

11th CMAS

Underwater Rugby World Championships

25.07. to 03.08.2019, Graz – Austria

Dear friends,

The Austrian Divers Federation wants to invite you to participate at the 11th CMAS Underwater Rugby World Championships 2019 in Graz – Austria. We kindly ask you to return the final entry form (Annex 1) and the hotel booking form (Annex 2) by:

24th of April 2019

Please notice, that **no registration will be accepted after 24th of April 2019** and the registration is complete only after receipt of the payment. Entry fee and 100% of the hotel booking must be paid by **24th of April 2019**.

1. Governing body: C.M.A.S.

Hosting federation: Austrian Divers Federation – Tauchsportverband Österreichs

2. Valid Procedures and Rules:

CMAS UNDERWATER RUGBY INTERNATIONAL RULES, Version September 2017
PROCEDURES AND OBLIGATIONS FOR THE ORGANISATION OF CMAS
COMPETITIONS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS, Version 2014/1
Additional rules and regulations are stated in point 21.

3. Protest:

Written protest must be turned in to the jury of the tournament within 30 min after the end of the game. Protest fee is € 100,00
Protests will be handled by the tournament jury.

4. Team Composition

According to the CMAS rules, chapter 2.2.1, a team may nominate of a maximum of 15 players, six in the water, six exchange players and three reserves.

A team may consist of less than 15 players, but must have a minimum of six players at the start of any match.

Once nominated, the team composition of a maximum of 15 players may not be changed. No new reserve players may be nominated after the tournament has started. All players have to be registered online at the CMAS website.

5. Referees:

International referees will be refereeing the championships. CMAS Chief Referee for

Underwater Rugby (nomination will follow shortly) will do the selection of referees.

6. Exclusion of liability :

Participation in the World Championship takes place at the participants own responsibility.

The hosting federation cannot accept liability for personal or material damages.

7. Venue:

Auster Sport- und Wellnessbad Graz Eggenberg
Janzgasse 21
8020 Graz
Austria

Field dimensions:

Length : 16 m

Width : 9 m

Depth : 4 m

Exchange area : 2.5 m

Water temperature : 26 °C

To shorten the playing area, an artificial wall (height: 4m, width: 3m length: 17m) will be installed in the pool. This wall will act as the exchange area on one side of the field.

Warm up area :

Length : 25 m

Width : 30 m

Depth : 2.4 m

Water temperature : 26 °C

Food is absolutely forbidden in the whole inside area including the locker rooms.

The only exception is the restaurant. You will find the restaurant's menu attached to the invitation.

Glass bottles are also forbidden in the whole area.

Additional Infrastructure:

Outside pool

An outside pool can be rented for training sessions. Baskets and balls are on site.

Price per hour: will follow shortly

Dimensions:

Length : 18 m

Width : 20 m

Depth : 5 m

Spa Area

The spa area next to the pool area may be used by the athletes. The entrance to the spa area has to be paid separately. Price per day: will follow shortly

8. Timetable:

Duration of the tournament: 25.07.-03.08.2019

25.07 - 26.07.2019	Training
26.07.2019	Opening ceremony
27. - 30.07.2019	Group games
31. - 02.08.2019	Knockout games
03.08.2019	Final games / Award and closing ceremony

If more than 30 teams register to participate at the World Championships, training on 26.07.2019 will be cancelled and the group games will start on that day.

9. Technical Delegate :

Rüdiger Hüls will be the Technical Delegate for these Championships.

10. International Jury of the tournament :

The composition of the jury will be defined by CMAS Underwater Rugby Commission. It will be announced as soon as possible, but at latest at the technical meeting. Each member can be substituted to avoid conflict of nationality or participation in the concerned match

11. Registrations:

The registration is complete when:

- the payment of the entry fee has been done
- the final entry form (Annex 1) has been sent to worldchampionships2019@gmail.com and to spo@cmas.org
- the inscription form , downloadable at the CMAS websites members area, has been send to CMAS Headquarters
- the payment of the inscription fee has been done
- the national federation is member of CMAS sport committee and affiliated to underwater rugby

All the above has to be done no later than 24th of April 2019.

You will get confirmation that we received your entry form and the payment.

You can also send the final entry form in writing to :

TSVÖ – Tauchsportverband Österreichs
Slamastraße 23 BT-B, Obj 3
1230 Wien

Austria

12. Entry fees per team:

3000 €

Entry fees shall be paid by bank transfer, clearly marked "WC19
UWR – Country of the team – gender", **net of banking charges** to:

TSVÖ – Tauchsportverband Österreichs

Slamastraße 23 BT-B, Obj 3

1230 Wien

Bank: **Steiermärkische Sparkasse**

Bank Account: **Tauchsportverband Österreichs**

IBAN-Account no: **AT552081500000749150**

BIC-code: **STSPAT2G**

Last day of payment : 24th of April 2019

Due to organizational and budget constraints, payments cannot be refunded after 24th of April. Should a team find itself unable to attend for any reason, the payment will be forfeit.

13. The NON-OPTIONAL costs include:

1. Travel expenses and full pension for referees.
2. Full board and lodging of 3 C.M.A.S. delegates.
3. Accommodation of organization of the tournament.
4. Administration – telephone, mailing, circulation of documents (information/ results, etc.) and printing services before and during the Championships.
5. Printing expenses of badges for officials, judges, athletes, etc.
6. Transportation during the Championships, from and to the lodging, to and from the swimming pool for all team members.
7. Cost for rent of the swimming pool and room for meetings, opening and closing ceremony.
8. Live-streaming of the Championship

14. OPTIONAL costs that will be presented in the invitation:

Accommodation

We offer three different hotels for teams to choose from.

Details:

A&O Hotel and Hostel

The hotel offers two bed rooms and multi bed rooms. Rooms will be assigned to teams according to availability, on a first-come, first-serve basis. The hotel offers either breakfast only or full board. If you choose full board, you can get packed

lunches instead of a lunch at the hotel. If you would like packed lunches, you need to inform us of the days you need this service by 25th of June 2019.

Dining hours are:

Breakfast: 06:00 – 10:00

Lunch: 11:30 – 15:00

Dinner 17:00 – 21:00

The dining room doesn't fit all guests at the same time, so please select your dining hours at the check in.

Hotel IBIS

The hotel offers rooms with two single beds.

The only food option is breakfast only.

Hotel Daniel

The hotel offers rooms for two persons with one double bed and either breakfast only, or breakfast and dinner.

Food: All offers include breakfast. A&O Hotel and Hostel offers breakfast only or full board. Hotel Daniel offers breakfast only or breakfast and Dinner.

Due to the Gala Dinner, there will be no dinner available at the hotels (neither A&O Hotel nor Hotel Daniel) on the 3rd of August.

Rooming: Hotel Daniel and Hotel IBIS only have double rooms. A&O Hotel and Hostel offer a combination of double bed rooms and four bed rooms. Teams will be assigned rooms according to availability, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please choose the package according to the number of team members.

Location: All three hotels are within 200m to the main train station and have a tramway station in front of them.

Additional information can be found in the hotel booking form.

Camping

We can offer a place for camping at a local scouting associations outdoor grounds. Water and electricity are available. There is also a small kitchen, toilets and a shower. A barbecue is also free to use.

Please bring your own tent.

Location: Straßgangerstraße 246, 8052

Price: 7€ per person/per night No food is included in this price.

Reservation: E-Mail to worldchampionship2019@gmail.com

Gala Dinner : The Gala Dinner will take place at the aula of the University of Graz.

Catering: Food and beverages are included.

Place: Universitätsplatz 3, 8010 Graz

Time: 03.08.2019 – 20:00 to 24:00

Arrival: All participants may leave the Championship venue after the Closing Ceremony and ride there together by tramway.

Costs: 35€ per Person

Registration for the Gala dinner (Annex 4) has to be sent to worldchampionships2019@gmail.com until 25th of June 2019.

Payment: by bank transfer net of banking charges:

clearly marked "WC19 UWR Gala dinner – Country of the team - gender", to
TSVÖ – Tauchsportverband Österreichs
Slamastraße 23 BT-B, Obj 3
1230 Wien

Bank: **Steiermärkische Sparkasse**

Bank Account: **Tauchsportverband Österreichs**

IBAN-Account no: **AT552081500000749150**

BIC-code: **STSPAT2G**

Last day of registration for the gala dinner and payment : 25th of June 2019

Please note that your federation will be held accountable and billed for any damages incurred in hotel rooms or at the camp site that were caused by your team as well as any costs incurred at the hotels that were not settled before departure.

15. Participation acknowledgement:

Participation of your team is accepted by the organizing committee returning a signed and stamped copy (scan) of the final entry form (Annex 1)

16. Medical care:

Medical care will be provided for during the competition. The nearest hospital is located 300m from the venue.

An ambulance and two paramedics will be on site.

17. Playing mode:

A detailed playing mode and schedule of games will be sent to all participating federations after final entry has been closed. The playing mode will be decided after 24th of April 2019. The composition of the groups in the preliminary round will result from a draw. The pots for the draw will be determined according to the ranking of the last three World Championships.

The total number of groups will be decided after the number of participating teams is known.

The draw will be done after the publication of the schedule. The place and time of the draw will be announced one week in advance.

18. Timing Schedule:

Will be established and issued within two weeks after the registration deadline (24th

of April 2019]

19. Contact person:

Head of local organizing committee

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8010 Graz

Austria

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Or

TSVÖ – Tauchsportverband Österreichs

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1230 Wien

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Tel.: +43 664 466 21 12

E-Mail: office@tsvoe.at

20. Special requests:

In case you want to make special reservations of any kind (outdoor pool, spa area, etc.) or have any other addition questions, please contact the head of local organizing committee.

21. Additional Rules and Regulation for this Tournament

- a. Any use of lubricants such as soap, shower gel, creams or Vaseline will be prohibited in the pool area because they severely deteriorate the quality of the water, which in turn degrades visibility in the pool both for players and video cameras. They may be used in the shower area but have to be washed off before entering the pool.
- b. The amount of people watching games in the water will be limited to 2 per team. We will provide live streaming in the pool hall. Additional people in the very small water area would disturb the video production.
- c. When a penalty throw is called, diving is forbidden to all players not directly involved in the penalty throw's execution for the duration of the penalty throw. If this rule is broken during the tournament, from thereon all players not directly involved in any penalty throw's execution will be required to leave the

water. This is meant to improve conditions for video recording.

- d. All players of a team have to wear matching gear - swimsuits or trunks and jerseys (female) / trunks and jerseys (male) - and caps of the same graphic design. The cut of the players' gear within a team may differ, as long as it is comprised within the rules below.
 - i. Men have to play in swimming trunks (speedos or shorts – no longer than above the knee) and jerseys
 - ii. Women have to play in either swimsuits or bikini bottoms and jerseys. It is also allowed to play in swimsuits and jerseys. If they wear jerseys, the jerseys also have to be uniform for all players and if used, have to be worn by all players of a team.
 - iii. All players have to have their player's number visibly displayed, at least on the back of their suit or jersey, the player's name may be added. The number has to be between 15cm and 30cm high. The strokes have to be between 1,5cm and 3cm wide.
 - iv. The number has to stand out clearly from the background.
 - v. The jerseys have to be tight fitted and elastic.
 - vi. The jerseys have to be made out of fabric, similar to the fabric of swimsuits or swimming trunks.
 - vii. For men, the jerseys have to be long enough to be put inside the trunks.
 - viii. Shoulders shall not be covered by the jersey.
- e. Should a team not be correctly dressed at game-time, there will be a warning by the referee. If they cannot ensure correct dress within 5 minutes, the team is disqualified for the game and the game is set 20:0 in favor of the opponent.
 - i. Backup gear (jerseys and caps in both colors) will be available at the pool if needed for teams to borrow in case of unavailability or loss of their original equipment.
- f. If a player's jersey gets damaged during a game, the player is allowed to finish the game without a jersey. For the next game, the player has to replace the damaged jersey.
- g. If replacement jersey is not available:
 - i. Colors (team white / team dark) will be changed, so the team with the damaged jersey can use the jerseys that are still intact.
 - ii. If both set of jerseys of one team are damaged, the whole team has to play with the jersey set provided by the organizers.
 - iii. If both teams have the same colored jerseys damaged, dark or white, so colors cannot be changed, both have to play with the jersey set

provided by the organizers.

h. Equipment check

- i. All swimsuits, trunks and jerseys have to be pre- approved before the championship by the UWR Commission, by sending an artwork showing the design and getting an approval reply.
- ii. Please send the artwork to these three e-mail addresses
levent_cavas@yahoo.com
manuel@kajman.nu
worldchampionships2019@gmail.com
- iii. Comprehensive Equipment check will be performed after each team's training session, during the days before the championship matches start. All equipment to be used during the championship has to be presented at this equipment check.
- iv. Before each match the referees will perform visual and if needed spot-checks of the teams.
- v. Swimsuits, trunks and jerseys not pre-approved could be rejected at the championship.
- vi. The Head of local organizing committee, Technical Delegate and Chief referee will jointly take the decision, if the equipment is according to the rules or not.

i. Suppliers

- i. If your team does not have a supplier for the required gear, we recommend these two companies.

1. Bbosi

- a. Contact
 - i. Helena Julià
 - ii. Helena@bbosi.net
- b. Prices
 - i. Swimsuits (closed back) 85€ per pair
 - ii. Trunks 40€ per pair
 - iii. Jerseys 50€ per pair

2. Guasabro

- a. Contact:
 - i. Jorge Franco
 - ii. guasabro@gmail.com
- b. Prices
 - i. Swimsuits 30€ per piece
 - ii. Trunks 20€ per piece

iii. Jerseys

25€ per piece

- ii. Both suppliers design and produce individual outfits for your team. Not only swimsuits, trunks, and jerseys, but other representative clothing as well.
- iii. You will find links to the supplier website and detailed information on the World Championship website: www.worldchampionship2019.com

j. Ball selection

- i. All balls for the ball selection need to be presented at the Team leader meeting.
- ii. Maximum one ball per team will be allowed to be submitted for the Ball selection.
- iii. The submitted balls will be checked by the referees before the Ball selection.
- iv. After the check, the balls will be kept in custody by the referees, till the ball selection takes place.
- v. Only balls confirming to size and speed will be offered to player representatives for the selection.
- vi. After the championship balls have been selected, they will only be use for tournament games and otherwise will be kept in custody by the referees.

22. Age limitations

The new rule for the age limitation in use for the World Championships 2019 in Graz will be decided at the BoD meeting on 26.01.2019.

23. Nationality of athletes participating CMAS Championships

The new rule for the nationality of athletes in use for the World Championships 2019 in Graz will be decided at the BoD meeting on 26.01.2019.

24. Players information

The National Federation are requested to send the following information to the Austrian Divers Federation till 24th of May 2019.

Players information:

- a. Full name
- b. Profile picture (straight from front, white background, same clothing and pose for all players of one team)
- c. Height
- d. Weight
- e. Date of birth
- f. National team player since

- g. Times participated in World Championships
- h. Times winning the World Championship
- i. T-Shirt size

Federation logo

Team photo

Profile picture of the coach (straight from front, white background)

By participating at the World Championships, federations confirm that all participating athletes and delegation members agree that the organizing federation has the right to use their personal data mentioned above for public players information within the World Championships 2019.

25. Game opening

At the beginning of each game, the teams will make a pennant exchange, so please bring pennants from your federation.

26. Photographs and Videos

By participating at the World Championships, federations confirm that all participating athletes and delegation members agree that the organizing federation has the right to use pictures and video footage of the event as well as pictures collected in advance including for promotional or documentary purposes.

All pictures and videos taken at the world championships can also be used for these purposes.

Please check the CMAS Procedures for participation in CMAS Championship. CMAS fee from the participating federation and CMAS licenses for the athletes are required. All participants shall have a valid accident insurance.

The participating federations accept all elements of the Championships invitation, as well as the additional rules and regulations mentioned within them.