

Sports Department

Respective Member Federations

28 August 2026

Re: ITO nominations and details for World Aquatics Swimming World Cup – Astana (KAZ) 2026

Dear respective Member Federations,

We have the pleasure of inviting your International Technical Official (ITO) to the **World Aquatics Swimming World Cup 2026 (SWC 2026) in Astana, Kazakhstan**. Please find hereunder the relevant information in regard to the logistics and key considerations for their participation in this event.

International Technical Officials

CONTINENT	NF	NAME	SURNAME	ROLE
Europe	SVK	Rudolf	SALCER	Judge
Europe	LAT	Girts	TREIGUTS	Judge
Americas	CAN	Lachance	NORMA	Judge
Africa	ALG	Ahmed	TALEB	Judge
Europe	NED	Arjan	VAN TILBURG	Judge

1. OFFICIAL DATES

Arrival: 13 October 2026

Technical Meeting & Officials Workshop: 14 October 2026

Competition: 15-17 October 2026

Departure: 18 October 2026

2. ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

Please note that accommodation and meals will be provided by World Aquatics and the Local Organising Committee in accordance with the above-mentioned dates.

Stop 3. Astana (KAZ)

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express Astana

Address: [Turan avenue 44. Astana. Kazakhstan](#)

Check-in: 14:00

Check-out: 12:00

World Aquatics and the Organising Committee will book the hotel based on the official dates as per this Invitation (Point 1).

Please note that any official arriving before or leaving after the above-mentioned dates will be responsible for their own accommodation and meal expenses for the extra days. All extra expenses such as telephone, laundry, mini bar, gym, etc. are to be covered by each member.

3. ACCREDITATION

Your accreditation will be based on your function during the competition. You will be able to collect it upon arrival in Astana. Further details will be communicated at a later stage. Please note that proof of identity is required for the accreditation collection.

4. TRAVEL

Official arrival and departure airport: **Nursultan Nazarbayev International Airport (NQZ)**

All flight arrangements shall be done directly by the respective Member Federation.

As soon as your Technical Official's flight details are confirmed, we kindly ask you to upload them to the World Aquatics General Management System (GMS) by 15 September at the latest. Organising Committee/World Aquatics will arrange transportation as well as reconfirm the hotel reservation in accordance with the flight details on the GMS. Failure to do so may result in long waiting times at the airport or at the hotel on the travel dates. Please make sure to update the travel details on the GMS should these undergo any change.

5. TRAVEL AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE

All duly registered and approved attendees will be covered by the World Aquatics Travel & Accident Insurance during their trip to/from Astana.

Such insurance will be effective starting from the time of check-in for the first flight and ending at the moment of return to the country of residence.

In addition, World Aquatics insurance will cover changes, cancellations and re-booking fees of any flight tickets related with the postponement or modification of the return trip. This does not apply to personal changes.

6. VISA

Stop 3. Astana – Kazakhstan

All international participants travelling to the Republic of Kazakhstan must hold a valid entry visa, unless they are nationals of a country that has a visa-free regime with Kazakhstan. The Organising Committee will assist all accredited participants who are approved in the World Aquatics GMS by the registration deadline in obtaining their entry visa.

Visa category: the relevant visa for the Swimming World Cup is category “B1”, issued to participants of sporting and other events by the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan on the basis of an invitation letter.

Passport requirements: at least 2 blank pages; passport validity of no less than 3 months beyond the visa expiry date.

Invitation letters: participants must complete the visa fields in the GMS (city and country of application). The Organising Committee prepares and registers the invitation letter with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Kazakhstan. Registration takes 5 working days by the Rules, but may take **up to 10 working days** in practice – early submission is strongly advised. Nationals of 48 economically developed / migration-stable countries are exempt from the invitation requirement for a B1 visa.

There are three ways to obtain a visa:

1. Electronic visa (e-Visa) – available to nationals of 107 eligible countries; entry and exit only through Astana and Almaty international airports; processing time 1 working day; fixed fee 30,275 KZT (~USD 63). Apply at www.vmp.gov.kz using the invitation number provided by the Organising Committee.
2. Visa via Embassy / Consulate – submitted in person; processing time 5 working days; fee ~30,275 KZT (~USD 63, may vary by mission); fingerprint (biometric) registration required for applicants aged 16 and above.

3. Visa at the airport – for members of official delegations and nationals of countries where Kazakhstan has no Embassy, on the basis of an invitation letter. For this event, the invitation will indicate Astana International Airport as the place of visa issuance.

The full country lists (107 e-Visa eligible countries; 48 invitation-exempt countries; visa-free regime by passport type; Kazakhstan Embassy/Consulate contacts and the invitation letter template are provided in https://egov.kz/cms/en/articles/kz_foreign_establishments

For inquiries: Aidar Sauranbayev, +7 776 153 1822, email: aidar40981@gmail.com, swcloc.astana@gmail.com

7. PER DIEM

Per diem is not provided for the nominated officials for this year's World Cup.

8. WORLD AQUATICS GMS

The World Aquatics GMS will be used to manage all registrations and logistics for the World Aquatics Swimming World Cup 2026. To register, your nominated official, each National Federation (NF) can access the GMS on <https://data.worldaquatics.com> using their usual login details.

The final registration deadline:

Stop 3. Astana (KAZ): Tuesday, 15 September 2026 at 23:59 GMT

Your official's registration must include all relevant data for the purposes of Accreditation, Visa, and Logistics assistance. All requested information must be fully and correctly completed in the GMS, and the registration must be submitted by this date.

If you need any help and assistance, please contact gms@worldaquatics.com.

9. UNIFORMS

Please note that event uniforms will be provided by World Aquatics as per the sizes provided on your official's profile within the GMS Portal <https://data.worldaquatics.com>.

Please make sure to access the "Uniform" tab in the "Personal Detail" section and enter all the correct information including tops, trousers, and

hoodie size. Please note that the uniform is provided by 361°, which is usually 1 size smaller. Tops will be in men's sizes, while bottoms will be in men's or women's sizes. Remember to click on "Save" in order to save the data. You are kindly requested to submit your uniform sizes no later than **Tuesday 15th September 2026**. Any sizes submitted after that date, or not submitted at all, are not guaranteed to be available in the requested size.

10.INFORMATION BULLETIN

Please note that the information bulletin for this event can be found on the World Aquatics website ([LINK](#)).

Please do not hesitate to contact the World Aquatics Office if you require any further information or assistance.

Respectfully yours,



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Senior Sport Manager