World Aquatics Member Federation

Lausanne, 30 September 2026

Re: AQIU Updates

Dear Member Federation,
Dear Member Federation Integrity Point of Contact,

As part of its ongoing efforts to strengthen integrity across aquatics, the Aquatics Integrity Unit (AQIU) is pleased to inform you that the following new resources have been added to the AQIU Resources Section on its website:

1. Anti-Doping resources: These resources bring together practical guidance on a range of anti-doping topics to support athletes, Athlete Support Personnel (ASP) and Member Federations.
2. International Olympic Committee's Online Abuse and Sport, Context, Definition, Manifestations, Impact and Response Document: This document is intended to support sport organisations in strengthening their safeguarding frameworks.

WADA ADEL – 2027 Code Companion Courses

With the 2027 World Anti-Doping Code coming into effect on 1 January 2027, WADA has launched new ADEL Code Companion courses for athletes and ASP. The courses cover the key updates to the 2027 World Anti-Doping Code and International Standards and are designed to help athletes and ASP understand their rights and responsibilities, make informed decisions, and support clean sport throughout the next Code cycle.

- The 2027 Code Companion for Athletes
- The 2027 Code Companion for Athlete Support Personnel

World Aquatics Anti-Doping Conference – Beijing 2026

As part of its ongoing commitment to ensuring that athletes, team officials, member federations and other stakeholders are well-informed on anti-doping matters, the Aquatics Integrity Unit (AQIU) invites all athletes and support personnel to attend the Anti-Doping Conference taking place during World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) in Beijing.

Date: 3 December 2026
Time: 1:00–2:00 PM (Beijing Time)
Registration: Form

Please note that there is no limit to the number of participants per member federation and all interested individuals are welcome and encouraged to take part. **However, to ensure all participants have access to the important information**

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delivered during the conference, all member federations are required to have at least one representative attend the conference, this could be an athlete, coach, or any other team official. *

AQIU Knowledge Share Meetup – Beijing 2026

The AQIU is exploring the organisation of an informal Knowledge Share Meetup during the World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) - Beijing 2026 for MFs and/or MF Integrity Points of Contact (IPOCs). The session would provide an opportunity for participants to share experiences, initiatives, and good practices, while fostering knowledge exchange on integrity, safeguarding, education, and governance across the Aquatics community.

If your Member Federation will be attending the Championships and is interested in participating in the meetup, please complete the following form by Friday, 16 October. Further information will be shared in due course.

Reminder: Mandatory Safeguarding Education From 1 January 2027

As of 1 January 2027, new mandatory safeguarding education requirements will come into effect for all World Aquatics competitions across all aquatic sports.

Under these requirements, all participating Team Officials (Coach, Head Coach, Chef de Mission, Team Leader, Support Staff, Doctor, Medical Professional, Massage Therapist, Physiotherapist, and/or Media Liaison) and Athletes must, prior to participation, have successfully completed either:
a) the eLearning Safeguarding Course Safeguarding Essentials (Course 1); or
b) any other safeguarding course recognised by the AQIU listed on its website.

Please refer to the Safeguarding Essentials (Course 1) Registration Guide to access the course. The course must be completed in full and takes approximately one (1) hour to complete.

Please note that the AQIU recognises safeguarding courses offered at national level, provided that the course covers, at a minimum, the core areas included within Safeguarding Essentials (Course 1) and that a nominal certificate of completion is issued afterwards. Member Federations are invited to complete the following form should they wish to have a course reviewed and recognised by the AQIU.

The AQIU has also added these new requirements on its website.

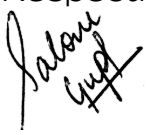
Any Team Official or Athlete who has not met this requirement will not be eligible to participate and, therefore, will not have their accreditation activated. We kindly encourage Member Federations to begin preparing athletes and Team Officials for this requirement ahead of its entry into force.

The AQIU would like to thank you for your continued cooperation and commitment to strengthening integrity across aquatics.

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We kindly ask you to share this information with relevant stakeholders within your federation, including clubs, athletes, coaches, officials, and support personnel. Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully yours,



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