

## 1. Title

- Round 1: European Qualification for Water Polo World League
- Round 2: FINA/LEN Water Polo World League – Qualification
- Round 3: FINA/LEN Water Polo World League – European Cup
- Round 4: FINA Water Polo World League – Super Final

## 2. Information to National Federations

FINA gives the entry deadline and provide agreements for the participating teams. Separate agreements will also be provided to the organisers of the Tournaments.

The Referees have to be from the current FINA Water Polo Referees List.

Each Federation can enter 1 (one) team.

Games will be played according to current FINA Rules. Possible new rules will be enforced in Round 3 after the decision of the FINA Congress taken in December 2018.

## 3. Organisation

- Round 1: Organised by LEN with respective National Federation Organisers
- Game Ball: LEN Water Polo Ball – Kap7

Entries and Host Agreements Rounds 2-4 done by FINA

- Round 2: Organised by FINA together with the respective NF Organisers.
- 2 FINA TWPC Experts and 2 LEN Experts will cooperate regarding appointments of Delegates and Referees.

If no agreement is reached, FINA TWPC position will prevail.

1 Delegate & 2 Neutral Referees will be nominated per game.

Game Ball: FINA Water Polo Ball – Mikasa

- Rounds 3: Organised by FINA together with the respective NF Organisers.
- 2 FINA TWPC Experts and 2 LEN Experts will cooperate regarding appointments of Delegates and Referees.

If no agreement is reached, FINA TWPC position will prevail.

Number of Delegates & Neutral Referees to be confirmed.

Game Ball: FINA Water Polo Ball – Mikasa

- Round 4: FINA Water Polo World League - Super Final organised by FINA.

Delegates and Referees nominated by FINA.

Game Ball: FINA Water Polo Ball – Mikasa

#### **4. TV & Marketing (Rounds 2-4)**

FINA will arrange all related issues with Host Broadcasting and Marketing partners, except the first round which is organized by LEN.

#### **5. Dates**

Entry Deadline: August 15, 2018

Deadline to appoint the Round 3 Organisers (have to play in Round 2):

Men: October 15, 2018

Women: November 1, 2018

Deadline to appoint the FINA Super Final Organisers:

Men: April 20, 2019

Women: April 15, 2019

#### **Dates MEN:**

Round 1: Qualifications: September 21-23, 2018

Round 2: October 23, 2018

November 13, 2018

December 11, 2018

January 29, 2019

February 19, 2019

March 12, 2019

Round 3: Final: April 5-7, 2019

Round 4: FINA WPWL Super Final: June 18-23, 2019

#### **Dates WOMEN:**

Round 1: Qualifications: October 19-21, 2018

Round 2: November 6, 2018

December 4, 2018

December 18, 2018

January 15, 2019

February 12, 2019

March 5, 2019

Round 3: Final: March 29-31, 2019

Round 4: FINA WPWL Super Final: May 28-June 2, 2019

## 6. Financial Support & Prize Money

- FINA will provide Financial Support to the teams one time for the participation in the World League as follows:

### EUROPEAN QUALIFICATION / EUROPA CUP

#### MEN

Second Round	16 Teams x EUR 10'000	= EUR 160'000
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>EUR 160'000</b>

#### WOMEN

Second Round	8 Teams x EUR 10'000	= EUR 80'000
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>EUR 80'000</b>

### INTER-CONTINENTAL CUP

<u>MEN</u>	9 * Teams x EUR 10'000	= EUR 90'000 *
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<u>WOMEN</u>	7 * Teams x EUR 10'000	= EUR 70'000 *
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<b>Total:</b>		<b>EUR 160'000 *</b>
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**Grand Total: EUR 400'000 \***

\* Depends on number of entries, based on entries 2018

- LEN will provide Prize Money for Round 3 – European Cup as follows

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- FINA will provide Overall Prize Money for Round 4 - Super Final as follows:

#### Super Final MEN:

1st Place	100'000.- USD
2nd Place	70'000.- USD
3rd Place	50'000.- USD
4th Place	35'000.- USD
5th Place	30'000.- USD
6th Place	25'000.- USD
7th Place	20'000.- USD
8th Place	15'000.- USD

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Total 345'000.- USD

#### Super Final WOMEN:

1st Place	75'000.- USD
2nd Place	65'000.- USD
3rd Place	50'000.- USD
4th Place	35'000.- USD
5th Place	30'000.- USD
6th Place	25'000.- USD
7th Place	20'000.- USD
8th Place	15'000.- USD

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Total 315'000.- USD

Grand Total: 660'000.- USD

## 7. Competition System

### Competition System MEN:

a) Round 1: Tournament

b) Round 2: sixteen (16) teams selected as follows:

- eight (8) teams from the previous edition of the FINA Water Polo World League
- eight (8) teams qualified through the European Qualification (Round 1)
- if there are less teams from the previous WPWL, further teams from Round 1 will qualify
- Teams shall be drawn into four (4) groups. In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams on a HOME and AWAY basis (Double Round Robin).

<u>Group A</u>	<u>Group B</u>	<u>Group C</u>	<u>Group D</u>
A3-A1 / A2-A4	B3-B1 / B2-B4	C3-C1 / C2-C4	D3-D1 / D2-D4
A4-A3 / A1-A2	B4-B3 / B1-B2	C4-C3 / C1-C2	D4-D3 / D1-D2
A1-A4 / A2-A3	B1-B4 / B2-B3	C1-C4 / C2-C3	D1-D4 / D2-D3
A1-A3 / A4-A2	B1-B3 / B4-B2	C1-C3 / C4-C2	D1-D3 / D4-D2
A3-A4 / A2-A1	B3-B4 / B2-B1	C3-C4 / C2-C1	D3-D4 / D2-D1
A4-A1 / A3-A2	B4-B1 / B3-B2	C4-C1 / C3-C2	D4-D1 / D3-D2

c) Round 3: Eight (8) teams ranked 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in each group of Round shall qualify. In the group including the host of Round 4 (if applicable), the host and the highest placed other team of this group will qualify.

Round 3 shall grant to the winner the Europa Cup. The final ranking of the Europa Cup will qualify four teams (including the host of Round 4 if applicable) to the Round 4.

<u>Day 1</u>	<u>Day 2</u>	<u>Day 3</u>	
Game 1: 1A – 2C	Game 5: L1 – L3	L5 – L6	(Places 7/8)
Game 2: 1B – 2D	Game 6: L2 – L4	W5 – W6	(Places 5/6)
Game 3: 1C – 2A	Game 7: W1 – W3	L7 – L8	(Places 3/4)
Game 4: 2B – 1D	Game 8: W2 – W4	W7 – W8	(Places 1/2)

d) Round 4: eight (8) teams selected as follows:

- four (4) teams from the European Qualification
- four (4) teams from the Inter-Continental Cup
- Host included

**Competition System WOMEN:**

a) Round 1: Tournament

b) Round 2: twelve (12) teams selected as follows:

- four (4) teams from the previous edition of the FINA Water Polo World League
- eight (8) teams qualified through the European Qualification (Round 1)
- if there are less teams from the previous WPWL, further teams from Round 1 will qualify

Teams shall be drawn into four (4) groups. In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams on a HOME and AWAY basis (Double Round Robin).

<u>Group A</u>	<u>Group B</u>	<u>Group C</u>	<u>Group D</u>
A1-A2 / (A3)	B1-B2 / (B3)	C1-C2 / (C3)	D1-D2 / (D3)
A2-A3 / (A1)	B2-B3 / (B1)	C2-C3 / (C1)	D2-D3 / (D1)
A3-A1 / (A2)	B3-B1 / (B2)	C3-C1 / (C2)	D3-D1 / (D2)
A2-A1 / (A3)	B2-B1 / (B3)	C2-C1 / (C3)	D2-D1 / (D3)
A3-A2 / (A1)	B3-B2 / (B1)	C3-C2 / (C1)	D3-D2 / (D1)
A1-A3 / (A2)	B1-B3 / (B2)	C1-C3 / (C2)	D1-D3 / (D2)

c) Round 3: Eight (8) teams ranked 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> from each group of Round 2 shall qualify. In the group including the host of Round 4 (if applicable), the host and the highest placed other team of this group will qualify.

Round 3 shall grant to the winner the Europa Cup. The final ranking of the Europa Cup will qualify three teams (plus the host of Round 4 if applicable) to the Round 4.

<u>Day 1</u>	<u>Day 2</u>	<u>Day 3</u>	
Game 1: 1A – 2C	Game 5: L1 – L3	L5 – L6	(Places 7/8)
Game 2: 1B – 2D	Game 6: L2 – L4	W5 – W6	(Places 5/6)
Game 3: 1C – 2A	Game 7: W1 – W3	L7 – L8	(Places 3/4)
Game 4: 2B – 1D	Game 8: W2 – W4	W7 – W8	(Places 1/2)

d) Round 4: Eight (8) teams selected as follows:

- three (3) teams from the European Qualification
- four (4) teams from the Inter-Continental Cup
- Host

## **8. Information to Hosts of Rounds 2-3**

Each host has to make following arrangements:

- Venue
- Local Transportation
- Accommodation for Delegates and Neutral Referees
- Assure Host Broadcasting