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## WELCOME MESSAGE BY THE LEN PRESIDENT

**Dear Friends,**

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

Before 7 October, we were all looking forwards to travelling 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 ahead to Eindhoven, we are very excited that our top event for European nations for the women's event is taking place in the Netherlands, where the women's team is one of the best in the world, let alone Europe. The facility itself, the state-of-the-art Pieter van den Hoogenband Complex, is outstanding, and not only hosted the European Aquatics Championships in 2008 and short course in 2010, but hosted the European Water Polo Championships in 2012

Now the women's event will head back to this wonderful pool and we can all look forward to it showcasing what has become the fastest growing branch of water polo. The women's game is making new converts across our continent and European Aquatics is confident that Eindhoven will mark a new chapter in the sport's development.

We can already see the great efforts made by the Royal Dutch Swimming Federation to find ways to promote and market this event in creative ways so as to attract the maximum number of spectators to the venue, as well as following on digital platforms.

I would like to warmly thank all the sport bodies, political authorities and sponsor partners who have committed to making the championships a success and also to give a special thank you for 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 Eindhoven between 5 and 13 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.

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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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 eight place.

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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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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** (9<sup>th</sup> place in Split 2022) and **Romania** (11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>. Turkey finished on 12<sup>th</sup> place in 2016 and 2018.

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

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## Road to Paris ...

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

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### 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

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

... **DATE:** The 36<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> winter edition.

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## ...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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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... **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 waterpolo 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 waterpolo 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 1<sup>st</sup> place, 30.000 Euro for 2<sup>nd</sup> place and 20.000 Euro for 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>
- 2007 and 2017 World Champion; 2015 World silver medallist; 2009, 2011, 2013 + 2019 World bronze medallist; 2022 Worlds 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Worlds 9<sup>th</sup>
- 2010 and 2022 European Champion; 1999 and 2003 European silver medallist; 2018 European bronze medallist, 2020 European 4<sup>th</sup>
- 2012 World League winner; 2009, 2015, 2019 World League runner-up; 2010, 2011, 2017 World League 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 2010 World Cup runner-up; 2014 World Cup 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Greece

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

#### 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 World 7<sup>th</sup>
- 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 8<sup>th</sup>
- 2003 and 2004 World League winner; 2005, 2007, 2013, 2014 and 2018 World League runner-up; 2002 World League 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 1979, 1995, 1999 + 2018 World Cup champion; 1993, 2002, 2006 + 2014 WC runner-up; 1989 + 1997 WC 3<sup>rd</sup>; 2023 World Cup 4<sup>th</sup>

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## 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 7<sup>th</sup>
- 1978, 1994, 2011 + 2019 World champion; 1986, 2003 and 2022 World silver medallist; 1975 World bronze medallist, 2023 World 5<sup>th</sup>
- 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 4<sup>th</sup>; 2020 European 6<sup>th</sup>
- 2022 World League winner, 2003, 2011 and 2017 World League runner-up; 2012 World League 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 1993 World Cup champion; 1989, 1995, 1999 and 2023 World Cup runner-up; 1983 World Cup 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Montenegro

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

### 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 4<sup>th</sup>; 2019 and 2022 World 5<sup>th</sup>
- 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 European 9<sup>th</sup>
- 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 3<sup>rd</sup>; 2023 World Cup 7<sup>th</sup>

### Spain

- 1996 Olympic Champion, 1992 Olympic silver medallist, 2021 Olympic 4<sup>th</sup>
- 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 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 2023 World Cup champion; 1985, 1991, 1999, 2006 and 2010 World Cup 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

#### Hungary

- 2021 Olympic bronze medallist; 2008, 2012 and 2016 Olympic 4<sup>th</sup>; 2004 Olympic 6<sup>th</sup>
- 1994 and 2005 World champion; 2001 and 2022 World silver medallist; 2013 World bronze medallist; 2019 World 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 World 6<sup>th</sup>
- 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 European 5<sup>th</sup>
- 2004 World League runner-up
- 2002 World Cup champion; 1988 World Cup runner-up; 1989, 1993 and 1995 World Cup 3<sup>rd</sup>; 2023 World Cup 4<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Netherlands

- 2008 Olympic Champion; 2000 Olympic 4<sup>th</sup>; 2021 Olympic 6<sup>th</sup>
- 1991 and 2023 World champion; 1986, 1994, 1998 and 2015 World silver medallist; 2022 World bronze medallist; 2019 World 7<sup>th</sup>
- 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 4<sup>th</sup>
- 2018 World League runner-up; 2015 World League 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 World League 4<sup>th</sup>
- 1980, 1983, 1988, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1997 and 1999 World Cup champion; 2023 World Cup runner-up

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### Favourites 2024 - Women:

#### Spain

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

### Delegates & Referees

#### European Aquatics Technical Delegates and Referees:

All members of the TWPC, TWPC Subcommittee for Development of Women Water Polo, and official Referees are appointed as follows:

|                         | MEN'S COMPETITION  |   | WOMEN'S COMPETITION  |
|-------------------------|--|---|--|
|                         | Zagreb   | Dubrovnik   | Eindhoven  |
| <b>Delegates</b>        | Mr. Angel Moliner (ESP)<br>Mr. Milivoj Bebic (CRO)<br>Mr. Paulo Ramos (POR)<br>Mr. Marijo Brguljan (MNE)<br>from 14.01. Mr. Dejan Perisic (SRB)<br>from 16.01. Mr. Tamas Molnar (HUN)                                      | Mr. Tamas Molnar (HUN)<br>Mr. Alexander Bitadze (GEO)<br>Mr. Nikolaos Stavropoulos (GRE)<br>Mr. Gadi Schwartz (ISR)   | Mr. Dejan Perisic (SRB)<br>Mr. Jacques Racine (SUI)<br>Mr. Andy Hoepelman (NED)<br>Mr. Mark Koganov (AZE)<br>Mr. Mihai Simion (ROU)<br>Mr. Roberto Petronilli (ITA)<br>Ms. Aysem Ozalp (TUR)<br>Ms. Stavroula Kozompoli (GRE)<br>Mr. Matjaz Rakovec (SLO)  |
| <b>Referees</b>         | Mr. Tomislav Copic (CRO)<br>Mr. Pau Segurana (ESP)<br>Mr. Julien Bourges (FRA)<br>Mr. Sinisa Matijasevic (MNE)<br>Mr. Rik Evers (NED)<br>Mr. Adrian Alexandrescu (ROU)<br>Mr. Boris Margeta (SLO)<br>Mr. Petar Radic (SVK) | Mr. Levan Berishvili (GEO)<br>Mr. Hendrik Schopp (GER)<br>Mr. Georgios Stavridis (GRE)<br>Mr. Tamas Kovacs Cs. (HUN)<br>Mr. Tal Shildan (ISR)<br>Mr. Raffaele Colombo (ITA)<br>Mr. Massimo Angileri (MLT)<br>Mr. Vojin Putnikovic (SRB) | Mr. Aleksandar Nestorov (BUL)<br>Ms. Sara Kontek (CRO)<br>Mr. Ivo Mares (CZE)<br>Ms. Marta Cabanas (ESP)<br>Ms. Anne Grandin (FRA)<br>Mr. Maxim Gerasimov (GBR)<br>Mr. Philip Uhlig (GER)<br>Ms. Maria Daskalopoulou (GRE)<br>Ms. Nora Debreceni (HUN)<br>Mr. Matan Schwartz (ISR)<br>Ms. Alessia Ferrari (ITA)<br>Ms. Diana Dutilh Dumas (NED)<br>Ms. Ioana Prodan Feica (ROU)<br>Ms. Ivanka Rakovic Krstonosic (SRB)<br>Ms. Martina Kunikova (SVK)<br>Ms. Ilkin Cakmakoglu (TUR) |
| <b>Neutral Referees</b> | Mr. Ruben Garcia (SUI)   | Mr. Eurico Silva (POR)  | Mr. Radoslaw Koryzna (POL)<br>Mr. Vyacheslav Byelyevtsov (UKR)   |

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### 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)       |

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## 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) |

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## Women – final results of the major events since 2000

|                   | 1.  | 2.  | 3.  | 4.  | 5.  | 6.  | 7.  | 8.  |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 2000 Olympics     | AUS | USA | RUS | NED | CAN | KAZ |     |     |
| 2001 Europeans    | HUN | ITA | RUS | GRE | NED | ESP | GER | FRA |
| 2001 Worlds       | ITA | HUN | CAN | USA | AUS | RUS | GRE | KAZ |
| 2002 World Cup    | HUN | USA | CAN | RUS | ITA | AUS | GRE | KAZ |
| 2003 Worlds       | USA | ITA | RUS | CAN | NED | HUN | ESP | AUS |
| 2003 Europeans    | ITA | HUN | RUS | NED | GRE | ESP | GER | SLO |
| 2004 World League | USA | HUN | ITA | RUS | CAN | GRE | AUS | KAZ |
| 2004 Olympics     | ITA | GRE | USA | AUS | RUS | HUN | CAN | KAZ |
| 2005 Worlds       | HUN | USA | CAN | RUS | GRE | AUS | ITA | GER |
| 2005 World League | GRE | RUS | AUS | HUN | USA | CAN | NED | ITA |
| 2006 World Cup    | AUS | ITA | RUS | USA | HUN | GRE | CAN | CHN |
| 2006 World League | USA | ITA | RUS | AUS | NED | CAN |     |     |
| 2006 Europeans    | RUS | ITA | HUN | ESP | NED | GRE | GER | SRB |
| 2007 Worlds       | USA | AUS | RUS | HUN | ITA | CAN | ESP | GRE |
| 2007 World League | USA | AUS | GRE | CAN | ESP | CHN |     |     |
| 2008 World League | RUS | USA | AUS | CAN | CHN | ESP |     |     |
| 2008 Europeans    | RUS | ESP | HUN | ITA | NED | GRE | GER | FRA |
| 2008 Olympics     | NED | USA | AUS | HUN | CHN | ITA | RUS | GRE |
| 2009 World League | USA | CAN | AUS | ESP | CHN | RUS | GRE | ITA |
| 2009 Worlds       | USA | CAN | RUS | GRE | NED | AUS | HUN | ESP |
| 2010 World League | USA | AUS | GRE | RUS | CHN | HUN | NED | CAN |
| 2010 World Cup    | USA | AUS | CHN | RUS | CAN | HUN | GRE | NZL |
| 2010 Europeans    | RUS | GRE | NED | ITA | HUN | ESP | GER | CRO |
| 2011 World League | USA | ITA | AUS | CHN | RUS | CAN | GRE | ESP |
| 2011 Worlds       | GRE | CHN | RUS | ITA | AUS | USA | NED | CAN |
| 2012 Europeans    | ITA | GRE | HUN | RUS | ESP | NED | GBR | GER |
| 2012 World League | USA | AUS | GRE | CHN | RUS | GER | CAN | ITA |
| 2012 Olympics     | USA | ESP | AUS | HUN | CHN | RUS | ITA | GBR |
| 2013 World League | CHN | RUS | USA | HUN | ESP | ITA | CAN | AUS |
| 2013 Worlds       | ESP | AUS | HUN | RUS | USA | GRE | NED | CAN |
| 2014 World League | USA | ITA | AUS | CHN | ESP | CAN | RUS | BRA |
| 2014 World Cup    | USA | AUS | ESP | CHN | HUN | RUS | RSA | SIN |
| 2014 Europeans    | ESP | NED | HUN | ITA | RUS | GRE | FRA | GBR |
| 2015 World League | USA | AUS | NED | CHN | RUS | CAN | ITA | BRA |
| 2015 Worlds       | USA | NED | ITA | AUS | CHN | GRE | ESP | RUS |
| 2016 Europeans    | HUN | NED | ITA | ESP | GRE | RUS | FRA | GER |
| 2016 Olympics     | USA | ITA | RUS | HUN | ESP | AUS | CHN | BRA |
| 2016 World League | USA | ESP | AUS | CHN | ITA | RUS | CAN | BRA |
| 2017 World League | USA | CAN | RUS | HUN | NED | CHN | AUS | JPN |
| 2017 Worlds       | USA | ESP | RUS | CAN | HUN | ITA | GRE | AUS |

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## Women – final results of the major events since 2000

|                          |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| <b>2018 World League</b> | USA | NED | RUS | CAN | ESP | CHN | AUS | JPN |
| <b>2018 Europeans</b>    | NED | GRE | ESP | HUN | RUS | ITA | FRA | GER |
| <b>2018 World Cup</b>    | USA | RUS | AUS | ESP | CHN | CAN | NZL | RSA |
| <b>2019 Worlds</b>       | USA | ESP | AUS | HUN | RUS | ITA | NED | GRE |
| <b>2019 World League</b> | USA | ITA | RUS | NED | AUS | HUN | CAN | CHN |
| <b>2020 Europeans</b>    | ESP | RUS | HUN | NED | ITA | GRE | FRA | SVK |
| <b>2020 World League</b> | USA | HUN | RUS | CAN | ESP | GER | JPN | KAZ |
| <b>2021 Olympics</b>     | USA | ESP | HUN | ROC | AUS | NED | CAN | CHN |
| <b>2022 Worlds</b>       | USA | HUN | NED | ITA | ESP | AUS | GRE | FRA |
| <b>2022 Europeans</b>    | ESP | GRE | ITA | NED | HUN | ISR | FRA | CRO |
| <b>2022 World League</b> | ESP | HUN | USA | NED | ITA | AUS | CAN | NZL |
| <b>2023 Worlds</b>       | NED | ESP | ITA | AUS | USA | HUN | CAN | GRE |
| <b>2023 World Cup</b>    | USA | NED | ESP | HUN | GRE | ITA | ISR | NZL |

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### Medals European Championships – Women (1985 – 2022)

|      |                  | Gold | Silver | Bronze |
|------|------------------|------|--------|--------|
| 1985 | Oslo / NOR       | NED  | HUN    | FRG    |
| 1987 | Strasbourg / FRA | NED  | HUN    | FRA    |
| 1989 | Bonn / FRG       | NED  | HUN    | FRA    |
| 1991 | Athens / GRE     | HUN  | NED    | ITA    |
| 1993 | Leeds / GBR      | NED  | RUS    | HUN    |
| 1995 | Vienna / AUT     | ITA  | HUN    | NED    |
| 1997 | Seville / ESP    | ITA  | RUS    | NED    |
| 1999 | Prato / ITA      | ITA  | NED    | RUS    |
| 2001 | Budapest / HUN   | HUN  | ITA    | RUS    |
| 2003 | Ljubljana / SLO  | ITA  | HUN    | RUS    |
| 2006 | Belgrade / SRB   | RUS  | ITA    | HUN    |
| 2008 | Malaga / ESP     | RUS  | ESP    | HUN    |
| 2010 | Zagreb / CRO     | RUS  | GRE    | NED    |
| 2012 | Eindhoven / NED  | ITA  | GRE    | HUN    |
| 2014 | Budapest / HUN   | ESP  | NED    | HUN    |
| 2016 | Belgrade / SRB   | HUN  | NED    | ITA    |
| 2018 | Barcelona / ESP  | NED  | GRE    | ESP    |
| 2020 | Budapest / HUN   | ESP  | RUS    | HUN    |
| 2022 | Split / CRO      | ESP  | GRE    | ITA    |

### European Championships – Medal Table – Women (1985-2022)

|   | Nations | Gold      | Silver    | Bronze    | Total     |
|---|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | NED     | 5         | 4         | 3         | 12        |
| 2 | ITA     | 5         | 2         | 3         | 10        |
| 3 | HUN     | 3         | 5         | 6         | 14        |
| 4 | RUS     | 3         | 3         | 3         | 9         |
| 5 | ESP     | 3         | 1         | 1         | 5         |
| 6 | GRE     | 0         | 4         | 0         | 4         |
| 7 | FRA     | 0         | 0         | 2         | 2         |
| 8 | FRG     | 0         | 0         | 1         | 1         |
|   |         | <b>19</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>57</b> |

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### World Championships – Medals – Women (1986 – 2023)

|      |                 | Gold | Silver | Bronze |
|------|-----------------|------|--------|--------|
| 1986 | Madrid / ESP    | AUS  | NED    | USA    |
| 1991 | Perth / AUS     | NED  | CAN    | USA    |
| 1994 | Rome / ITA      | HUN  | NED    | ITA    |
| 1998 | Perth / AUS     | ITA  | NED    | AUS    |
| 2001 | Fukuoka / JPN   | ITA  | HUN    | CAN    |
| 2003 | Barcelona / ESP | USA  | ITA    | RUS    |
| 2005 | Montreal / CAN  | HUN  | USA    | CAN    |
| 2007 | Melbourne / AUS | USA  | AUS    | RUS    |
| 2009 | Rome / ITA      | USA  | CAN    | RUS    |
| 2011 | Shanghai / CHN  | GRE  | CHN    | RUS    |
| 2013 | Barcelona / ESP | ESP  | AUS    | HUN    |
| 2015 | Kazan / RUS     | USA  | NED    | ITA    |
| 2017 | Budapest / HUN  | USA  | ESP    | RUS    |
| 2019 | Gwangju / KOR   | USA  | ESP    | AUS    |
| 2022 | Budapest / HUN  | USA  | HUN    | NED    |
| 2023 | Fukuoka / JPN   | NED  | ESP    | ITA    |

### World Championships – Medal Table – Women (1986 – 2023)

|    | Nation | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
|----|--------|------|--------|--------|-------|
| 1  | USA    | 7    | 1      | 2      | 10    |
| 2  | NED    | 2    | 4      | 1      | 7     |
| 3  | HUN    | 2    | 2      | 1      | 5     |
| 4  | ITA    | 2    | 1      | 3      | 6     |
| 5  | ESP    | 1    | 3      | 0      | 4     |
| 6  | AUS    | 1    | 2      | 2      | 5     |
| 7  | GRE    | 1    | 0      | 0      | 1     |
| 8  | CAN    | 0    | 2      | 2      | 4     |
| 9  | CHN    | 0    | 1      | 0      | 1     |
| 10 | RUS    | 0    | 0      | 5      | 5     |
|    |        | 16   | 16     | 16     | 48    |

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| Olympic Games – Medals – Women (2000-2021) |                      |      |        |        |
|--|----------------------|------|--------|--------|
|  |                      | Gold | Silver | Bronze |
| 2000                                       | Sydney / AUS         | AUS  | USA    | RUS    |
| 2004                                       | Athens / GRE         | ITA  | GRE    | USA    |
| 2008                                       | Beijing / CHN        | NED  | USA    | AUS    |
| 2012                                       | London / GBR         | USA  | ESP    | AUS    |
| 2016                                       | Rio de Janeiro / BRA | USA  | ITA    | RUS    |
| 2021                                       | Tokyo / JPN          | USA  | ESP    | HUN    |

| Olympic Games – Medal Table – Women (2000-2021) |        |      |        |        |       |
|---|--------|------|--------|--------|-------|
|   | Nation | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
| 1   | USA    | 3    | 2      | 1      | 6     |
| 2   | ITA    | 1    | 1      | 0      | 2     |
| 3   | AUS    | 1    | 0      | 2      | 3     |
| 4   | NED    | 1    | 0      | 0      | 1     |
| 5   | ESP    | 0    | 2      | 0      | 2     |
| 6   | GRE    | 0    | 1      | 0      | 1     |
| 7   | RUS    | 0    | 0      | 2      | 2     |
| 8   | HUN    | 0    | 0      | 1      | 1     |
|   |        | 6    | 6      | 6      | 18    |

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| FINA Women's Water Polo World Cup – Medals (1979-2023) |                         |      |        |        |
|--|-------------------------|------|--------|--------|
|  |                         | Gold | Silver | Bronze |
| 1979   | Merced / USA            | USA  | NED    | AUS    |
| 1980   | Breda / NED             | NED  | USA    | CAN    |
| 1981   | Brisbane / AUS          | CAN  | NED    | AUS    |
| 1983   | Sainte Foy Quebec / CAN | NED  | USA    | AUS    |
| 1984   | Irvine / USA            | AUS  | USA    | NED    |
| 1988   | Christchurch / NZL      | NED  | HUN    | CAN    |
| 1989   | Eindhoven / NED         | NED  | USA    | HUN    |
| 1991   | Long Beach / USA        | NED  | AUS    | USA    |
| 1993   | Catania / ITA           | NED  | ITA    | HUN    |
| 1995   | Sydney / AUS            | AUS  | NED    | HUN    |
| 1997   | Nancy / FRA             | NED  | RUS    | AUS    |
| 1999   | Winnipeg / CAN          | NED  | AUS    | ITA    |
| 2002   | Perth / AUS             | HUN  | USA    | CAN    |
| 2006   | Tianjin / CHN           | AUS  | ITA    | RUS    |
| 2010   | Christchurch / NZL      | USA  | AUS    | CHN    |
| 2014   | Khanty-Mansiysk / RUS   | USA  | AUS    | ESP    |
| 2018   | Surgut / RUS            | USA  | RUS    | AUS    |
| 2023   | Long Beach / USA        | USA  | NED    | ESP    |

| FINA Women's Water Polo World Cup – Medal table (1979-2023) |         |      |        |        |       |
|---|---------|------|--------|--------|-------|
|   | Nations | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
| 1   | NED     | 8    | 4      | 1      | 13    |
| 2   | USA     | 5    | 5      | 1      | 11    |
| 3   | AUS     | 3    | 4      | 5      | 12    |
| 4   | HUN     | 1    | 1      | 3      | 5     |
| 5   | CAN     | 1    | 0      | 3      | 4     |
| 6   | ITA     | 0    | 2      | 1      | 3     |
|   | RUS     | 0    | 2      | 1      | 3     |
| 8   | ESP     | 0    | 0      | 2      | 2     |
| 9   | CHN     | 0    | 0      | 1      | 1     |
|   |         | 18   | 18     | 18     | 54    |

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| FINA Women's Water Polo World League – Medals (2004 – 2022) |                              |      |        |        |
|---|------------------------------|------|--------|--------|
|   |                              | Gold | Silver | Bronze |
| 2004  | Long Beach / USA             | USA  | HUN    | ITA    |
| 2005  | Kirishi / RUS                | GRE  | RUS    | AUS    |
| 2006  | Cosenza / ITA                | USA  | ITA    | RUS    |
| 2007  | Montreal / CAN               | USA  | AUS    | GRE    |
| 2008  | Santa Cruz / ESP             | RUS  | USA    | AUS    |
| 2009  | Kirishi / RUS                | USA  | CAN    | AUS    |
| 2010  | San Diego / USA              | USA  | AUS    | GRE    |
| 2011  | Tianjin / CHN                | USA  | ITA    | AUS    |
| 2012  | Changshu / CHN               | USA  | AUS    | GRE    |
| 2013  | Beijing / CHN                | CHN  | RUS    | USA    |
| 2014  | Kunshan / CHN                | USA  | ITA    | AUS    |
| 2015  | Shanghai / CHN               | USA  | AUS    | NED    |
| 2016  | Shanghai / CHN               | USA  | ESP    | AUS    |
| 2017  | Shanghai / CHN               | USA  | CAN    | RUS    |
| 2018  | Kunshan / CHN                | USA  | NED    | RUS    |
| 2019  | Budapest / HUN               | USA  | ITA    | RUS    |
| 2020  | Athens / GRE                 | USA  | HUN    | RUS    |
| 2022  | Santa Cruz de Tenerife / ESP | ESP  | HUN    | USA    |

| FINA Women's Water Polo World League – Medal Table (2004 – 2022) |        |      |        |        |       |
|--|--------|------|--------|--------|-------|
|  | Nation | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
| 1  | USA    | 14   | 1      | 2      | 17    |
| 2  | RUS    | 1    | 2      | 5      | 8     |
| 3  | ESP    | 1    | 1      | 0      | 2     |
| 4  | GRE    | 1    | 0      | 3      | 4     |
| 5  | CHN    | 1    | 0      | 0      | 1     |
| 6  | AUS    | 0    | 4      | 6      | 10    |
| 7  | ITA    | 0    | 4      | 1      | 5     |
| 8  | HUN    | 0    | 3      | 0      | 3     |
| 9  | CAN    | 0    | 2      | 0      | 2     |
| 10   | NED    | 0    | 1      | 1      | 2     |
|  |        | 18   | 18     | 18     | 54    |

In October 2022, FINA announced that the tournament would be replaced with the FINA Women's Water Polo World Cup from 2023 on



### 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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