



Rules & Regulations

Asian Water Polo Championship (U18) Malaysia 2026

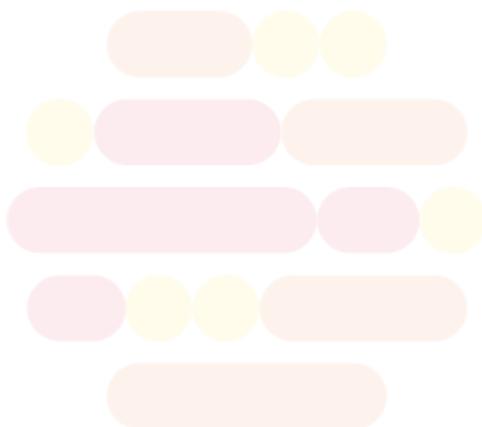


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1. TITLE:

The Asian Water Polo Championship U18 & Qualification Tournament for World Aquatics (WA) Water Polo (U18) Championships.

2. AUSPICES:

The Championship will be held under the auspices of Asia Aquatics.

3. RULES and REGULATIONS:

The Championships will run under the WA and Asia Aquatics (AA) Rules and Regulations. (To be updated in due course).

4. DATES & VENUE

The Championships will be held from 09 – 15 March 2026 in Malaysia.

Arrival: From 7th March 2026 onwards

Training day: 8th March 2025

Competition: 9th – 15th March 2026

Departure: 16th March 2026

5. ELIGIBILITY

1. National Teams of Asia Aquatics Member Federation / Association.
2. Only the athlete with citizenship of the country or sport country.
3. Age Group – U18 – Born in the year 2008 or after.

Changing the Nationality of Competitors.

Should a competitor represent his / her country or sport country, he / she shall be a citizen whether by birth or naturalization of the nation he / she represents provided that a naturalized citizen shall have continuously lived in that country for at least one-year period. Any competitor who wishes to change his/her affiliation from one Federation to another Federation must have a release letter from his/her previous National Federation and acceptance letter from his/her new National Federation and also agreement between two related NOC's. Both this letter should submit to Asia Aquatics, for approval, a period of at least 2 years before he / she starts competing for his new National Federation in AA activities.

6. NUMBER OF COMPETITORS

Water Polo (Men & Women): Not more than 21 inclusive of 6 officials (Including an accompanying team Referee)

7. ENTRIES

Only 1 Men and 1 Women teams per federation/association.

* All entries must be accompanied by photocopies of International Passport

All documents must be certified by the President / Secretary General of National Swimming Federation.

Entries not supported by the documents will be automatically rejected.

8. DRAWS

The Draw shall be held on TBD

9. ENTRY FEES

No fee will be charged

10. PRIZES

Gold plated, Silver plated, and Bronze plated medals will be awarded to the respective winners.

Certificates will be presented to the top three teams.

Certificates of Participation will be presented to all participants.

11. QUALIFICATION FOR WORLD AQUATICS WATER POLO U20 CHAMPIONSHIPS

The four highest ranked Men's and Women's teams in this tournament, except for those who have been qualified, shall qualify for the WORLD AQUATICS WATER POLO (U18) CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026 as Asian representatives provided 20 teams will participate as per AQUA Competition Regulations 6.6.5".

12. COSTING FOR ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORTATION

12.1 All Teams must stay in hotels which have been appointed by Host country and bear their own cost of board and lodgings regarding the fee announced by the Organizing Committee and approved by Asian Aquatics

12.2 The International airfare will be covered by each NF and the host country will provide local transportation for all teams.

Note: Teams are not allowed to stay outside the official hotels appointed by the OC.

13. TEAM MANAGERS & TECHNICAL OFFICIALS MEETINGS

Team Managers Meeting on 8th March 2026 (Timing TBC)

Technical Officials Meeting on 8th March 2025 (Timing TBC)

14. VISA SUPPORT

All visitors to Malaysia should have a valid visa for their entry and stay in the country.

The Malaysia Aquatics will facilitate an entry visa to Malaysia for all participants of the AA Water Polo who have completed their registration in the enclosed by the registration deadline & have requested for assistance for the entry visa.

For additional information on whether a Visa is needed for entry into Malaysia please <https://www.....>

Please note that application for visa may take up to 2 to 5 working days depending on various criteria.

15. EVENT

WATER POLO (Men & Women)

Each Federation/ Association will enter 1 Team for Men consisting of 15 players, 1 Head Coach, 1 Assistant Coach, 1 Team Manager, 2 Medical people and 1 Referee.

Each Federation/ Association shall enter 1 Team for Women only consisting of 15 players, 1 Head Coach, 1 Assistant Coach, 1 Team Manager, 2 medical people, and 1 Referee.

Competition: In the case of not more than 7 teams participating, the competition will be played on a round robin basis in one group.

In the case of 8 or 12 teams participating, the competition will be played in the preliminary round by two divided groups on round robin basis in each group, followed by cross-over final rounds.

In case of 13 or more teams participating, the preliminary round will be played in groups a round robin basis in each group, followed by cross-over final rounds. The detailed schedule will be drawn up at the Managers Meeting.

Ball: The ball used in the competitions shall be the official K7 Men's ball for Men's competition, and Women's Ball for Women's competition.

Field of Play (FOP): The size of the field shall be 25m x 20m for Men's and Women's competition as per the current World Aquatics Rules.

Rules: WA Water Polo Competition Regulations will be implemented.

Any Team who withdraws after the closing date for entries shall pay a penalty fee of US \$200 to AA.

Any Team who withdraws after the drawing ceremony and competition schedule shall pay US \$2000 and face a suspension of 3-6 month.

Note:

All Member Federations shall bring two international standard flags:

- one No. 1 flag (size: 280 cm x 192 cm) and
- two No. 4 flag (size: 144 cm x 96 cm).

CONTACT DETAILS:

For the General Information Email:

EVENT INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION	
Dates:	Arrival of Teams: 7 th March 2026 Training day: 7 & 8 th March 2026 Team Managers and Technical Officials Briefing on 8 th March 2026 Competition: 9 - 15 March 2026
Competition Venue:
Contact details	Email:
Event website (if any)	http:.....
Social media	Instagram:

EVENT KEY DATES - SPORT ENTRIES & FINAL REGISTRATION

8 th Jan 2026	Intent To Participate Form
14 th Feb 2026	Accommodation & Travel Details
29 th Feb 2026	Final Team Entry Form Letter for VISA Support Payment of Hotel