

Office of the Executive Director

National Federations of World Aquatics

Lausanne, 18 February 2026

Re: Completion of World Aquatics Competition Regulations

Dear World Aquatics National Member Federations,

We are pleased to share with you the updated Competition Regulations for all sports.

This document has undergone an extensive review across all aspects of our federation. For example, in addition to sport-specific regulatory clarifications and amendments, our review has also addressed facility management, athlete advertising opportunities, swimwear requirements and eligibility for Technical Officials.

We collaborated internally across our sports, legal, marketing, integrity, and other departments, combined with external support to ensure the rules were drafted as clearly as possible.

Additionally, we carefully reviewed each rule to ensure the document does not contain contradictory language that might cause conflicts or varying interpretations. For the first time in World Aquatics history, our Members now have a comprehensive set of regulations that are not only harmonized and well-structured, but also provide a strong foundation of clarity.

The following documents are available for your reference:

1. The Competition Regulations, which can be [downloaded here](#). Due to its large volume, the document cannot be circulated as an attachment via email.
2. A summarized overview from each of the six sports outlining the significant changes within the rules.

In addition to this email, the Competition Regulations will be published on the World Aquatics website.

If you or your technical leaders have questions about any of the rules, please do not hesitate to contact World Aquatics, and we will respond as quickly as possible.

Respectfully yours,



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