

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

Nyon, 3 August 2026.

Subject: Nominations of EA Water Polo Referees for the season 2026/2027

Dear Friends,

The time has come to nominate the European Aquatics Water Polo Referees for the season 2026/2027, (period 1st of September 2026 to 31st of August 2027).

According to the nomination system approved by the European Aquatics Technical Water Polo Committee, in collaboration with the European Aquatics Delegates and Referees Committee, the principles below should be followed:

- Each Federation may nominate Water Polo Referees to officiate on behalf of EA for the season 2026/2027, for the period 1st of September 2026 until 31st of August 2027.
- Each nominated Referee must have successfully passed the EA (LEN) Water Polo Referees School in the previous years (including this year edition in June 2026).
- In order to officiate Water Polo competitions, according to World Aquatics regulations, an Official can be maximum sixty (60) years old or younger at the start of the competition at which the Official is expected to officiate.

The **QUOTA** for each Federation is defined as follows:

Each Federation is entitled to nominate a basic number of two (2) Referees.

Each Federation may add more Referees if they meet the following criteria:

- Men's team participating in the European Water Polo Championships: +1
- Women's team participating in the European Water Polo Championships: +1
- Men's team participated in the European Age Groups Water Polo Championships: +1
- Women's team participated in the European Age Groups Water Polo Championships: +1
- Men's club team participating in the Club Cup Competitions: +1
- Women's club team participating in the Club Cup Competitions: +1

In case the Federation is eligible to nominate eight (8) Referees, according to the above-mentioned criteria, they have an obligation to nominate, at least, one (1) Women Referee.

In case the Federation which has the right to nominate eight (8) Referees, doesn't have a Women Referee, the maximum number of the nominated Referees cannot exceed seven (7) Men Referees.

Additional Referees:

To provide the presence of a higher number of Referees at the EA WP Referees List 2026/2027, each Federation is entitled to nominate additional Referees, above the defined quota without interference with the maximum number of nominated Referees, as follows:

- Additional unlimited number of Women Referees, who successfully passed EA (LEN) Referee School in previous years (including this year edition in June 2026).
- Additional Men Referees who are in the Referees A+ quality category in season 2025/2026.
<https://europeanaquatics.org/sports/water-polo/water-polo-officials-list/>

Attached to this information you will find a document explaining the online procedure to nominate the EA Water Polo Referees for the season 2026/2027, on period 1st of September 2026 until the 31st of August 2027.

For easy reference, we are attaching to this letter a chart comprising the list of the countries and their respective quota number of Referees that can be nominated for the next announced period. The consideration has been made upon official participation in the EA Events in the season 2025/2026 for National teams competitions and submitted entries for European Club Competitions 2026/2027.

You are kindly requested to fill in the form online with all requested details. Those Referees without detailed information will not be considered to be on the European Aquatics list.

The deadline for submitting the list has been set to **Monday 24th of August 2026.**

The list must be printed out from the online system and sent (signed and stamped by the Federation) by email to waterpolo@europeanaquatics.org

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

With best regards,

European Aquatics Office



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