



FINA Men's Water Polo World League 2011
Rules & Regulations for National Federations



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Rules & Regulations

Accommodation & Meals:

The participating teams must cover their own travel, accommodation and meals expenses for the preliminary rounds only.

Groups:

Groups are established based on the results of the Preliminary and Super Final rounds of the previous edition.

Dates:

The dates will be as follows:

■ Americas	13 th – 15 th May 2011	
■ Asia/Oceania	12 th – 14 th May 2011	19 th – 21 st May 2011
■ Africa	13 th – 15 th May 2011	
■ Europe		16 th November 2010 7 th December 2010 25 th January 2011 22 nd February 2011 22 nd March 2011 19 th April 2011
■ Super Final		21 st - 26 th June 2011

Competition System:

Preliminaries:

The competition will be played with a tournament system, with one tournament for the Americas, two for Asia & Oceania, one for Africa. In Europe a “home and away” system will apply.

Super Final:

One (1) team from the Americas tournament, two (2) teams from the Asia & Oceania tournament, one (1) team from Africa and four (4) teams from the European tournament will qualify. The host National Federation organising the Super Final will automatically qualify for the Super Final.



Specific Rules

Points Awarded per Match to each Team

- The following points will be awarded per match to each team.
- Match won: 3 points
- Match won by penalty: 2 points
- Match lost by penalty: 1 point
- Match lost or forfeited: 0 point

In the case of a tie in Preliminaries, Semi Finals and Final Games

- In all the matches there will be a winner.
- If at the end of a fourth quarter the two teams resulted in a tie, the winner shall be resolved by each shooting five penalty shots from 5m at the same goal in alternate succession. The first team shall take its first penalty shot and then the other team shall take its first penalty shot, etc. If a tie shall exist after that procedure, each team shall then take alternate shots until one team scores and the other misses. Different members of the team must shoot each shot.
- All the penalties must be shot from the 5m line.

Game Duration:

- 4 periods of 8 minutes each
- 2 minute break between periods 1-2 and 3-4
- 5 minute break at half-time

Players:

For the 2011 edition, please note that for each match, each team must present a list of 13 players. The players may be different from one game or tournament to the next.

Official World League Sport Equipment and Material

- Only FINA approved material may be used
- Exclusive FINA Water Polo Game Ball: Mikasa (W6000W)
- Exclusive FINA Water Polo Caps may be decided by FINA
- Timing and Scoring System (to be provided by the each NF Organiser Preliminary and Super Final).



Referees:

Each team is requested to nominate a FINA listed referee that will officiate in the event. The referee must be submitted to the FINA TWPC Commission for approval. The expenses of the referee are to be covered by his/her National Federation.

Neutral Referees will be nominated by the FINA TWPC Commission. The organising National Federation must cover the expenses related to the accommodation and meals of the Neutral Referees. FINA will cover the travel expenses (economy fare).

Delegates:

Delegates will be nominated by FINA. The organising National Federation must cover the expenses related to the accommodation and meals of the Delegates. FINA will cover the travel expenses (economy fare).

Financial Conditions:

Direct Expenses of FINA

- Administration Expenses of the World League Secretariat
- Flight tickets for:
 - FINA Officials
 - FINA Delegates
 - FINA Doping Control Delegate
 - FINA Press Delegate
 - Neutral Referees
 - TV Supervisor
- Per diem for:
 - FINA Delegates
 - FINA Doping Control Delegate
 - FINA Press Delegate
 - Neutral Referees
- Contribution to the Prize Money for teams

Direct Income of FINA

Marketing Rights from International Sponsors

- Title/Presenting Sponsor
- Official Players Caps (To be confirmed)
- Official Water Polo Ball of the World League
- Sale of International TV Rights (For the Super Final **only**)



Structural Expenses to be met by each Host National Federation

- All local transportation expenses
- Board and lodging for 7 teams (13 players, 4 officials and 2 officials from the media. A total of 19 persons) **for the Super Final only**
- Board and lodging for Doping Control Delegate, Press Delegate, FINA Officials and Neutral Referees. The Neutral Referees and Referees must be accommodated in a different hotel than the teams
- Arrangements and decoration for venue look
- Acquisition of official material and technical equipment
- Expenses regarding competition venue, organisation, staff and auxiliary refereeing officials, official opening and closing ceremony and press conferences during the competition
- Production cost of national and local official programme, posters as well as entrance tickets
- Production cost of advertising boards
- Production cost of the flags
- Medical expenses for First Aid and Medical Assistance
- Cost of the Doping Control tests (Minimum two (2) tests per game).
- Publicity for event on national scale
- Cost for hosting FINA and International Sponsor VIP's lounge (with refreshment and catering)
- Cost of Host Broadcast Production

Participating Teams:

- Registration fee:
 - US\$25'000 non refundable, to be used for Prize Money
- **Preliminaries:**
 - Travel, accommodation and meal expenses for their own National team
- **Finals:**
 - Travel expenses for their own National team



Prize Money Distribution:

- Preliminaries
 - Teams non-qualifiers = 15'000.- USD

 - Final Round
 - 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**



Extra information for all Local Organising Committees (LOC) of FINA Water Polo World League Matches.

Medical Services:

First Aid for Teams & Spectators

- Adequate First Aid personnel (Medical Doctors and Nurses), facilities and equipment available at all times at the venue
- Ambulance located at the competition venue
- Designated hospital
- First Aid facilities for players at the hotel

Teams Delegations:

The delegation is formed by 19 persons: 13 players, 4 officials, 2 official journalists

Uniform Protocol:

Swimsuits: all participants must wear swimsuits of the same colour and design, with underwear beneath the suit.

Caps: water polo caps must be in the Federation's national colours however at the same time two additional sets (white & blue) must be provided by each team. If the caps of both teams are similar colors, the host team will use caps with their national colours and the other team will use either the white or the blue following the decision of the referee.

On the bench all officials must be attired in official team uniform. Pants and shirt are accepted provided that they are part of the official uniform.

Shorts and tracksuits are not allowed.

**Accommodation:**

For the teams, accommodation must be provided in a First Class hotel. The 19 persons from the National Delegation will be accommodated in the same hotel in single and twin rooms.

For the officials: (1 FINA Delegate, 1 TV coordinator, 1 FINA Marketing Agent, 1 Doping Control delegate, 4 Neutral Referees) the OC will cover the expenses for board and lodging in single rooms in a first class hotel.

Food:

Quantity and quality must be guaranteed 3 times per day plus a snack prior to matches.

The LOC must cover extra expenses for board and lodging for a maximum of 8 days and 8 nights if necessary

TV Broadcasting:

TV production must be provided by each host team in accordance with the FINA TV Guidelines

- Minimum level of TV production
- Minimum number of cameras
- Graphics package
- Programme format and running order
- Provision of commentary positions and bookings for other TV rights holders

Marketing:**Group Matches**

- FINA may appoint a Title Partner for the World League series
- The National Federations may appoint local sponsors and suppliers for its home matches



Super Final

- FINA World League Title Partner
- Other Marketing rights to be exploited by FINA and the National Federation as agreed
- FINA will retain the Title Partner rights for the World League
- The National Federation may appoint local sponsors and suppliers and retain all income
- The National Federation must follow the World League marketing programme
- Clothing licensing rights retained by FINA
- Exploitation to be decided case-by-case
- All advertising in TV view must respect FINA's standards at all venues
- Only officially appointed Sponsors and Suppliers may have any form of identification at the competition venue
- Product category exclusivity must be respected at the venue

Public Relations:

- The National Federation must appoint a Public Relations Manager who must co-operate closely with the Press & Communications Director to ensure the best possible promotion of the event in the host country
- The Public Relations Manager will also act as the liaison with the VIPs, city authorities and sponsors

Promotion:

The National Federation must promote the World League to:

- member clubs
- national & local media
- public authorities
- schools & colleges
- the local community



The National Federation must produce print materials using the World League logo

- World League match posters
- Match programmes
- Final Report

Posters and programmes to be approved prior to publishing

TV Broadcast Rights:

- FINA & the National Federation will jointly negotiate domestic broadcast rights to ensure the highest possible production standards
- All income from domestic rights will be retained by the National Federation
- All international TV rights will be marketed centrally by FINA through its agent IEC in Sports

Press operations:

The LOC must appoint a Press Officer:

- English-speaking
- professional journalism background
- excellent knowledge of water polo

The LOC must arrange Press facilities as follows:

- Press working room
- Press tribune
- Press conference room
- Accreditation
- Media Report

The LOC must provide the following World League information:

- Match schedules
- Team information
- Venue information
- Media information
- Information to be sent to the FINA Office for approval