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WELCOME MESSAGE BY THE LEN PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

As President of European Aquatics, it gives me great pleasure to write this message for the latest edition of the European Water Polo Championships.

Before 7 October, we were all looking forward to traveling to Netanya, Israel to take part in this event but sadly, the current situation in Israel, made this impossible. As we had no choice but to postpone the hosting of the Netanya event to a later time, our member federations from the Netherlands and Croatia stepped up to propose that they would host the event, split between a women's event in Eindhoven and a men's event in two locations: Zagreb and Dubrovnik.

This decision, taken in the interests of the athletes above all, is a marvellous demonstration of the solidarity and positive mentality of our membership.

There will be some logistical challenges, but European Aquatics will work closely with the local organising teams to make these events a success.

Looking at Zagreb and Dubrovnik, Croatia is one of the top nations for the sport and put imagination and energy into organising what was an excellent edition of the European Championships in Split, capped by a victory for the Croatian Men's team in a packed Spaladium Arena.

I am confident we will have large, knowledgeable crowds both in Zagreb and in the beautiful, historic city of Dubrovnik, who will help to create the right atmosphere for the players.

I would like to warmly thank all the sports bodies, political authorities, and sponsor partners who are committed to making the championships a success, and a special thank you to the technical water polo specialists at European Aquatics who put together the event timetable and match schedule with great care, to take account of the fact that the competition has overlapping men's and women's matches, in 3 different locations.

I look forward to joining you in Dubrovnik and Zagreb between 4 and 16 January 2024.

Yours in sport,
Antonio Silva
European Aquatics President

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PREVIEW

Excitement right from the start

- **Eindhoven, Zagreb and Dubrovnik to host European Water Polo Elite 2024**
- **Olympic berths in the focus – New format and 32 teams for the first time**

Eindhoven/Zagreb/Dubrovnik (European Aquatics) – HAPPY NEW (OLYMPIC) YEAR – and lots of Water Polo excitement right from the beginning of 2024! And it's definitely not an overstatement that as the 2024 European Water Polo Championships kick off on 4 January in Dubrovnik and Zagreb, while the women's event begins a day later, on 5 January in Eindhoven, the matches will feature the crème de la crème of water polo.

As Europe is still ruling the Water Polo World (at the Tokyo Olympics held in 2021 seven out of the top 10 sides represented the Old Continent / the 2023 World Championships in Fukuoka saw 8/10 in the men's tournament and 7/10 in the women's tournament while all medals went to Europe / Men: gold – Hungary, silver Greece, bronze Spain / Women: gold – Netherlands, silver Spain – bronze Italy) Water Polo fans can expect more than 100 top-quality and thrilling matches.

Anyway, the 2024 Championships will add a new chapter to the 98-year-old history of the event. 32 teams (16 male and – for the very first time - 16 female teams) from 20 national federations will battle for title and the medals, but – what might even be more important – for one more Olympic ticket both in the men's and women's tournament, as well as for the last three remaining berths for the World Championships, taking place in Doha, Qatar in less than five weeks (February 2-18, 2024). Both Champions secure an Olympic berth. If any of the already qualified teams win gold, the next highest-ranked team would celebrate the qualification for Paris.

Additionally, the new two division format will celebrate its debut at this edition. From 2024 on, the field will be divided into a first and second division based on the ranks achieved at the previous edition in Split in September 2022. The new format will guarantee much more excitement from Day 1 as the top eight teams will play fierce contests in the group stage before the knockout phase begins. Better ranks in the group would secure extra rest days which will benefit the teams chasing the Olympic berth and World Championship spots. The winners and runners-up from Division 1's groups will advance directly to the quarterfinals, while the third and fourth-placed teams will meet the top two sides from Division 2's groups in a play-off round to decide who will also make the final eight. Also, Division Two sides will fight for the top ranks in groups C and D to have a shot at making the first division in the crossover matches.

Whereas Budapest in 2020 hosted the last edition before the outbreak of the Covid Pandemic, the Split edition in 2022 celebrated the comeback of water polo enthusiasts without restrictions at the Spaladium Arena. 2023 put a new challenge to European Aquatics. The Championships – originally scheduled to Netanya, Israel had to be re-allocated after the October 7 attacks and the outburst of the still-ongoing war. After it became obvious that the Championships could not take place in Israel, the difficulty was to find new hosts. At the end of November, European Aquatics announced Zagreb and Dubrovnik as host of the Men's tournament, whereas Eindhoven as the host of the Women's tournament. It will now be the first European Water Polo Championship since 1985 with venues in two different countries.

PREVIEW

The men's games will take place at the Mladost Sports Centre in Zagreb and the Gruz Swimming Hall in Dubrovnik – both indoor facilities and well-known from numerous international games. Zagreb had already hosted the European Water Polo Championships in 2010. The venue in Eindhoven is also well-known – it's the Pieter van den Hoogenband Swimming Stadium, which already hosted the European Water Polo Championships in 2012.

MEN: Host Croatia wants to defend title on home soil – World Champions Hungary and Spain lead strong field of medal contenders

In the Men's tournament, the well-known power-houses will have an eye on the top positions: Like in previous years Hungary, Croatia, Spain, Italy, Greece, Serbia and Montenegro must be considered as the top favourites also at this edition.

In **Group A** Croatia will meet Spain, Montenegro and France. The host will try to defend its 2022 title and hopes for "a good omen": on home soil (2010 Zagreb, 2022 Split) they always succeeded and snatched the trophy. **Spain**, who enjoyed a brilliant run since the home Europeans in Barcelona 2018 and took the world title in 2022, has often been among the top five but never won European gold. **Montenegro's** biggest triumph so far dates back to 2008, when the small country surprisingly won the European title right upon their debut in Malaga. **France** arrives, just six months before the Olympic Games in their own country, with correspondingly high motivation. Already qualified for the Paris Games, "Les Bleus" want to make people sit up and take notice. For sure, they might well be considered as an ambitious team who could always be good for a surprise.



World Champion **Hungary** will meet Italy, Greece and outsider Georgia in **Group B**. Hungary has finished its transition period – after several veterans said goodbye and had to accept a 7th place at the Worlds on home soil in Budapest, they celebrated a successful comeback at the last events. In Split the record-holder for the most Olympic and European titles in history only finished European runner-up but took the crown at the 2023 Worlds in Fukuoka, beating the Greek in the final. Since this secured an Olympic berth for them, head coach Zsolt Varga decided to bring a young but ambitious team to Zagreb and offer some extra rest to seven star players who are facing a demanding run this year.

Sure, that **Greece**, who like Spain never won a European title, not even a medal so far, are not only looking for revenge but their first-ever European podium. **Italy**, World runner-up in 2022, missed the podium at the last edition in Split but celebrated a silver at the 2023 World Cup. Their third and foremost last European title dates back to 1995 in Vienna. **Georgia** will celebrate its sixth participation at Europeans, in 2022 they finished in the eighth place.

PREVIEW

In **Group C Serbia** will face Israel, Germany and Malta. The Olympic champion of Rio and Tokyo secured its Olympic spot early in the 2019 World League Super Final but missed the podium at the last big events. It will be interesting to see if the roller coaster ride of the formerly dominating Serbs who won four consecutive European titles in Eindhoven 2012, Budapest 2014, Belgrade 2016 and Barcelona 2018, ends at this edition. In Split 2022 Serbia finished only on 9th place behind Georgia. Half of Team **Malta** at this edition are newcomers, they should be the outsider of this group. **Germany** arrives with their new head coach, Milos Sekulic, succeeding Montenegrin Petar Porobic, who tragically died this autumn and the legendary Hagen Stamm, member of the Germans' last golden generation, clinching the title in Bonn 1989.

Group D will see the games between **Netherlands**, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia. The Netherlands were also kings of Europe once, but it dates back to 1950 when they won in Vienna. **Romania** was the last surprise semi-finalists in 2006. **Slovenia** and **Slovakia** never made it into the top eight at Europeans.

Women: World Champion Netherlands want European crown on home soil – Title holder Spain looking for third title in a row

Who else but the Netherlands could be the ideal host to replace the originally host Netanya, Israel. Eindhoven has proved its skills already in 2012 as host of the 30th European Championships, when the January edition was introduced at which both tournaments were played in the same pool at the iconic Pieter van den Hoogenband Complex on alternating days.

Thanks to the evolution over four decades, women's water polo has become a constant feature at Olympic Games, and in Eindhoven a Paris 2024 berth is at stake as well, as the last two will be on offer at the Doha Worlds. For the first time ever, 16 teams will be participating.



For sure, Team Oranje, who already qualified for Paris, dreams of putting on the European crown on home soil. And the conditions couldn't actually be better, as they expect their guests in **Group A** as the reigning World Champions. For sure, **Hungary** with their new coaches Attila Mihok and Sandor Cseh, and **Greece** will make life difficult for the hosts, who won the European title in 2018 for the last time.

While the Netherlands, the all-time medal ranks leader, hope to make it half a dozen golds, record-holder Hungary might achieve its 15th medal at Europeans. The third giant, Greece, silver medallist four times in the last eight championships (2010, 2012, 2018, 2022) will guarantee a handful of thrilling matches in this group.

PREVIEW

While in the men's tournament there were some trends in the last 10-12 years (winning streaks for the Serbs, Croatia's big run at the Worlds, Spain's consecutive finals recently), there was no sure bet in any women's tournament. While the US were for the most part unbeatable (at least in the knock-out phase), the challengers were always changing, and at the Europeans, the trends were the same. The last seven editions saw five different champions, only Spain could win three times (2014, 2020, 2022).

With defending Champion **Spain** and Italy, two other powerhouses will meet in **Group B**. Since the women's water polo tournament was launched in the Norwegian capital Oslo in 1985, the Netherlands (1985-1987-1989) as well as Italy (1995-1997-1999) and Russia (2006-2008-2010) celebrated three consecutive titles. In 2024 Spain has a chance to catch up with these three teams. They already have three titles under their belt, but the fourth overall could also be the third in a row (2014, 2020, 2022) for the silver medallist of the Tokyo Olympics 2021.

Italy's Setterosa did a fine job too and crowned the rebuilding process under their new head coach, Carlo Silipo, winning bronze medals at the 2022 Europeans as well as at last year's Worlds in Fukuoka. **Israel** has become better and better from edition to edition. Like **France**, they are highly motivated and always good for a small surprise.

In **Group C** the teams of **Serbia** (9th place in Split 2022) and **Romania** (11th place in Split) meet with **Czechia** and **Turkey**. Both return – thanks to the new system with 16 instead of 12 participants in the women's tournament – after a longer absence. Czechia made their last appearance in 1997, finishing 11th. Turkey finished on 12th place in 2016 and 2018.

In **Group D** **Slovakia**, who replaced Russia at the last edition in Split and finished 12th, will meet **Germany** (10th 2022 Split) – and also after a longer absence – **Great Britain**. Team GB made their last appearance in Budapest 2014 (8th place). Their top result was a 6th place in 1985. **Bulgaria** is a newcomer, qualified for the first time ever.

Road to Paris ...

... with only six months to go, the following federations are already qualified for the 2024 Olympics
...

Olympic Men's tournament (12 teams)

- France (Host)
- Hungary (World Champion 2023)
- Greece
- Australia
- USA
- Japan
- South Africa (?)

European Championships 2024 - 1x qualifying spot

World Championship 2024 - 4x qualifying spots

Olympic Women's tournament (10 teams)

- France (Host)
- Netherlands (World Champion 2023)
- Spain
- Australia
- Japan
- South Africa
- USA

European Championships 2024 - 1x qualifying spot

World Championship 2024 - 2x qualifying spots

World Championships Qualifications, European teams Men

Qualified teams

- Spain (World Cup finalist)
- Italy (World Cup finalist)
- Hungary (2023 World Championships)
- Greece (2023 World Championships)
- Serbia (2023 World Championships)
- France (2023 World Championships)

From Zagreb/Dubrovnik:

The 3 highest ranked sides without qualification

Women

Qualified teams

- Spain (World Cup finalist)
- Netherlands (2023 World Championships)
- Italy (2023 World Championships)
- Hungary (2023 World Championships)

From Eindhoven:

The 3 highest ranked sides without qualification

...Eindhoven / Zagreb / Dubrovnik 2024 – FACTS & FIGURES...

... **DATE:** The 36th European Water Polo Championship – originally scheduled to Netanya, Israel – will take place in three different venues. From January 4 to 16, 2024 Zagreb and Dubrovnik will host the Men’s tournament. Eindhoven will be host to the Women’s tournament from January 5 to 13, 2024.

... **EUROPEAN AQUATICS (EA / LEN):** The “Ligue Européenne de Natation” – since 2023 European Aquatics – was founded on August 30, 1927 in Bologna/ITA by 11 countries and their national swimming federations, one year after the first European Championships in Swimming, Diving and Water Polo had been held in Budapest. Today LEN has 52 member federations from Albania to Ukraine.

... **HISTORY:** The European Water Polo Championships celebrated its première in 1926. The first event was held in Budapest, back then as part of the ‘big championships’, held together with the swimming and diving competitions. Until today, 35 editions in the men’s event were carried out from 1926 until 2022. The first event in the women’s competition took place in 1985. For the first time in 1999, a stand-alone continental showcase was staged in water polo. The championships take place every second year, over the summer in the middle of the Olympic cycle (as in 2022), or at the beginning of the year if it coincides with the Summer Olympics (since 2012). The last summer edition took place in Split/Croatia in September 2022, the last winter edition in Budapest/Hungary in January 2020. Budapest staged altogether five European Water Polo Championships (1926, 1958, 2001, 2014, 2020).

... **HISTORY II:** To date, five European titles in a row were only achieved by Hungary (1926, 1927, 1931, 1934, 1938). With five titles – as former Soviet Union – to their name, Russia is one of the most successful European water polo teams. However, they earned their last title in Strasbourg in 1987. While Yugoslavia, as a single country, could only win a single title till 1991, ever since its nations gained independence, they had a tremendous run “separately”: between 2001 and 2018 only the former states of Yugoslavia won gold. Serbia topped the charts with five (2006, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018), followed by Croatia (2010, 2022) and Montenegro (2008). Serbia and Montenegro also bagged gold in 2001 (then under the name Yugoslavia) and 2003.

... **HISTORY III:** 96 years ago, the first ever European Water Polo Championship matches were played in the ancient Csaszar Bath (next to the current site of the Komjadi Pool). Then the Margaret Island took over from 1954 where the legendary Alfred Hajos complex hosted numerous aquatic events in the past decades. It was in Vienna at the Ernst Happel Stadium in 1995 that European Championships were staged for the first time in a temporary pool (outdoors at that time). To have the championships in a multipurpose arena in a temporary pool, had first been created in Belgrade 2016. So far, 2016 Belgrade registered a world record attendance of 18.500 spectators at the Kombank Arena following the final between Serbia and Montenegro with Serbia to win their third successive European title.

... **HISTORY IV:** Ever since the stand-alone European Water Polo Championships were staged for the first time in 1999, three ‘winter editions’ (Eindhoven 2012, Belgrade 2016, Budapest 2020) were held indoors. Split 2022 was the first summer championships staged indoors (earlier, indoor pools were used many times in the framework of the multi-discipline championships, like in 1985, 1987 and 1993). Eindhoven/Zagreb/Dubrovnik will be the 4th winter edition.

...Eindhoven / Zagreb / Dubrovnik 2024 – FACTS & FIGURES...

... **PARTICIPANTS:** 16 male and - for the first time ever - 16 female teams will fight for the European title. With a total of 32 teams from 20 LEN Member Federations, the event in Eindhoven/Zagreb/Dubrovnik will be the largest European Water Polo Championships ever staged in Europe. In Belgrade, Barcelona and Budapest 2016, 2018 and 2020 teams from 17 Federation participated. The previous record participation of 16 male and nine female teams was set in Bonn/Germany in 1989. The new European champions will be crowned after 106 matches (48 men, 48 women).

... **PREMIERES:** In 2020 the women's team of Slovakia returned to the Championships after a 27-year-long absence, when they participated in Leeds in 1993 for the first and the last time. In 2022 the only newcomer was the men's team of Israel, making the cut for the first time in history. In 2024 the women's teams of Bulgaria will celebrate their European premiere, while Great Britain and Czechia will celebrate their comebacks after a longer absence.

... **TECHNIQUE:** Since Budapest 2020, the VAR system is in use to determine goal-no goal situations and to detect unsportsmanlike acts eventually remaining unnoticed. Also in Eindhoven/Zagreb/Dubrovnik delegates and referees will be able to check all ambiguous situations on the screen right away on the pool deck.

... **HOSTS I:** The Croatian Water Polo Federation was founded in 1971. The WP Europeans return to Croatia for the fourth time: in 1981 the water polo competition was part of the 'big Europeans' held in Split, while Zagreb hosted the event in 2010 and Split, once again in 2022.

... **HOSTS II:** Besides Water Polo, the Royal Dutch Water Polo Federation (Koninklijke Nederlandse Zwem Bond, KNZB) overlooks several sports including Swimming, Open Water Swimming, Diving and Artistic Swimming. Eindhoven with its iconic Pieter-van-den-Hoogenband-Complex will be the host location of the European showcase for the 2nd time after 2012. Additionally, the Dutch city hosted the 2008 Aquatic Europeans as well as the 2010 Short-Course Swimming European Championships.

... **COMPETITION MODUS:** The new two-division format will celebrate its debut at this edition. From 2024 on, the field will be divided into a first and second division based on the ranks achieved at the previous edition in Split in September 2022. The new format will guarantee much more excitement from Day 1 as the top eight teams will play fierce contests in the group stage before the knockout phase begins. Better ranks in the group would secure extra rest days which will benefit the teams chasing the Olympic berth and World Championship spots. Also, Division Two sides will fight for the top ranks in groups C and D to have a shot at making the first division in the crossover matches.

... **MEDALS:** In the history of European Water Polo Championships – from 1926 (Men) and 1985 (Women) until today – a total number of 162 medals in gold, silver and bronze (105 men / 57 women) have been awarded. 1962 in Leipzig/Germany, when Hungary took the title, two silver medals (and no bronze medal) were awarded to Yugoslavia and Russia.

...Eindhoven / Zagreb / Dubrovnik 2024 – FACTS & FIGURES...

... **VENUES:** The Europeans will take place at the following venues.

- The **SP Mladost pool in Zagreb** was built in 1987 (and opened for Universiade 1987), and is consisting of two Olympic-size pools, this venue has already been a host to the European Water Polo Championships back in 2010 as well as World League, World Cup, and numerous Champions League events. Before its renovation in 2005, the "Gruž" swimming pool had a capacity of even 5.000 seats! The **capacity** for the 2024 Europeans now is 2.000 seats. - **Home water polo club:** Mladost Zagreb. - **Address:** Jarunska ulica 5, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia.
- First built in 1961 and renovated in 2003, the **Gruž pool in Dubrovnik** is one of the most legendary water polo venues worldwide. It has been a host to mega events like several Champions League finals – eg the Final Four tournaments of the Champions League 2001 and 2006. With the capacity of around 2500, the atmosphere during the matches is unique and worth experiencing – both as a player and as a spectator. - **Home water polo club:** Jug Adriatic osiguranje Dubrovnik. - **Address:** Dr. Ante Starčevića 22, 20000 Dubrovnik, Croatia.
- The **Pieter van den Hoogenband Swimming Stadium**, named after the Dutch three-time Olympic Champion Pieter van den Hoogenband, is well practiced when it comes to hosting international major events. In the last decade, multiple international Championships took place in this venue. The venue was opened in 2006 and is one of the world's most innovative swimming centres for competition swimming as well as recreational activity. The venue is the home of Team NL elite swimming and diving. The competition pool is a 50m, 10 lane pool. The training pool is a 50m, 4 lane pool and will be used as warm up / swim down pool for the event. Additionally, there is a 25x20m diving pool available for training purposes. The venue has a total capacity of 3,000 spectator seats. The venue is currently undergoing a refurbishment resulting in the most up to date and state-of-the-art facility in 2025. The refurbishment does not have any implications for this Championship. - **Address:** Antoon Coolenlaan, 15644 RX Eindhoven, The Netherlands

... **PRIZE MONEY:** The prize money for both the men's and women's competitions breaks down as follows: 40.000 Euro for the 1st place, 30.000 Euro for 2nd place and 20.000 Euro for 3rd place.

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Water Polo Champions & Favourites – MEN

World Champion 2015	Serbia
European Champion 2016	Serbia
Olympic Champion 2016	Serbia
World League Winner 2016	Serbia
World League Winner 2017	Serbia
World Champion 2017	Croatia
World League Winner 2018	Montenegro
European Champion 2018	Serbia
World Cup 2018	Hungary
World Champion 2019	Italy
World League 2019	Serbia
European Champions 2020	Hungary
Olympic Champion 2021	Serbia
World Champion 2022	Spain
World League 2022	Italy
European Champion 2022	Croatia
World Champion 2023	Hungary
World Cup Winner 2023	Spain

Favourites 2024:

Croatia

- 2012 Olympic Champion; 1996 and 2016 Olympic silver medallist; 2021 Olympic 5th
- 2007 and 2017 World Champion; 2015 World silver medallist; 2009, 2011, 2013 + 2019 World bronze medallist; 2022 Worlds 4th, 2023 Worlds 9th
- 2010 and 2022 European Champion; 1999 and 2003 European silver medallist; 2018 European bronze medallist, 2020 European 4th
- 2012 World League winner; 2009, 2015, 2019 World League runner-up; 2010, 2011, 2017 World League 3rd
- 2010 World Cup runner-up; 2014 World Cup 3rd

Greece

- 2021 Olympic silver medallist; 2004 Olympic 4th; 2016 Olympic 6th; 2008 Olympic 7th
- 2023 World silver medallist; 2005, 2015 and 2022 World bronze medallist; 2003 and 2017 Worlds 4th; 2013 World 6th, 2019 World 7th
- 1999 and 2016 Europeans 4th; 2018 and 2022 European 5th, 2006, 2012 and 2014 European 6th; 2020 European 7th
- 1997 World Cup runner-up; 2023 World Cup 5th
- 2004, 2006 and 2016 World League 3rd

Hungary

- 9-time Olympic champion (1932, 1936, 1952, 1956, 1964, 1976, 2000, 2004 and 2008); 1928, 1948 and 1972 Olympic silver medallist; 1960, 1968, 1980 and 2021 Olympic bronze medallist
- 1973, 2003, 2013 and 2023 World champion; 1975, 1978, 1982, 1998; 2005, 2007 and 2017 World silver medallist; 1991 World bronze medallist, 2019 World 4th, 2022 World 7th
- 13-time European champion (1926, 1927, 1931, 1934, 1938, 1954, 1958, 1962, 1974, 1977, 1997, 1999, 2020); 1970, 1983, 1993, 1995, 2006, 2014 and 2022 European silver medallist; 1981, 2001, 2003, 2008, 2012 and 2016 European bronze medallist, 2018 European 8th
- 2003 and 2004 World League winner; 2005, 2007, 2013, 2014 and 2018 World League runner-up; 2002 World League 3rd
- 1979, 1995, 1999 + 2018 World Cup champion; 1993, 2002, 2006 + 2014 WC runner-up; 1989 + 1997 WC 3rd; 2023 World Cup 4th

Water Polo Champions & Favourites – MEN

Italy

- 1948, 1960 and 1992 Olympic champion; 1976 and 2012 Olympic silver medallist; 1952, 1996 and 2016 Olympic bronze medallist; 2021 Olympic 7th
- 1978, 1994, 2011 + 2019 World champion; 1986, 2003 and 2022 World silver medallist; 1975 World bronze medallist, 2023 World 5th
- 1947, 1993 and 1995 European champion; 2001 and 2010 European silver medallist; 1954, 1977, 1987, 1989, 1999 and 2014 European bronze medallist; 2018 and 2022 European 4th; 2020 European 6th
- 2022 World League winner, 2003, 2011 and 2017 World League runner-up; 2012 World League 3rd
- 1993 World Cup champion; 1989, 1995, 1999 and 2023 World Cup runner-up; 1983 World Cup 3rd

Montenegro

- 2008, 2012 and 2016 Olympics 4th, 2021 Olympic 8th
- 2013 World silver medallist; 2015 and 2017 World 5th; 2011 World 7th, 2022 and 2023 World 8th, 2019 World 10th
- 2008 European Champion; 2012 and 2016 European silver medallist; 2020 European bronze medallist; 2014 European 4th; 2010 European 5th, 2018 European 6th; 2022 European 7th
- 2009 and 2018 World League winner; 2010 World League runner-up; 2013 and 2014 World League 3rd
- 2014 World Cup 7th

Serbia

- 1968, 1984, 1988 (YUG), 2016 (SRB) and 2021 (SRB) Olympic champion; 1952, 1956, 1964, 1980 (YUG) and 2004 (SCG) Olympic silver medallist; 2000 (YUG), 2008 and 2012 (SRB) Olympic bronze medallist
- 1986 and 1991 (YUG), 2005 (SCG), 2009 and 2015 (SRB) World champion; 2001 (YUG) and 2011 (SRB) World silver medallist; 1973, 1978, 1998 (YUG), 2003 (SCG) and 2017 (SRB) World bronze medallist, 2023 World 4th; 2019 and 2022 World 5th
- 1991 and 2001 (YUG), 2003 (SCG), 2006, 2012, 2014, 2016 and 2018 (SRB) European champion; 1954, 1958, 1962, 1977, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1997 (YUG) and 2008 (SRB) European silver medallist; 1950, 1966, 1970, 1974 (YUG) and 2010 (SRB) European bronze medallist; 2020 European 5th, 2022 European 9th
- 2005, 2006 (SCG), 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2019 (SRB) World League winner
- 1987 and 1989 (YUG), 2006 (SCG), 2010 and 2014 (SRB) World Cup champion; 2018 WC 3rd; 2023 World Cup 7th

Spain

- 1996 Olympic Champion, 1992 Olympic silver medallist, 2021 Olympic 4th
- 1998, 2001 and 2022 World Champion; 1991, 1994, 2009 and 2019 World silver medallist; 2007 and 2023 World bronze medallist
- 1991, 2018, 2020 European silver medallist; 1983, 1993, 2006 and 2022 European bronze medallist
- 2002, 2006 and 2012 World League runner-up; 2018 World League 3rd
- 2023 World Cup champion; 1985, 1991, 1999, 2006 and 2010 World Cup 3rd

Water Polo Champions & Favourites – WOMEN

World Champion 2015	USA
European Champion 2016	Hungary
Olympic Champion 2016	USA
World League Winner 2016	USA
World League Winner 2017	USA
World Champion 2017	USA
World League Winner 2018	USA
European Champion 2018	Netherlands
World Cup 2018	USA
World Champion 2019	USA
World League 2019	USA
European Champions 2020	Spain
Olympic Champion 2021	USA
World Champion 2022	USA
European Champion 2022	Spain
World Champion 2023	Netherlands
World Cup Winner 2023	USA

Favourites 2024 - Women:

Greece

- 2004 Olympic silver medallist; 2008 Olympic 8th
- 2011 World Champion; 2009 4th; 2013 and 2015 World 6th, 2017 and 2022 World 7th; 2019 and 2023 World 8th
- 2010, 2012, 2018 and 2022 European silver medallist; 1995 and 2001 4th; 2016 European 5th, 2014 and 2020 European 6th
- 2005 World League champion; 2007, 2010 and 2012 World League 3rd; 2023 World Cup 5th

Hungary

- 2021 Olympic bronze medallist; 2008, 2012 and 2016 Olympic 4th; 2004 Olympic 6th
- 1994 and 2005 World champion; 2001 and 2022 World silver medallist; 2013 World bronze medallist; 2019 World 4th, 2023 World 6th
- 1991, 2001, 2016 European champion; 1985, 1987, 1989, 1995 and 2003 European silver medallist; 1993, 2006, 2008, 2012, 2014 and 2020 European bronze medallist; 2018 European 4th, 2022 European 5th
- 2004 World League runner-up
- 2002 World Cup champion; 1988 World Cup runner-up; 1989, 1993 and 1995 World Cup 3rd; 2023 World Cup 4th

Italy

- 2004 Olympic champion; 2016 Olympic silver medallist
- 1998 and 2001 World champion; 2003 World silver medallist; 1994, 2015 and 2023 World bronze medallist; 2022 World 4th; 2019 World 6th
- 1995, 1997, 1999, 2003 and 2012 European champion; 2001 and 2006 European silver medallist; 1991 and 2016 and 2022 European bronze medallist; 2020 European 5th, 2018 European 6th
- 2006, 2011, 2014 and 2019 World League runner-up; 2004 World League 3rd
- 1993 and 2006 World Cup runner-up; 1999 World Cup 3rd; 2023 World Cup 6th

Netherlands

- 2008 Olympic Champion; 2000 Olympic 4th; 2021 Olympic 6th
- 1991 and 2023 World champion; 1986, 1994, 1998 and 2015 World silver medallist; 2022 World bronze medallist; 2019 World 7th
- 1985, 1987, 1989, 1993 and 2018 European champion; 1991, 1999, 2014 and 2016 European silver medallist; 1995, 1997 and 2010 European bronze medallist, 2020 and 2022 European 4th
- 2018 World League runner-up; 2015 World League 3rd, 2022 World League 4th
- 1980, 1983, 1988, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1997 and 1999 World Cup champion; 2023 World Cup runner-up

Water Polo Champions & Favourites – WOMEN

Favourites 2024 - Women:

Spain

- 2012 and 2021 Olympic silver medallist, 2016 Olympic 5th
- 2013 World Champion; 2017, 2019 and 2023 World silver medallist; 2022 World 5th; 2007 and 2015 Worlds 7th; 2003 and 2009 Worlds 8th
- 2014, 2020 and 2022 European Champion; 2008 European silver medallist; 2018 European bronze medallist; 1997, 2006 and 2016 European 4th; 2012 European 5th; 2010 6th
- 2022 World League Champion; 2016 World League runner-up; 2009 World League 4th; 2013, 2014 and 2018 World League 5th
- 2014 and 2023 World Cup 3rd

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ALL VENUES

Water Polo European Championships MEN (1926-2024) & Women (1985-2024)

1.	1926	Budapest, HUN	August 18-22	men
2.	1927	Bologna, ITA	August 31-September 4	men
3.	1931	Paris, FRA	August 23-30	men
4.	1934	Magdeburg, GER	August 12-19	men
5.	1938	London, GBR	August 06-13	men
6.	1947	Monte Carlo, FRA	September 10-14	men
7.	1950	Vienna, AUT	August 20-27	men
8.	1954	Turin, ITA	August 31-September 05	men
9.	1958	Budapest, HUN	August 31-September 06	men
10.	1962	Leipzig, GDR	August 18-25	men
11.	1966	Utrecht, NED	August 20-27	men
12.	1970	Barcelona, ESP	September 05-12	men
13.	1974	Vienna, AUT	August 18-25	men
14.	1977	Jonkoping, SWE	August 13-21	men
15.	1981	Split, YUG	September 05-12	men
16.	1983	Rome, ITA	August 20-27	men
17.	1985	Sofia, BUL	August 04-11	men
	1985	Oslo, NOR	August 12-18	women (1)
18.	1987	Strasbourg, FRA	August 16-23	men & women (2)
19.	1989	Bonn, FRG	August 12-20	men & women (3)
20.	1991	Athens, GRE	August 17-25	men & women (4)
21.	1993	Sheffield, GBR	July 29-August 08	men
	1993	Leeds, GBR	July 29-August 07	women (5)
22.	1995	Vienna, AUT	August 17-27	men & women (6)
23.	1997	Seville, ESP	August 13-24	men & women (7)
24.	1999	Florence, ITA	September 02-11	men
	1999	Prato, ITA	September 04-10	women (8)
25.	2001	Budapest, HUN	June 15-24	men & women (9)
26.	2003	Kranj, SLO	June 06-15	men
	2003	Ljubljana, SLO	June 07-14	women (10)
27.	2006	Belgrade, SRB	September 01-10	men & women (11)
28.	2008	Malaga, ESP	July 04-13	men & women (12)
29.	2010	Zagreb, CRO	August 29-September 11	men & women (13)
30.	2012	Eindhoven, NED	January 16-29	men & women (14)
31.	2014	Budapest, HUN	July 14-27	men & women (15)
32.	2016	Belgrade, SRB	January 10-23	men & women (16)
33.	2018	Barcelona, ESP	July 14-28	men & women (17)
34.	2020	Budapest, HUN	January 12-26	men & women (18)
35.	2022	Split, CRO	August 27 – September 09	men & women (19)
36.	* 2024	Zagreb/Dubrovnik, CRO	January 04-16	men (20)
		Eindhoven, NED	January 05-13	women (20)

* replaced Netanya, ISR

ALL VENUES**Water Polo World Championships (1973-2023)**

1.	1973	Belgrade, YUG	August 31-September 09	men
2.	1975	Cali, COL	July 19-27	men
3.	1978	Berlin, FRG	August 18-28	men
4.	1982	Guayaquil, ECU	August 29-08	men
5.	1986	Madrid, ESP	August 13-23	men & women (1)
6.	1991	Perth, AUS	January 03-13	men & women (2)
7.	1994	Rome, ITA	September 01-11	men & women (3)
8.	1998	Perth, AUS	January 07-18	men & women (4)
9.	2001	Fukuoka, JPN	July 16-29	men & women (5)
10.	2003	Barcelona, ESP	July 12-27	men & women (6)
11.	2005	Montreal, CAN	July 16-31	men & women (7)
12.	2007	Melbourne, AUS	March 18-April 01	men & women (8)
13.	2009	Rome, ITA	July 17-August 02	men & women (9)
14.	2011	Shanghai, CHN	July 16-31	men & women (10)
15.	2013	Barcelona, ESP	July 20-August 04	men & women (11)
16.	2015	Kazan, RUS	July 18-August 02	men & women (12)
17.	2017	Budapest, HUN	July 15-30	men & women (13)
18.	2019	Gwangju, KOR	July 12-28	men & women (14)
19.	2022	Budapest, HUN	June 18-July 03	men & women (15)
20.	2023	Fukuoka, JPN	July 14-30	men & women (16)
21.	2024	Doha, Qatar	February 02-18	men & women (16)

Men – final results of the major events since 2000

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.
2000 Olympics	HUN	RUS	YUG	ESP	ITA	USA	CRO	AUS
2001 Europeans	YUG	ITA	HUN	CRO	RUS	ESP	GRE	SVK
2001 Worlds	ESP	YUG	RUS	ITA	HUN	GRE	USA	CRO
2002 World League	RUS	ESP	HUN	GRE ITA		USA	CRO	BRA
2002 World Cup	RUS	HUN	YUG	ITA	GRE	ESP	USA	CRO
2003 Europeans	SCG	CRO	HUN	RUS	ESP	GER	SVK	GRE
2003 World League	HUN	ITA	USA	SCG	GRE	NED AUS		BRA
2003 Worlds	HUN	ITA	SCG	GRE	ESP	USA	AUS	SVK
2004 World League	HUN	SCG	GRE	ITA	ESP	USA	AUS BRA	
2004 Olympics	HUN	SCG	RUS	GRE	GER	ESP	USA	ITA
2005 Worlds	SCG	HUN	GRE	CRO	ESP	ROU	RUS	ITA
2005 World League	SCG	HUN	GER	CRO	GRE	RUS		
2006 World Cup	SCG	HUN	ESP	CRO	ITA	ROU	GRE	RUS
2006 World League	SCG	ESP	GRE	AUS	USA	FRA		
2006 Europeans	SRB	HUN	ESP	ROU	ITA	GRE	CRO	GER
2007 Worlds	CRO	HUN	ESP	SRB	ITA	GRE	RUS	GER
2007 World League	SRB	HUN	AUS	GER	USA	ROU	CAN	CHN
2008 World League	SRB	USA	AUS	MNE	ESP	CAN	ITA	GRE
2008 Europeans	MNE	SRB	HUN	CRO	ITA	GER	ESP	MKD
2008 Olympics	HUN	USA	SRB	MNE	ESP	CRO	GRE	AUS
2009 World League	MNE	CRO	SRB	USA	ITA	AUS	JPN	RSA
2009 Worlds	SRB	ESP	CRO	USA	HUN	GER	ROU	CAN
2010 World League	SRB	MNE	CRO	AUS	USA	ESP	CHN	RSA
2010 World Cup	SRB	CRO	ESP	USA	ROU	AUS	CHN	IRI
2010 Europeans	CRO	ITA	SRB	HUN	MNE	GER	ROU	ESP
2011 World League	SRB	ITA	CRO	USA	MNE	AUS	CAN	CHN
2011 Worlds	ITA	SRB	CRO	HUN	ESP	USA	MNE	GER
2012 Europeans	SRB	MNE	HUN	ITA	GER	GRE	ESP	ROU
2012 World League	CRO	ESP	ITA	USA	KAZ	CHN	AUS	BRA
2012 Olympics	CRO	ITA	SRB	MNE	HUN	ESP	AUS	USA
2013 World League	SRB	HUN	MNE	USA	RUS	CHN	JPN	BRA
2013 Worlds	HUN	MNE	CRO	ITA	ESP	GRE	SRB	AUS
2014 World League	SRB	HUN	MNE	AUS	USA	CAN	BRA	CHN
2014 World Cup	SRB	HUN	CRO	USA	AUS	KAZ	MNE	RSA
2014 Europeans	SRB	HUN	ITA	MNE	CRO	GRE	ESP	ROU
2015 World League	SRB	CRO	BRA	USA	AUS	HUN	ITA	CHN
2015 Worlds	SRB	CRO	GRE	ITA	MNE	HUN	USA	AUS
2016 Europeans	SRB	MNE	HUN	GRE	ESP	ITA	CRO	RUS
2016 Olympics	SRB	CRO	ITA	MNE	HUN	GRE	ESP	BRA
2016 World League	SRB	USA	GRE	ITA	AUS	JPN	BRA	CHN

Men – final results of the major events since 2000

2017 World League	SRB	ITA	CRO	USA	RUS	KAZ	AUS	JPN
2017 Worlds	CRO	HUN	SRB	GRE	MNE	ITA	AUS	RUS
2018 World League	MNE	HUN	ESP	JPN	CRO	AUS	USA	KAZ
2018 Europeans	SRB	ESP	CRO	ITA	GRE	MNE	RUS	HUN
2018 World Cup	HUN	AUS	SRB	GER	CRO	USA	JPN	RSA
2019 Worlds	ITA	ESP	CRO	HUN	SRB	AUS	GRE	GER
2019 World League	SRB	CRO	AUS	ESP	HUN	JPN	KAZ	CAN
2020 Europeans	HUN	ESP	MNE	CRO	SRB	ITA	GRE	RUS
2020 World League	MNE	USA	GRE	ITA	JPN	KAZ	FRA	GEO
2021 Olympics	SRB	GRE	HUN	ESP	CRO	USA	ITA	MNE
2022 Worlds	ESP	ITA	GRE	CRO	SRB	USA	HUN	MNE
2022 World League	ITA	USA	ESP	FRA	SRB	MNE	AUS	CAN
2022 Europeans	CRO	HUN	ESP	ITA	GRE	FRA	MNE	GEO
2023 Worlds	HUN	GRE	ESP	SRB	ITA	FRA	USA	MNE
2023 World Cup	ESP	ITA	USA	HUN	GRE	ROM	SRB	GER

European Championships – Medals Men (1926 – 2022)				
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
1926	Budapest / HUN	HUN	SWE	GER
1927	Bologna / ITA	HUN	FRA	BEL
1931	Paris / FRA	HUN	GER	AUT
1934	Magdeburg / GER	HUN	GER	BEL
1938	London / GBR	HUN	GER	NED
1947	Monte Carlo / MON	ITA	SWE	BEL
1950	Vienna / AUT	NED	SWE	YUG
1954	Turin / ITA	HUN	YUG	ITA
1958	Budapest / HUN	HUN	YUG	URS
1962	Leipzig / GDR	HUN	URS YUG	-
1966	Utrecht / NED	URS	GDR	YUG
1970	Barcelona / ESP	URS	HUN	YUG
1974	Vienna / AUT	HUN	URS	YUG
1977	Jonkoping / SWE	HUN	YUG	ITA
1981	Split / YUG	FRG	URS	HUN
1983	Rome / ITA	URS	HUN	ESP
1985	Sofia / BUL	URS	YUG	FRG
1987	Strasbourg / FRA	URS	YUG	ITA
1989	Bonn / FRG	FRG	YUG	ITA
1991	Athens / GRE	YUG	ESP	URS
1993	Sheffield / GBR	ITA	HUN	ESP
1995	Vienna / AUT	ITA	HUN	GER
1997	Seville / ESP	HUN	YUG	RUS
1999	Florence / ITA	HUN	CRO	ITA
2001	Budapest / HUN	YUG	ITA	HUN
2003	Kranj / SLO	SCG	CRO	HUN
2006	Belgrade / SRB	SRB	HUN	ESP
2008	Malaga / ESP	MNE	SRB	HUN
2010	Zagreb / CRO	CRO	ITA	SRB
2012	Eindhoven / NED	SRB	MNE	HUN
2014	Budapest / HUN	SRB	HUN	ITA
2016	Belgrade /SRB	SRB	MNE	HUN
2018	Barcelona / ESP	SRB	ESP	CRO
2020	Budapest / HUN	HUN	ESP	MNE
2022	Split / CRO	CRO	HUN	ESP

European Championships – Medal Table – Men (1926-2022)					
	Nations	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	HUN	13	7	6	26
2	YUG / SCG / SRB	8	9	5	22
3	URS / RUS	5	3	3	11
4	ITA	3	2	6	11
5	GER / FRG	2	3	3	8
6	CRO	2	2	1	5
7	MNE	1	2	1	4
8	NED	1	0	1	2
9	ESP	0	3	4	7
10	SWE	0	3	0	3
11	FRA	0	1	0	1
	GDR	0	1	0	1
13	BEL	0	0	3	3
14	AUT	0	0	1	1
		35	36	34	105

1962 two silver medals (YUG, URS)

World Championships – Medals – Men (1973 – 2023)				
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
1973	Belgrade / YUG	HUN	URS	YUG
1975	Cali / COL	URS	HUN	ITA
1978	Berlin / FRG	ITA	HUN	YUG
1982	Guayaquil / ECU	URS	HUN	FRG
1986	Madrid / ESP	YUG	ITA	URS
1991	Perth / AUS	YUG	ESP	HUN
1994	Rome / ITA	ITA	ESP	RUS
1998	Perth / AUS	ESP	HUN	YUG
2001	Fukuoka / JPN	ESP	YUG	RUS
2003	Barcelona / ESP	HUN	ITA	SCG
2005	Montreal / CAN	SCG	HUN	GRE
2007	Melbourne / AUS	CRO	HUN	ESP
2009	Rome / ITA	SRB	ESP	CRO
2011	Shanghai / CHN	ITA	SRB	CRO
2013	Barcelona / ESP	HUN	MNE	CRO
2015	Kazan / RUS	SRB	CRO	GRE
2017	Budapest / HUN	CRO	HUN	SRB
2019	Gwangju / KOR	ITA	ESP	CRO
2022	Budapest / HUN	ESP	ITA	GRE
2023	Fukuoka / JPN	HUN	GRE	ESP

World Championships – Medal Table – Men (1973 – 2023)					
	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	YUG / SCG / SRB	5	2	5	12
2	HUN	4	7	1	12
3	ITA	4	3	1	8
4	ESP	3	4	2	9
5	CRO	2	1	4	7
6	URS / RUS	2	1	3	6
7	GRE	0	1	3	4
8	MNE	0	1	0	1
9	FRG	0	0	1	1
		20	20	20	60

Olympic Games – Medals – Men (1900-2021)				
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
1896	Athens / GRE	not on the programme		
1900	Paris / FRA	GBR Osbourne S.C. Manchester	BEL Swim.&Waterpolo Brussels	FRA Libellule de Paris
1904	St. Louis / USA*	USA New York A.C.	USA Chicago A.C.	USA Missouri A.C.
1908	London / GBR	GBR	BEL	SWE
1912	Stockholm / SWE	GBR	SWE	BEL
1920	Antwerp / BEL	GBR	BEL	SWE
1924	Paris / FRA	FRA	BEL	USA
1928	Amsterdam / NED	GER	HUN	FRA
1932	Los Angeles / USA	HUN	GER	USA
1936	Berlin / GER	HUN	GER	BEL
1948	London / GBR	ITA	HUN	NED
1952	Helsinki / FIN	HUN	YUG	ITA
1956	Melbourne / AUS	HUN	YUG	URS
1960	Rome / ITA	ITA	URS	HUN
1964	Tokyo / JPN	HUN	YUG	URS
1968	Mexico City / MEX	YUG	URS	HUN
1972	Munich / GER	URS	HUN	USA
1976	Montreal / CAN	HUN	ITA	NED
1980	Moscow / RUS	URS	YUG	HUN
1984	Los Angeles / USA	YUG	USA	FRG
1988	Seoul / KOR	YUG	USA	URS
1992	Barcelona / ESP	ITA	ESP	EUN
1996	Atlanta / USA	ESP	CRO	ITA
2000	Sydney / AUS	HUN	RUS	YUG
2004	Athens / GRE	HUN	SCG	RUS
2008	Beijing / CHN	HUN	USA	SRB
2012	London / GBR	CRO	ITA	SRB
2016	Rio de Janeiro / BRA	SRB	CRO	ITA
2021	Tokyo / JPN	SRB	GRE	HUN

* only USA club teams were present

Olympic Games – Medal Table – Men (1900-2021)					
	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	HUN	9	3	4	16
2	YUG / SCG / SRB	5	5	3	13
3	GBR	4	0	0	4
4	ITA	3	2	3	8
5	URS / EUN / RUS	2	3	5	10
6	USA	1	4	4	9
7	GER / FRG	1	2	1	4
8	CRO	1	2	0	3
9	ESP	1	1	0	2
10	FRA	1	0	2	3
11	BEL	0	4	2	6
12	SWE	0	1	2	3
13	GRE	0	1	0	1
14	NED	0	0	2	2
		28	28	28	84

FINA Men's Water Polo World Cup – Medal Table – Medals (1979-2023)				
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
1979	Rijeka/Belgrade / YUG	HUN	USA	YUG
1981	Long Beach / USA	URS	YUG	CUB
1983	Malibu / USA	URS	FRG	ITA
1985	Duisburg / FRG	FRG	USA	ESP
1987	Thessaloniki / GRE	YUG	URS	FRG
1989	Berlin / FRG	YUG	ITA	HUN
1991	Barcelona / ESP	USA	YUG	ESP
1993	Athens / GRE	ITA	HUN	AUS
1995	Atlanta / USA	HUN	ITA	RUS
1997	Athens / GRE	USA	GRE	HUN
1999	Sydney / AUS	HUN	ITA	ESP
2002	Belgrade / YUG	RUS	HUN	YUG
2006	Budapest / HUN	SCG	HUN	ESP
2010	Oradea / ROU	SRB	CRO	ESP
2014	Almaty / KAZ	SRB	HUN	CRO
2018	Berlin / GER	HUN	AUS	SRB
2023	Los Angeles / USA	ESP	ITA	USA

FINA Men's Water Polo World Cup – Medal Table (1979-2023)					
	Nations	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	YUG / SCG / SRB	5	2	3	10
2	HUN	4	4	2	10
3	URS / RUS	3	1	1	5
4	USA	2	2	1	5
5	ITA	1	4	1	6
6	FRG	1	1	1	3
7	ESP	1	0	5	5
8	CRO	0	1	1	2
	AUS	0	1	1	2
10	GRE	0	1	0	1
11	CUB	0	0	1	1
		17	17	17	51

FINA Men's Water Polo World League – Medals (2002 – 2022)				
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
2002	Patras / GRE	RUS	ESP	HUN
2003	New York / USA	HUN	ITA	USA
2004	Long Beach / USA	HUN	SCG	GRE
2005	Belgrade / SCG	SCG	HUN	GER
2006	Athens / GRE	SCG	ESP	GRE
2007	Berlin / GER	SRB	HUN	AUS
2008	Genoa / ITA	SRB	USA	AUS
2009	Podgorica / MNE	MNE	CRO	SRB
2010	Nis / SRB	SRB	MNE	CRO
2011	Florence / ITA	SRB	ITA	CRO
2012	Almaty / KAZ	CRO	ESP	ITA
2013	Chelyabinsk / RUS	SRB	HUN	MNE
2014	Dubai / UAE	SRB	HUN	MNE
2015	Bergamo / ITA	SRB	CRO	BRA
2016	Huizhou / CHN	SRB	USA	GRE
2017	Ruza / RUS	SRB	ITA	CRO
2018	Budapest / HUN	MNE	HUN	ESP
2019	Belgrade / SRB	SRB	CRO	AUS
2020	Tbilisi / GEO	MNE	USA	GRE
2022	Strasbourg / FRA	ITA	USA	ESP

FINA Men's Water Polo World League – Medal Table – Men (2002 – 2022)					
	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	SCG / SRB	12	1	1	14
2	MNE	3	1	2	6
3	HUN	2	5	1	8
4	CRO	1	3	3	7
5	ITA	1	3	1	5
6	RUS	1	0	0	1
7	ESP	0	3	2	5
8	USA	0	4	1	5
9	GRE	0	0	4	4
10	AUS	0	0	3	3
11	BRA	0	0	1	1
	GER	0	0	1	1
		20	20	20	60

In October 2022, FINA announced that the tournament would be replaced with the FINA Men's Water Polo World Cup

European Championships – Medal Table – Overall Men + Women (1926-2022)					
	Nations	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	HUN	16	12	12	40
2	YUG / SCG / SRB	8	9	5	22
3	URS / RUS	8	6	6	20
4	ITA	8	4	9	21
5	NED	6	4	4	14
6	ESP	3	4	5	11
7	GER / FRG	2	3	4	9
8	CRO	2	2	1	5
8	MNE	1	2	1	4
10	GRE	0	4	0	4
11	SWE	0	3	0	3
12	FRA	0	1	2	3
13	GDR	0	1	0	1
14	BEL	0	0	3	3
15	AUT	0	0	1	1
		54	55	53	162

1962 two silver medals (YUG, URS)

World Championships – Medal Table – Overall / Men + Women (1973 – 2023)					
	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	USA	7	1	2	10
2	HUN	6	9	2	17
3	ITA	6	4	4	14
4	YUG / SCG / SRB	5	2	5	12
5	ESP	4	7	2	13
6	NED	2	4	1	7
7	URS / RUS	2	1	8	11
8	CRO	2	1	4	7
9	AUS	1	2	2	5
10	GRE	1	1	3	5
11	CAN	0	2	2	4
12	CHN	0	1	0	1
12	MNE	0	1	0	1
14	FRG	0	0	1	1
		36	36	36	108

Olympic Games – Medal Table – Overall / Men + Women (1900-2021)					
	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	HUN	9	3	5	17
2	YUG / SCG / SRB	5	5	3	13
3	USA	4	6	5	15
4	ITA	4	3	3	10
5	GBR	4	0	0	4
6	URS / EUN / RUS	2	3	7	12
7	ESP	1	3	0	4
8	GER / FRG	1	2	1	4
9	CRO	1	2	0	3
10	AUS	1	0	2	3
10	FRA	1	0	2	3
10	NED	1	0	2	3
13	BEL	0	4	2	6
14	GRE	0	2	0	2
15	SWE	0	1	2	3
		34	34	34	102



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