

World Aquatics Sports Department

World Aquatics Member Federations

Lausanne, 26 June 2026

Memorandum

Re: Officiating Opportunity at World Aquatics Swimming World Cup 2026

Dear World Aquatics Member Federations,

We are delighted to announce that applications are open for qualified international swimming officials to join the officiating teams at the World Aquatics Swimming World Cup 2026.

This initiative is designed to broaden opportunities for officials to gain experience at World Cup level, in line with the Technical Officials Pathway. It also aims to foster the exchange of insights and the sharing of knowledge among international swimming officials.

Event Information

Swimming World Cup 2026 – Official dates:

- **Stop 1:** Baku, Azerbaijan (AZE)
 - Competition Dates: 1 – 3 October 2026
 - ITO Arrival/Departure: 29 September – 4 October 2026
- **Stop 2:** Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UZB)
 - Competition Dates: 8 – 10 October 2026
 - ITO Arrival/Departure: 6 – 11 October 2026
- **Stop 3:** Astana, Kazakhstan (KAZ)
 - Competition Dates: 15 – 17 October 2026
 - ITO Arrival/Departure: 13 – 18 October 2026

Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Must be listed on the World Aquatics Swimming Officials List.
- Be able to independently finance travel for the duration of the assignment (see conditions of participation below).
- Have officiating experience at a World Aquatics-approved qualifying event within the past four years.

Note: Officials representing one of the Host Member Federations cannot apply for their own hosting event.

Conditions of Participation

- Accommodation will be provided by the Organising Committee in accordance with the programme.
- All travel and any other related expenses must be borne by the individual official or their respective Member Federation.
- Selected Officials must be fully available for all the Technical Officials' program before and during the event, including but not limited to:
 - Online Orientation Session
 - Technical Officials' workshop
 - Daily briefings/debriefings
 - Competition sessions (Heats/Finals)

Application Regulations

- Each Member Federation may submit a maximum of two (2) applications.
- Applicants may only apply for one stop of the SWC 2026 Series.
- The Application Form must be completed and signed by the applicant and President or General Secretary of the responsible Member Federation.
- Applications must be submitted via email to the World Aquatics Office at swc@worldaquatics.com no later than 17 July 2026.

Selection Process

The selections of technical officials will be conducted by the Technical Swimming Committee (TSC) based on the operational requirements of each stop and in accordance with the Technical Officials Pathway & Appointment Rules. Efforts will be made to provide opportunities to a broad and diverse pool of qualified international swimming officials while maintaining the highest standards of officiating.

Announcement of successful candidates

- Successful candidates and their respective National Federations will be notified, along with the official invitation letter, by 14 August 2026.
- Selected Official and/or their responsible Member Federation must complete the nominated official's travel arrangement by the date specified on the invitation letter.
- In the event that logistical arrangements are not completed within the specified timeline, the application will be deemed withdrawn, and the opportunity will be granted to the next eligible official.

Timelines

- Application Open: 26 June 2026
- Application Close: 17 July 2026
- Selection process: 17 July – 7 August 2026
- Announcement of successful candidates: 14 August 2026
- Online Orientation Session: September 2026 (Date TBC)
- Officials' Arrival: Two days prior to the start of the competition
- Technical Officials' workshop: One day prior to the start of the competition
- Officials' Departure: One day after the conclusion of the competition



We look forward to receiving applications from skilled and dedicated international swimming officials from around the world.

For any inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact the World Aquatics Office at swc@worldaquatics.com.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Cho".

Namhee Cho
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