

## WATER POLO FACT FILE

**MINIMUM AGE LIMIT;** 30 years

**AGE DETERMINING DATE;** The actual age of the competitor as of 31 December 2010.

**TEAM EVENTS;** Men club teams and Women club teams. Women may be members of men's teams.

**TEAM AGE GROUP;** The age of the youngest member of the team determines the age group of the team. There are no restrictions on the ages of players older than the youngest player on the team. Age groups for teams, both men and women, are at five-year intervals beginning with 30. i.e. 30+, 35+, 40+ 45+, and five year increments as high as necessary. Women players may be members of men's teams. If there are fewer than three teams entered in an age group, they will be offered the opportunity to compete in the next youngest age group.

**TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES;** Training opportunities will be available at the championships pools on the three days preceding the first day of competition (Sunday, 25 July to Tuesday, 27 July, 2010). Requests for training may be made by written request prior to arrival, or on arrival at the competitor registration desk for water polo. During competition warm up will be available at the outdoor pool. Further training opportunities may be available during competition, depending on the number of entries received. These additional opportunities will be announced at the technical meeting.

**TECHNICAL MEETING;** There will be a technical meeting for coaches and managers/team representatives on Tuesday, 27 July, 2010 at 15.00 pm, in the Borås Swimming Arena, Borås. All teams should have completed the reconfirmation of their team entries prior to the time of the meeting.

**COMPETITION DATES;** Wednesday, 28 July to Friday, 6 August, 2010

**COMPETITION SCHEDULE;** The schedule for the competition will be provided on the internet as soon as possible following the close of entries 22 May, 2010. This will also be provided at the information centre in the Borås Swimming Arena.

**COMPETITION FORMAT;** The competition format will depend on the number of teams entered in each age group. If there are fewer than three teams entered in an age group, the teams will be contacted to determine if they are willing to play in the next youngest age group. If the teams are not willing to play in that age group a refund will be issued. The competition schedules will be confirmed after the close of entries.

**COMPETITION VENUES;** The new built indoor Borås Swimming Arena , length 50 meter, width 25 meter, depth 1,8-2,0 meter, with two (2) courses (23,5m x 20m) and the outdoor swimming pool, length 50 meter, width 20 meter, depth 1,2 -2,5 meter will be used. The outdoor pool will have a bulkhead at 25 meter given one (1) course 23,5 m x 20m and depth 1,8-2,5m. The rest of the outdoor pool will be used for warm up. The indoor pool is where the finals are going to be held. The indoor and outdoor pools are in the same area, adjacent to each other. All pools and competition courses used will conform to FINA rule MWP 5 (see latest FINA rules). Electronic timing will be used during competition.

**EQUIPMENT;** Teams will be responsible for providing their own practice and warm up water polo balls. The Organising Committee will provide the competition match balls, which will be the official FINA water polo ball. Game caps will be available, but teams may use their own caps, provided the numbers on the caps conform to FINA rule WP 4 and are 0.10 meter in height. Note MWP 5 provides for a list of up to 15 players in masters water polo, all players listed on the final roster are eligible to play in the competition.

**RULES AND COMPOSITION OF TEAM;** FINA Masters Water Polo latest rules apply to this competition. Please ensure that the composition of a team complies with MWP 4 and the numbers of players complies with MWP 5.

For example a team may list up to 15 players on their team entry form to participate in any game of this tournament. i.e. seven players and up to 8 reserves. Women players may be members of a men's team. A player may only represent one club in the competition and all players must be registered with the same club. However a player may represent that club on two teams but in this case each of the teams must have nine players that are only on the roster for that team.

**ENTRY PROCEDURE AND FEES;**

To be eligible for the competition each water polo player must complete an individual registration and pay the individual registration fee of SEK 375:- and the team must pay the registration fee of SEK 2440:-. A nominated coach, Manager/team representative must submit the fully completed Team Sheet for entry into the competition, before the latest day stated for entries. Changes on the Team Sheet are not allowed after the nominated coach, manager/team leader has reconfirmed the entries prior to the technical meeting on Tuesday, 27 July, 2010 at 15.00 pm. Note that accreditation can be made for all attending the Water Polo competition at Borås Swimming Arena.

Information of submitting Referee from the teams will be addressed later.

**RECONFIRMATION;** Prior to the technical meeting on Tuesday, 27 July, 2010 at 15.00 pm all teams shall reconfirm all changes to their Team Sheet. This could be done over the internet or at the designated point in Borås Swimming Arena.

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

**MEDALS;** Medals will be awarded 1st to 3rd place in each age group (each player on the team and a coach will receive a medal)

**OTHER;** No one may smoke in the water polo venues, includes surrounding areas.

