



# WATER POLO REFEREES SCHOOL 2026 BASIC CERTIFICATION CLINIC

PART 1 (ONLINE):  
6 JUNE 2026

PART 2 (ONSITE):  
25 - 28 JUNE 2026  
ISTANBUL (TUR)

## INFORMATION BULLETIN





## EUROPEAN AQUATICS' PRESIDENT MESSAGE

As President of European Aquatics, I am pleased to write this welcome message in advance of the upcoming European Aquatics Water Polo Referees School 2026 which will take place in the iconic setting of Istanbul, Turkiye.

Education is fundamental to achieving and maintaining the highest standards in water polo officiating. Only through a process of continuous learning, exchange of expertise, and shared best practices, we strengthen consistency, fairness, and excellence across our competitions.

This important event would not be possible without the strong commitment and dedication of the Turkish Water Polo Federation who have been extremely dynamic in recent years in supporting European Aquatics in our efforts to develop the sport of water polo. We sincerely thank them for their efforts in organising this Referees School and for their continued support of European water polo both as an organiser of competitions and educational events.

Together, by investing in education, we ensure the future quality and integrity of our sport.

Antonio Silva  
European Aquatics President





## COVER LETTER

Dear Friends,

Hereby, we have the pleasure to inform you that the European Aquatics will organize European Aquatics Water Polo Referees School 2026 as Basic certification Clinic for Water Polo Referees.

The School will be organized as part of the Water Polo Technical Officials certification program in 2026.

This edition of the School will be organized in two parts.

**The first part will be online on 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2026.**

**The second part will be organized onsite, in Istanbul (Türkiye), from the 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2026** in cooperation with the Türkiye Water Polo Federation.

Both parts of the School will be held with the presence of the highest-level representatives of European Aquatics, European Aquatics Academy and European Aquatics Water Polo experts as lecturers

This School is open to new candidates, who want to become International Referees and Federations may present all those having at least one year of experience as referee, at the highest National level competitions and who have the intention to be nominated to the European Aquatics Referees List and officiate at international competitions in the future.

The entire School program will consist of a theoretical and a practical part. The first part will be dedicated to theoretical preparations and the second part consists of a theoretical and a practical education as the final evaluation.

The course consists of a part dedicated to the correct interpretation and application of the Water Polo rules & Regulations, ethics, behaviour, and other important topics and tasks. Moreover, a Water Polo Rules test as well a practical examination, referring of the official games, will be done.

All candidates, who successfully pass the School will receive the European Aquatics Basic certification level which gives the opportunity to achieve an Intermediate certification level during the season 2026/2027 and to be appointed at the European Aquatics Water Polo competitions as Referees during that season.





## WATER POLO REFEREES SCHOOL 2026 INFORMATION

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Candidates must be nominated by the Federations in which they are registered as Referees.
- Minimum one (1) year refereeing in the highest-level National Championship.
- Basic level of English language (to enter the course it will be necessary to pass an English test)
- Need to have a medical certificate which confirms a general good health of candidate.

### THE AIM OF APPLICATION:

- Acquisition of the European Aquatics Water Polo Referee License and Basic certification level as EA WP Referee.

### REGISTRATION:

The registration for EA WP Referees School 2026 should be done, at the **latest 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2026**, through the European Aquatics Academy Education website, dedicated link for this School:

<https://www.eaacademy.eu/lms/courses/wp-referee-school-2026-basic-certification-clinic-theoretical-practice>

During the registration process the **amount of 1.600,00€** should be paid as Registration fee for EA WP Referees School 2026. The payment should be done in two parts as follows:

- First payment of **500,00€** during registration process, **until 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2026**.
- Second payment of **1.100,00€**, after the registration process, but latest **until 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026**.

After completed registration process, which includes a payment process through the European Aquatics Digital Education Platform, all information's about attendance at the First course, together with Agenda and schedule, will be shared with the registered candidates.

### FIRST PART:

- The First Part will be organized online **on 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2026**.
- The registered candidate may access the First Part clicking on link:  
<https://www.eaacademy.eu/lms/courses/wp-referee-school-2026-basic-certification-clinic-theoretical-practice>
- At the First Part only registered candidates and those who have paid the first payment of fee can attend the lectures.
- During the First Part the candidates will be informed through lectures about important topics related to the European Aquatics and specific things for the role of being a Water Polo Referee.





## SECOND PART:

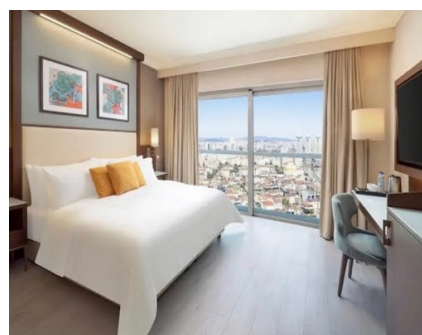
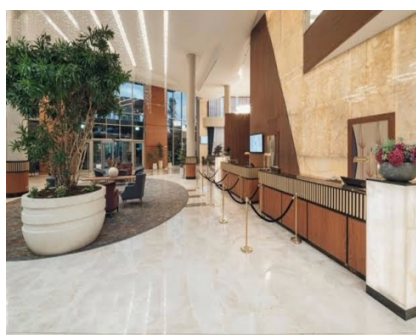
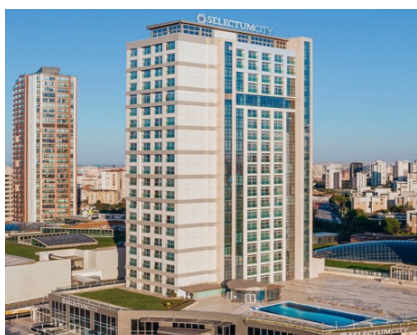
Second Part will be organized onsite and only the candidates which complete the payment of first and second part of Registration fee may attend the School.

Hereby you will find all information's for Second Part as follows:

### OFFICIAL VENUE - THEORETICAL PART

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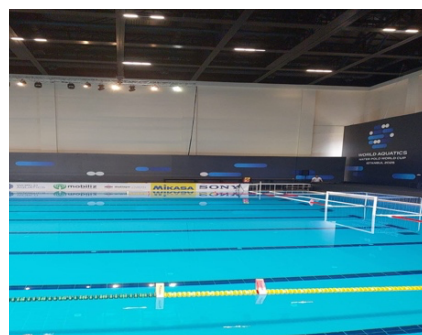
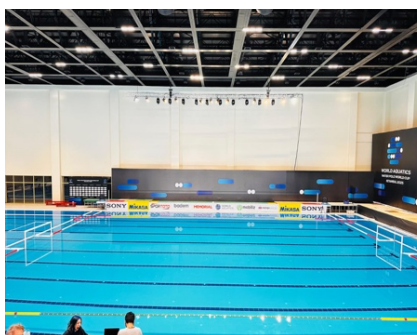
Dudullu Yoly Cad No:29, 34750 Atasehir/Istanbul, Türkiye [www.selectumcity.com/en](http://www.selectumcity.com/en)



### OFFICIAL VENUE - PRATICAL PART

Istanbul Marmara Schools Olympic Swimming Pool

Buyukbakkalkoy, 34858 Maltepe/Istanbul, Türkiye



### OFFICIAL AIRPORT

Airport Sabiha Gokcen (SAW), Istanbul, Asian side

### ACCOMMODATION

Candidates will be accommodated at **Selectum City Atasehir 5\* Hotel**, in single rooms on full board basis. Meals will be served on Buffet with extended working hours according to the needs of the School. The price accommodation in single room on full board basis is included in Registration fee. This amount also includes the transportation from the official airport to hotel and back as well as transportation to the swimming pool from hotel and back.





## IMPORTANT DATES RELATED TO THE SECOND PART

<b>Second Part appointment</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> of June 2026
<b>Arrival</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> of June 2026 (evening hours)
<b>Departure</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> of June 2026 (flights departing after 16:00)

The Second Part consists of Theoretical and Practical education and examination, including online WP Rules test as final evaluation. All candidates should bring with them a personal computer/laptop to complete the online WP Rules test and Referees uniform in white color without logo or sponsor branding of their Federations.

During the Theoretical lectures of this School the candidates will receive all necessary information's related to the Water Polo Rules and their applications from the most prestigious experts as Lecturers chosen by European Aquatics.

At the Practical examination the candidates will be evaluated during a game which they will referee. On the end, all candidates must pass successfully the online WP Rules test.

## ENTRIES

The Application form related to the EA WP Referees School must be duly completed, signed and stamped by the Federation, then forwarded by email to: [waterpolo@europeanaquatics.org](mailto:waterpolo@europeanaquatics.org) **latest by 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2026.**

Please take in consideration that the Entries of the candidates will be confirmed only after completed Registration process and payment of Registration fee at the EA Academy Digital Education Platform website, dedicated link for this School:

<https://www.eaacademy.eu/lms/courses/wp-referee-school-2026-basic-certification-clinic-theoretical-practice>





## PROGRAM OF THE SCHOOL

### Online Part

Day 1 – Saturday, 6th June 2026		
<b>10h00</b>	Welcome on behalf of European Aquatics	<b>Mr. Antonio Silva,</b> EA President
<b>10h10</b>	Welcome, structure of EA Water Polo and tasks of Technical Water Polo Committee (TWPC), Delegates and Referees Committee (DRC) and Clubs Commission	<b>Mr. Andy IM Hoepelman,</b> EA DRC Chairman
<b>10h30</b>	Introduction of the candidates	
<b>11h00</b>	New system of education and certification of Water Polo Technical Officials	<b>Mr. Dejan Perisic,</b> EA Manager for Technical Officials WP
<b>11h45</b>	What does a Referee need from a Delegate	<b>Mr. Boris Margeta,</b> International WA and EA Referee, WWR President
<b>12h45</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	
<b>13h30</b>	How to give feedback to the Referee	<b>Mr. Andy IM Hoepelman,</b> EA DRC Chairman
<b>14h15</b>	Code of Referees behaviour	<b>Mr. Boris Margeta,</b> International WA and EA Referee, WWR President
<b>15h15</b>	Information related to the 2nd part of the Course, Onsite, Istanbul (TUR), 25th – 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2026.	<b>Mr. Dejan Perisic,</b> EA Manager for Technical Officials WP
<b>15h30</b>	Conclusions, questions and answers	<b>Mr. Andy IM Hoepelman,</b> EA DRC Chairman
<b>16h00</b>	Closure	





## PROGRAM OF THE SCHOOL

Onsite Part, Istanbul (TUR)

Day 1 – Thursday, 25th June 2026		
<b>09h00</b>	Welcome	<b>Mr. Dejan Perisic,</b> EA Manager for Technical Officials WP
<b>09h15</b>	Water Polo Rules and their applications	<b>Mr. Boris Margeta,</b> International WA and EA Referee, WWR President
<b>10h30</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
<b>10h45</b>	Impeding and simulation in Water Polo	<b>Mr. Dejan Perisic,</b> EA Manager for Technical Officials WP
<b>12h15</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
<b>12h30</b>	Aggressive and violent play in Water Polo	<b>Mr. Dejan Perisic,</b> EA Manager for Technical Officials WP
<b>13h45</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	
<b>16:00</b>	Center forward – Center defender situations in Water Polo	<b>Mr. Boris Margeta,</b> International WA and EA Referee, WWR President
<b>17h15</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
<b>17h30</b>	Penalty situations and application of the delayed penalty in Water Polo	<b>Mr. Angel Moliner,</b> EA DRC Member
<b>18h45</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
<b>19h00</b>	Psychologicals and emotional skills of Referees and Delegates	<b>Mr. Nikolaos Stavropoulos,</b> Professor   PhD School of Social Sciences University of Aegean (GRE)
<b>21h00</b>	<b>DINNER</b>	





Day 2 – Friday, 26th June 2026		
<b>09h00</b>	<b>Cardinal points in Water Polo (First part)</b> - Advantage situations - How to avoid heavy and overly physical play - Inversion of fouls and situations - Misconduct - Delay of the game situations	<b>Mr. Dejan Perisic,</b> EA Manager for Technical Officials Water Polo <b>Mr. Boris Margeta,</b> International WA and EA Referee, WWR President <b>Mr. Angel Moliner,</b> EA DRC Member
<b>10h15</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
<b>10h30</b>	<b>Cardinal points in Water Polo (Second part)</b> - 2 meters area Rule - Restart of the game after exclusion without the ball inside the 6-meter area - Improper re-enter - Referees self-confidence during the game - Referees positioning during the game - Collaboration between the Referees	<b>Mr. Dejan Perisic,</b> EA Manager for Technical Officials Water Polo <b>Mr. Boris Margeta,</b> International WA and EA Referee, WWR President <b>Mr. Angel Moliner,</b> EA DRC Member
<b>11h45</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
<b>12h00</b>	<b>Water Polo Referees Manual</b> - Collaboration between the Referees - Referees position during the game - How to continue after mistake - Usage of yellow and red cards	<b>Mr. Boris Margeta,</b> International WA and EA Referee, WWR President
<b>13h45</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	

From Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026, afternoon session the Referees will be divided in 4 groups.

**On period 26<sup>th</sup> June (afternoon), 27<sup>th</sup> June (morning and afternoon) and 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026 (morning), each group will have separate program which will consists of:**

- **Referring of the games (Swimming Pool)**
- **Written analysis of the watched games (Swimming Pool)**
- **WP Rules test (Hotel Meeting Room)**

Mr. Dejan Perisic, EA Manager for Technical Officials Water Polo  
 Mr. Boris Margeta, International WA and EA Referee, WWR President  
 Mr. Angel Moliner, EA DRC Member

Detailed schedule for each group during the day will be prepared and shared in due time.





## APPLICATION FORM

FEDERATION: \_\_\_\_\_

### Personal details of the Referee candidate:

Family Name:		First Name:	
Gender:	Height:	Weight:	
Clothes size:			
Polo:	Sweater:	Raincoat:	Pants:
Date of Birth:			
Day:	Month:	Year:	
Place/Country of birth:		Nationality:	
Passport Number:		Valid till:	Issued by:

### Contact details of the Referee candidate:

Street:	
City:	Postal Code:
Country:	
Landline phone Number:	Mobile phone Number:
Email address:	

Application forms must be sent back to [waterpolo@europeanaquatics.org](mailto:waterpolo@europeanaquatics.org) until 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2026.

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Date:

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Federation Stamp and signature  
of President/Secretary General of Federation





## TRAVEL FORM

**Please be so kind complete the form below so that pick up will be organized accordingly.**

FEDERATION: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Name:		Name:	
FLIGHT DETAILS:			
Arrival Date:			
From:	To:		
Flight N°:		Arrival time:	
Return date:			
From:	To:		
Flight N°:		Departure time:	
PLEASE RETURN THE FORM BY LATEST <b>10<sup>th</sup> of June 2026</b> to the follow email: <a href="mailto:waterpolo@europeanaquatics.org">waterpolo@europeanaquatics.org</a>			

