation and the municipality of Rio Maior for their tremendous support, as well as to all partners of European Aquatics, the participating National Federations and our great officials to contribute a great deal to the success of this championship.

ANTONIO SILVA

President of European Aquatics

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM FIRST VICE PRESIDENT JOSIP VARVODIC



It is my pleasure to welcome you all to the Men's U18 Division I European Water Polo Championships in Rio Maior, Portugal. This tournament represents a crucial opportunity for young athletes to showcase their talent, determination, and passion for the sport at an elite level.

Rio Maior, known for its strong sporting culture and excellent facilities, provides the perfect stage for this prestigious event. Portugal's growing commitment to water polo development ensures that this championship will be an unforgettable experience for both players and fans alike.

The Division I format is a key step in the forward plan for European water polo, and I hope that all participants will find the addition of the competition useful as they continue their development.

We extend our deepest appreciation to the Portuguese Swimming Federation for their immense effort in organising this competition. Their dedication has been instrumental in creating an environment where athletes can thrive and perform at their highest level.

To all the teams competing, I encourage you to embrace the challenge, play with heart, and make the most of this opportunity. Beyond the competition, this tournament is about personal growth, teamwork, and the invaluable experiences that come with international sport.

We look forward to an exciting week of matches and wish all participants the very best. May this event be a stepping stone to even greater achievements in your water polo careers.

JOSIP VARVODIC

First Vice President of European Aquatics

INTRODUCTION

EVENT LOCATION

Welcome to Rio Maior,



Rio Maior is a Portuguese city belonging to the District of Santarém, with around 8,000 inhabitants.

Rio Maior calls itself the city of sports because, despite its small size, it has vast and award-winning sports facilities (sports complex ranked 3rd in the international competition IOC/IAKS AWARD 2007) and three clubs with some projection. The Rio Maior Sports Union (football), the Rio Maior Swimming Club, whose main sports are swimming and athletics.

Rio Maior has invested heavily in sports facilities, having a well-equipped sports park, which includes the modern Training Centre and the Olympic Swimming Pool, although it is largely underused locally.



PARTICIPATING TEAMS

GROUP A	GROUP B
SLOVAKIA	BULGARIA
CZECHIA	SWITZERLAND
MOLDOVA	IRELAND
	DENMARK

GROUP C	GROUP D
ISRAEL	LITHUANIA
GREAT BRITAIN	PORTUGAL
BELGIUM	FINLAND
AUSTRIA	

COMPETITION VENUE

Rio Maior Sports Centre, Portugal

Estrada das Marinhas do Sal
 2040 - 332 Rio Maior

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/kxsLRk8iazynairaA>



The Rio Maior Sports Centre is well-known for its high quality being the Portuguese High Performance Swimming Centre in a partnership with the Portuguese Swimming Federation having the recognition of the Portuguese Government.

With two indoor swimming pools, with 25 and 50 meters, a indoor learning pool and an outdoor diving tank our Centre full fills all requirements for any aquatic activity. Two gyms are part of these facilities, one of them equipped with VASA swimming ergometers.

In the Olympic 50m pool are placed other equipment and testing possibilities related with swimming video recording, which include with a double frame shoot possibility. There are also two kinds of power platforms, one placed under the starting block platform for start analysis on three axes, reaction time recording, and another power platform placed on the top wall of the pool for back starts and different turns power data recording.

The 50m swimming pool is also equipped with an electronic timing system that allows the simulation of time recording and relay transitions. All Together, these devices installed in the lab and in the Olympic 50m pool allow the complete assessment of different sports in order to maximize your performance.

AIRPORT AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

The official airport is Lisboa Airport, located just one hour by bus from the hotels. Transfers to and from Lisbon Airport shall be organized by the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) based on flight details.

LOCAL TRANSPORT FROM/TO SANTAREM

- ~ For teams staying at the hotel in Santarém:
Transportation to the games will be scheduled for 2 hours before the start of the game.
For training sessions at Santarém pool, transportation will be scheduled for 30 minutes before the start of the training session.
- ~ For teams staying at Rio Maior:
For training sessions at Santarém pool, transportation will be scheduled for 45 minutes before the start of the training session.

A timetable will be distributed to the teams once accommodation has been booked.

TEAM STANDS – TRANSPORT

Accredited team members can enter the competition venues and watch the games free of charge. However, all group visits to watch the games must be communicated with the LOC at least 24 hours prior.

ACCREDITATION REGISTRATION

All National federations participating in the European Aquatics U18 Men Division I Water Polo Championships must complete the accreditation process in order to obtain the accreditation card for their members. This process will be done through the management system available online.

Detailed instructions and the activation of your account will be provided directly by the European Aquatics Event Management System (EMS). The entry submission period for U18 Men Division I EWPC 25 will be open from 14 July until 8 August at 23:59h (CET).

The accreditation card is personal, non-transferable and must be displayed at all times in the areas requiring accreditation. The right to hold and/or use may be revoked at any time at full discretion by an official of the Organizing Committee.

The number of accreditation cards per national federation is fixed and defined by the European Aquatics. For any extra accreditation required, approval must be obtained from the European Aquatics Office (waterpolo@europenaquatics.org).

ACCOMMODATION FOR TEAMS & EA OFFICIALS

The Portuguese Swimming Federation is offering accommodation for all participating teams and European Aquatics officials attending the event. The Official Event accommodations for the European Aquatics Under 18 Men Division 1 Water Polo Championships will be Rio Maior Sports Centre, Rio Maior Students Residence and Santarém Hotel for Teams, and Sienna Hotel for Officials.

TEAMS ACCOMMODATIONS

RIO MAIOR SPORTS CENTRE

(Distance from Lisbon airport one hour by bus | Distance to the competition venue: 300 meters)



RIO MAIOR SPORTS CENTRE	
TYPE	Price (full board) per person/per night
Single	190 €
Twin	165 €
Quadruple	150 €

AVAILABILITIES:

- ~ Capacity for 6 teams
- ~ 2 single rooms, 1 twin and 4 quadruples rooms per Team (20 pax)
- ~ All meals at Rio Maior Sports Centre
- ~ Accommodation will all be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

RIO MAIOR STUDENTS RESIDENCE

(Distance from Lisbon airport one hour by bus | Distance to the competition venue: 5 minutes walking)

RIO MAIOR STUDENTS RESIDENCE



TYPE	Price (full board) per person/per night
Single	170 €
Twin	155 €

AVAILABILITIES:

- ~ Capacity for 4 teams.
- ~ 2 single rooms, 9 twins per Team (20 pax)
- ~ All meals at Rio Maior Sports Centre (5 minutes walking)
- ~ Rooms with no TV
- ~ Accommodation will all be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

SANTAREM HOTEL

(Distance from Lisbon airport: one hour by bus | Distance to the competition venue: 30 minutes by bus)

SANTAREM HOTEL ★★★★★



TYPE	Price (full board) per person/per night
Single	240 €
Twin	205 €
Triple	185 €

AVAILABILITIES

- ~ Capacity for 3 teams.
- ~ Only 2 triple rooms per Team (20 pax)
- ~ All meals at the Hotel
- ~ Accommodation will all be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

MEETING ROOMS

Meeting rooms at each hotel/accommodation will be available free of charge during the competition.
 A reservation system for pre-defined time slots will be implemented through the hotel reception.

EUROPEAN AQUATICS OFFICIALS HOTEL

SIENNA HOTEL

(Distance from Lisbon airport 45 minutes by bus | Distance to the competition venue 3 minutes by bus)

SIENNA HOTEL ★★★



TYPE	Price (full board) per person/per night
Single	210 €

Note: Each Federation should book the accommodation for their referee at this hotel.

EUROPEAN AQUATICS DELEGATES HOTEL

SANA SILVER COAST HOTEL – CALDAS DA RAINHA

(Distance from Lisbon airport 50 minutes by bus | Distance to the competition venue 30 minutes by bus)

SANA SILVER COAST HOTEL★★★



FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

A 50% deposit of the team's total accommodation costs must be made by bank transfer to the LOC account (details below) no later than April 30, 2025. The remaining balance must be settled before the July 15, 2025.

There will be no refunds or cancellations made after July 15, 2025.

April 30, 2025	50% Payment
July 15, 2025	Final Payment

BANK DETAILS AS FOLLOWS:

ACCOUNT NAME - Federação Portuguesa de Natação

BANK NAME - Banco Santander

BANK ADDRESS – Rua Alves Redol 17/21, 2600-099 Vila Franca de Xira - Portugal

ACCOUNT NUMBER (IBAN) - PT50 0018 0003 1333 0170 02088

SWIFT CODE - TOTAPTPL

REF^a 2025U18MDiv1 followed by your country code.

VISA

We strongly recommend all national federations who need visa to enter Portugal to start the procedure as soon as possible. If you need more details, get in contact with the LOC.

GAME & TRAINING SCHEDULE

GAME SCHEDULE					
DAY 1			DAY 2		
GAME #	TIME	TEAMS	GAME #	TIME	TEAMS
#1	09:00	ISRAEL x BELGIUM	#7	09:00	MOLDOVA x CZECHIA
#2	10:45	GREAT BRITAIN x AUSTRIA	#9	10:45	DENMARK x IRELAND
#3	12:30	LITHUANIA x FINLAND	#10	12:30	BULGARIA x SWITZERLAND
#4	15:30	SLOVAKIA x MOLDOVA	#11	15:30	AUSTRIA x BELGIUM
#5	17:15	BULGARIA x IRELAND	#12	17:15	ISRAEL x GREAT BRITAIN
#6	19:00	SWITZERLAND x DENMARK	#8	19:00	FINLAND x PORTUGAL
DAY 3			DAY 4		
GAME #	TIME	TEAMS	GAME #	TIME	TEAMS
#13	09:00	BULGARIA x DENMARK		09:00	
#14	10:45	SWITZERLAND x IRELAND	#19	10:45	4B - 4C (13-14)
#15	12:30	ISRAEL x AUSTRIA	#20	12:30	EF1: 2A - 3B
#16	15:30	GREAT BRITAIN x BELGIUM	#21	15:30	EF2: 2B - 3A
#17	17:15	CZECHIA x SLOVAKIA	#22	17:15	EF3: 2C - 3D
#18	19:00	PORTUGAL x LITHUANIA	#23	19:00	EF4: 2D - 3C
DAY 5			DAY 6		
GAME #	TIME	TEAMS	GAME #	TIME	TEAMS
#24	09:00	LG20 - LG22	#30	09:00	LG24-LG25 (11-12)
#25	10:45	LG21 - LG23	#31	10:45	WG24-WG25 (9-10)
#26	12:30	QF1: 1A-WG22	#32	12:30	LG26 - LG28
#27	15:30	QF2: 1B-WG23	#33	15:30	LG27 - LG29
#28	17:15	QF3: 1C-WG20	#34	17:15	SF1: WG26-WG27
#29	19:00	QF4: 1D-WG21	#35	19:00	SF2: WG28-WG29
DAY 7					
GAME #	TIME	TEAMS			
#36	09:00	LG32 - LG33 (7-8)			
#37	10:45	WG32 - WG33 (5-6)			
#38	12:30	LG34-LG35 (3-4)			
#39	15:30	WG34 - WG35 (1-2)			
AWARDING CEREMONY					



TRAINING SCHEDULE

RIO MAIOR - COMPETITION POOL

DAY -2		DAY -1	
TIME	TEAMS	TIME	TEAMS
09h00		09h00	ISRAEL x FINLAND
10h30		10h00	GREAT BRITAIN x BELGIUM
12h00		11h00	LITHUANIA x AUSTRIA
13h30		12h00	CZECHIA x IRELAND
15h00		13h00	SLOVAKIA x PORTUGAL
16h30		14h00	BULGARIA x DENMARK
18h00		15h00	SWITZERLAND x MOLDOVA
19h30		16h00	ISRAEL x FINLAND

TRAINING POOL - (SANTAREM SWIMMING POOL)

DAY 1		DAY 2	
TIME	TEAMS	TIME	TEAMS
09h30	SLOVAKIA x MOLDOVA	09h30	AUSTRIA x BELGIUM
10h30	BULGARIA x IRELAND	10h30	ISRAEL x GREAT BRITAIN
11h30	SWITZERLAND x DENMARK	11h30	FINLAND x PORTUGAL
15h00	CZECHIA x PORTUGAL	15h00	SLOVAKIA x LITHUANIA
16h00	ISRAEL x BELGIUM	16h00	MOLDOVA x CZECHIA
17h00	GREAT BRITAIN x AUSTRIA	17h00	DENMARK x IRELAND
18h00	LITHUANIA x FINLAND	18h00	BULGARIA x SWITZERLAND

DAY 3		DAY 4	
TIME	TEAMS	TIME	TEAMS
09h30	GREAT BRITAIN x BELGIUM	9h30	EF2: 2B - 3A
10h30	CZECHIA x SLOVAKIA	10h30	EF3: 2C - 3D
11h30	PORTUGAL x LITHUANIA	11h30	EF4: 2D - 3C
15h00	MOLDOVA x FINLAND	15h00	1A -1B
16h00	BULGARIA x DENMARK	16h00	1C - 1D
17h00	SWITZERLAND x IRELAND	17h00	4B - 4C (13-14)
18h00	ISRAEL x AUSTRIA	18h00	EF1: 2A - 3B

DAY 5		DAY 6	
TIME	TEAMS	TIME	TEAMS
09h30	QF2: 1B-WG23	09h30	LG27 - LG29
10h30	QF3: 1C-WG20	10h30	SF1: WG26-WG27
11h30	QF4: 1D-WG21	11h30	SF2: WG28-WG29
15h00	upon request	15h00	upon request
16h00	LG20 - LG22	16h00	LG24-LG25 (11-12)
17h00	LG21 - LG23	17h00	WG24-WG25 (9-10)
18h00	QF1: 1A-WG22	18h00	LG26 - LG28

DAY 7	
TIME	TEAMS
09:00	upon request
10:00	upon request
11:00	upon request

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TECHNICAL MEETING

The Technical Meeting in Rio Maior will take place **on Sunday, August 17, at 18h00 local time.**

The meeting will be held at the Rio Maior Sports Centre Auditorium (Competition Venue).

Each team must have at least one representative present, with a maximum of three representatives per team. The Teams should bring a valid players' and team official's passports, and a sample of the team's caps (one blue/white cap and the goalie's caps).

TECHNICAL WORKSHOP

The Technical Workshop will start immediately after the end of the Technical Meeting. The appointed Delegates and Referees are obliged to attend both the Technical Meeting and the Workshop.

Each Team Representatives are also invited to be present.

MEDICAL SERVICES

First aid teams will be allocated at the competition Venue for the whole time of the duration of the competition. Both the training venues and the competition venues will have a lifeguard and/or a medical doctor assigned for the whole time of the duration of the training sessions and games.

We urge you to take travel healthcare insurance for all delegation members or at least European Health Insurance Card (if applicable).

DOPING

Athletes can be requested to undergo a doping test at any time during the competition. If a certain player has been determined to do the test, he will be escorted by the doping chaperones to the Medical & Doping designated areas.

CONTACT DETAILS

If you have any questions or inquiries regarding the information in this document or during your stay in Portugal, please feel free to contact the Portuguese Swimming Federation.

PORTUGUESE SWIMMING FEDERATION



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SAVE THE DATES

April 23, 2025	Submission of Preliminary Hotel Reservation Form
April 30, 2025	50% Deposit of Hotel Accommodation Expenses
July 15, 2025	Submission of Final Flight Details & Rooming List
July 15, 2025	Full Settlement of Hotel Accommodation Expenses
August 17, 2025	Technical Meeting

SUSTAINABLE EVENT

To eliminate plastic waste, water refill stations will be available throughout the event venue. All participants are required to **bring their own reusable water bottles**, as no water bottles will be provided by the LOC. This initiative promotes sustainability and reduces environmental impact.



PRELIMINARY HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

Team	
Accommodation	

Room Type (Single/Twin/Triple/Quadruple)	Arrival Date	Departure Date	Nº of persons

THIS FORM IS TO BE RETURNED TO PORTUGUESE SWIMMING FEDERATION
E-MAIL goncalo.casquinha@fpnatacao.pt copied to mariett.matias@fpnatacao.pt
BY NOT LATER THAN 30 APRIL 2025.

Bank Details:

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Ref – **2025U18MDiv1_POR**

Date: ___/___/_____

President / General Secretary

Signature & Stamp



FINAL HOTEL RESERVATION FORM & FLIGHT DETAILS

Team	
Accommodation	

Room Type (Single/Twin/Triple/Quadruple)	Arrival Date	Departure Date	Nº of persons

Arrival/Departure	Date	Flight Number	Nº of persons

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ROOM LIST

Team	
Accommodation	

Room Type (Single/Twin/Triple/Quadruple)	Arrival Date	Departure Date	Name 1	Name 2	Name 3

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HOPE TO MEET YOU SOON IN RIO MAIOR!