

To: **All National Federations**
European Aquatics Bureau
European Aquatics TWPC, DRC and WPC

Nyon, 30 June 2026.

As the 2025/2026 season has just concluded, we would like to thank you for your support in establishing the Pool of Water Polo Delegates and as well as for valuable contribution of Technical Delegates during the European Club Cup Competitions 2025/2026.

While most matches were conducted smoothly, observations from a number of games highlighted the need to further improve the quality and consistency of Technical Delegates and other officials. To achieve this, we plan to introduce a more comprehensive and frequent education programme, together with regular meetings and performance analyses throughout the season.

In order to strengthen cooperation with the EA TWPC, it has been decided that all EA TWPC Members who wish to act as Technical Delegates during the 2026/2027 competition season will automatically be included in the **EA Pool of Water Polo Delegates 2026/2027**. This inclusion will not affect the number of candidates that each Federation may nominate for membership in the EA Pool of WP Delegates 2026/2027.

To ensure the highest quality of candidates in future competition seasons, the eligibility requirements have been revised as outlined below.

We therefore invite you to nominate your representatives as candidates for membership in the **EA Pool of Water Polo Delegates 2026/2027**.

Candidate Requirements

All nominated candidates must meet the following criteria:

- *Demonstrated knowledge of the Water Polo Rules and Regulations, including the European Aquatics Water Polo Regulations;*
- *Proficiency in the use of IT tools (Microsoft Office applications, internet, email, etc.);*
- *Fluency in spoken and written English;*
- *If the candidate is also an active Referee, they must not officiate in the highest domestic divisions where referees from the EA Water Polo Referees List are active;*
- *Experience in national or international competitions as a player, coach, referee, or delegate;*
- *Availability to travel for appointments to matches and tournaments;*
- *A maximum age of 65 years at the time of first nomination as a delegate;*
- *A maximum age of 70 years at the time of re-nomination, unless their competence and fitness clearly demonstrate their continued ability to perform the role.*

Note: The nominated person must be a resident and/or citizen of the country in which the National Member Federation is located and must be under the jurisdiction of that Federation.

Number of Candidates per Federation

Each Federation may nominate the following number of candidates:

Maximum 3 candidates from Federations ranked 1–8 in the combined Men’s and Women’s National Team Ranking (ESP, HUN, GRE, ITA, CRO, NED, SRB, FRA);

Maximum 2 candidates from Federations ranked 9–12 in the combined Men’s and Women’s National Team Ranking (GER, MNE, ROU, ISR);

Maximum 1 candidate from all other Federations;

One additional Women candidate from all Federations.

Note: To ensure the full implementation of EA Regulations, EA TWPC Members who wish to act as Delegates during the 2026/2027 season should inform Mr. Matjaz Rakovec, EA TWPC Secretary, of their decision.

Consequently, EA TWPC Members who choose to act as Technical Delegates should not be nominated as candidates for the **EA Pool of Water Polo Delegates 2026/2027**, and they will not be counted within their Federation’s nomination quota.

All nominated candidates who meet the above requirements, as well as EA TWPC Members who decide to act as Technical Delegates, will be granted the status of **Basic Certified Water Polo Delegate**. They will then be eligible to obtain the status of **Intermediate Certified Water Polo Delegate** through the education programme.

This certification will allow appointments by the EA DRC to the position of Technical Delegate at matches under the jurisdiction of European Aquatics during the 2026/2027 season. Further information regarding the education programme will be communicated in due course.

Submission of Applications

Please carefully review the membership requirements and complete the attached forms. The completed forms, duly signed and stamped by your Federation, together with the nominee’s CV, must be submitted **no later than 24 July 2026 to:**

waterpolo@europeanaquatics.org

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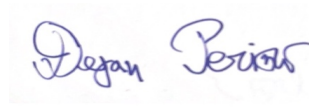
Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to receiving your nominations for the **EA Pool of Water Polo Delegates 2026/2027**.

Yours sincerely,



Andy IM Hoepelman
Delegates and Referees Committee Chairman



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