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COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

Water Polo

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MINIMUM AGE LIMIT: 30 years

AGE DETERMINING DATE: Competitor's age as of December 31, 2015.

COMPOSITION OF TEAMS: FINA Masters Water Polo rules apply to this competition. Please ensure that the composition of a team complies with MWP 2.1.

A team may list up to 15 players on their team entry form to participate in any game of this tournament, i.e. seven players and up to 8 reserves. It is not compulsory to name a substitute goal keeper. A goalkeeper who has been replaced by a substitute may, if the player returns to the game, play in any position.

Women players may be member of a men's team.

A player may only represent one club in the competition and all players must be registered with the same club.

AGE GROUP: The age of the youngest member of the team determines the age group of the team.

There are no restrictions on the ages of players older than the youngest player on the team.

Age groups for teams, both men and women, are at five-year intervals beginning with 30, i.e. 30+, 35+, 40+ 45+, and five year increments as high as necessary. If there are fewer than three teams entered in an age group, they will be offered the opportunity to compete in the next youngest age group.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: Training opportunities will be available at the Championships pool: Olymp Swimming Pool, Friday, August 7 and Sunday, August 9, 2015. Requests for training may be made by written request prior to arrival, or on arrival at the competitor registration desk for Water Polo.

TECHNICAL MEETING: Technical meeting for coaches and managers/team representatives will be held on Sunday, August 9, 2015 at 15:00 in Burevestnik.

The final team composition shall be announced at the Technical Meeting.

COMPETITION DATES: Monday, August 10 — Sunday, August 16, 2015.

COMPETITION SCHEDULE: The competition schedule will be provided on our website as soon as possible following the draw, which will be made at least one month before the start of the tournament. This will also be provided at the Information Centre at the Burevestnik and Olymp Swimming Pools.

COMPETITION FORMAT: The competition format will be determined according to the number of teams entered in an age group. The object will be to have each team play a minimum of four games and to determine the final placing as far down in each age group as feasible. The format may be Round-robin, or group play. In group play, there may be one or more preliminary rounds, followed by semi-final and final to determine final placing.

If less than three (3) teams are registered in an age group, they will be asked to compete in the next youngest age group while maintaining a separate ranking. Teams that do not accept this will have their team registration fee reimbursed. Team players who only registered for Water Polo Championships will have their individual registration fee reimbursed as well.

COMPETITION VENUES: The Burevestnik Indoor Swimming Pool. The venue includes a 50-metre swimming pool divided into 2 fields of play.

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EQUIPMENT: Teams will be responsible for providing their own practice and warm up Water Polo balls. The Organising Committee will provide the competition match balls, which will be the official FINA Water Polo ball by Mikasa.

Game caps will be available, but teams may use their own caps, provided the numbers on the caps conform to FINA rule WP 4 and are 10cm in height. Note MWP 2.1 provides for a list of up to 15 players in Masters Water Polo, all players listed on the final roster are eligible to play in the competition.

ENTRY PROCEDURE: To be eligible for the competition, each Water Polo player must complete an individual registration and pay the individual registration fee of USD 60 and the team must pay the registration fee of USD 380.

A nominated coach, manager/team representative must submit the fully completed Team Sheet for entry into the competition. Latest day for entries are July 2, 2015. Changes on the Team Sheet are not allowed after the nominated coach, manager/team leader has reconfirmed the entries at the technical meeting on Sunday, August 9, 2015 at 15:00.

All Team event entries must be submitted and paid by July 2, 2015.

REPORTING: It is the responsibility of each team to be ready to play at least 15 minutes prior to the designated starting time for their match. Teams arriving later than 5 minutes after the designated start time for their match will forfeit the match, with the match awarded to the opponent with a goal score of 5-0. In the event that a forfeit may benefit the team forfeiting in terms of advancement, the Management Committee of the competition reserves the rights to make any adjustment in the reported score to correct this possibility.

MEDALS: Medals will be awarded from 1st to 3rd place in each age group (each player on the team and a coach will receive a medal). Awarding Ceremonies will be held after the final of each age group at the competition venue.

IMPORTANT: Smoking at the sports venues is prohibited by federal law of the Russian Federation.