

**EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**Swimming (50m), Diving, Synchronised Swimming**  
**and Open Water Swimming**  
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In addition to the LEN General Event Rules the following

**REGULATIONS**

shall apply:

**EURO 1      EVENTS AND ORGANISATION**

EURO 1.1 The Championships shall be conducted in Swimming (50m), Diving, Synchronised Swimming and Open Water Swimming.

EURO 1.2 The Championships shall be held every even year.

EURO 1.3 The organising Federation and the place where the Championships shall be held shall be decided by the LEN Bureau and circulated by the LEN Office.

EURO 1.4 The order of the events shall be decided by the LEN Bureau and circulated by the LEN Office.

EURO 1.5 The LEN Bureau and the LEN Technical Committees for Swimming (LEN TSC), Diving (LEN TDC), Synchronised Swimming (LEN TSSC) and Open Water Swimming (LEN TOWSC) shall be responsible for and supervise the correct conduct of the competitions according to LEN Rules and Regulations.

**EURO 2      GENERAL EURO**

**2.1          Entries**

EURO 2.1.1 Preliminary Entries shall be submitted to the organising Federation, with copy to the LEN Office, no later than the date circulated by the LEN Office.

EURO 2.1.2 A Federation having made a Preliminary Entry may withdraw up to the date circulated by the LEN Office.

EURO 2.1.3 Named entries shall be submitted to the organising Federation, with copy to the LEN Office, no later than ten (10) days before the first day of the competitions in the respective discipline, if not announced otherwise.

EURO 2.1.4 Competitors who cannot prove identity and citizenship shall not be permitted to take part in the competitions.

**EURO 2.2    Accreditation**

EURO 2.2.1 Federations entering the Championships shall receive accreditation for:

- a) the President of the Federation;
- b) the Head of the Delegation;
- c) the entered competitors;
- d) one medical person;
- e) a second medical person if more than twenty competitors have been entered;
- f) one physiotherapist for up to 10 athletes entered, two for 10 to 20 athletes entered, three for 20 to 30 athletes entered, etc.
- g) a maximum number of team staff members (EURO 3.6, 4.5, 5.6 and 6.6).

EURO 2.2.2 Team staff members include everybody servicing the team: Team Leaders, Chaperones, Coaches, Physiotherapists, Interpreters, etc., but not officials such as judges, referees, etc.

**EURO 3      SWIMMING**

**EURO 3.1    Events and Participation**

EURO 3.1.1 Events are (men and women):

- Freestyle            50 m, 100 m, 200 m, 400 m, 800 m, 1500 m;
- Breaststroke        50 m, 100 m, 200 m;
- Backstroke         50 m, 100 m, 200 m;
- Butterfly            50 m, 100 m, 200 m;
- Individual Medley   200 m, 400 m;
- Freestyle Relays    4 x 100 m, 4 x 200 m;
- Medley Relay        4 x 100 m;
- Mixed Relays        4 x 100 m Freestyle, 4 x 100 m Medley.

EURO 3.1.2 In individual events a maximum of four (4) entries per Federation and per event may be submitted.

Notwithstanding times and places achieved in the heats, only the two (2) fastest swimmers of each Federation may:

- proceed to the semi-finals and/or finals;
- take part in a swim off;
- be nominated as a reserve.

In any event where heats are not held a maximum of two (2) swimmers per Federation may take part in semi-finals, finals or timed finals.

EURO 3.1.3 In relay events one (1) team per Federation and per event may be submitted.

### **EURO 3.2 Standards and Lane Placing**

EURO 3.2.1 Entries shall be accepted regardless of standards, but they shall include entry times. EURO 3.2.2 The entry time shall be taken from the LEN Ranking list. Only entry times achieved in a 50m pool shall be accepted.

Entry times shall not be older than fifteen (15) months prior to the first day of the swimming competition.

EURO 3.2.3 Lane placing shall be:

- for individual swimming according to FINA Rules, based on the entry times;
- for relay heats and direct finals by draw.

EURO 3.2.4 Heats, Semi-Finals and Finals may be swum using 10 lanes.

### **EURO 3.3 Qualification System**

EURO 3.3.1 In the 50 m, 100 m and 200 m events there shall be heats, semi-finals and finals.

In all other events there shall be heats and finals.

EURO 3.3.2 Where semi-finals are held, the qualifiers for the final shall be 1st and 2nd in each semi-final together with the fastest times from the remaining swimmers in the semi-finals.

In events without semi-finals, qualification for the final shall be based on times established in the heats in accordance with FINA Rules.

EURO 3.3.3 An individual swimmer or relay team qualified but not wishing to take part in a semi-final or final shall withdraw within thirty (30) minutes from the end of the heats or semi-finals concerned; otherwise they shall be fined according to Rule E 17.6.

EURO 3.3.4 Reserves for semi-finals and finals shall be based on times established in the heats or semi-finals. In cases of withdrawal it is the responsibility of the team manager to ensure the reserve is present. A Federation failing to do so shall be fined according to E 17.6.

### **EURO 3.4 Relays**

EURO 3.4.1 All swimmers entered for the Championships may swim in relays.

EURO 3.4.2 The composition of relay teams shall be declared in order of swimming no later than one hour before the commencement of the session in which the race shall take place. In a case of emergency the referee on request in writing may accept changes up to the time of the start.

EURO 3.4.3 The composition of a relay team may be changed between heats and finals of an event.

### **EURO 3.5 Officials**

EURO 3.5.1 One (1) Technical Delegate, four (4) referees, one (1) starter and one (1) announcer shall be appointed by the LEN TSC.

EURO 3.5.2 Federations may nominate one or two officials qualified on one of the current FINA Lists.

Nominations shall be submitted to the LEN Office no later than the date announced by the LEN Office. Officials approved by the TSC are on the costs of the nominating Federation.

EURO 3.5.3 The Organising Federation shall supply all other officials.

EURO 3.5.4 The LEN TSC shall nominate the officials in charge for each competition day.

### **EURO 3.6 Team Staff Accreditation**

Each Federation entering one or more Swimming event(s) shall receive the following maximum team staff accreditations (see EURO 2.2.1):

- a) 6 for up to 15 competitors;
- b) 7 for up to 20 competitors;
- c) 8 for more than 20 competitors.

However the number of team staff members shall not exceed the number of competitors plus one.

### **EURO 3.7 Championships Trophy Swimming**

EURO 3.7.1 The Trophy shall be awarded to the Federation obtaining the highest number of points in both men's and women's events according to the following system:

- a) in individual events using 8 lanes:
  - places 1 – 8: 18,16,15,14,13,12,11,10 points
  - places 9 – 16: 8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1 points
- b) in relay events using 8 lanes:
  - places 1 – 8: 36,32,30,28,26,24,22,20 points
- c) in individual events using 10 lanes:
  - places 1 – 10: 22,20,19,18,17,16,15,14,13,12 points
  - places 11 – 20: 10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1 points
- d) in relay events using 10 lanes:
  - places 1 – 10: 40,36,34,32,30,28,26,24,22,20 points

EURO 3.7.2 In case of a tie the highest points shall be awarded to each swimmer or relay team.

## **EURO 4 DIVING**

### **EURO 4.1 Events and Participation**

EURO 4.1.1 Events are (men and women):

- a) Individual Diving:
  - Springboard 1 m;
  - Springboard 3 m;
  - Platform 10 m.
- b) Synchronised Diving:
  - Springboard 3 m;
  - Platform 10 m. c) Team Event

EURO 4.1.2 In individual diving events two (2) entries per Federation and per event may be submitted. EURO 4.1.3 In synchronised diving events one (1) team per Federation may be entered.

EURO 4.1.4 In the Team Event, one (1) team, composed of a male and a female diver, per Federation may be entered.

### **EURO 4.2 Standards**

Entries shall be accepted regardless of standards.

### **EURO 4.3 Qualification System**

EURO 4.3.1 The 1m springboard, 3m springboard, and 10m platform events shall be held with preliminaries and finals (12 divers).

EURO 4.3.2 The synchronised diving events (3m springboard and 10m platform) shall be held with preliminaries and finals (8 teams).

EURO 4.3.3 The Team Event shall be held with a direct Final.

### **EURO 4.4 Officials**

EURO 4.4.1 Acting Judges are not allowed to act as coaches throughout the actual Championships. Judges who do not respect this Regulation shall be excluded from the Championships.

EURO 4.4.2 The LEN TDC shall appoint the Technical Delegate, the Referee, the judges panel(s) and the other officials for each event.

EURO 4.4.3 Participating Federations may nominate one (1) or two (2) judges qualified on the current A-List of LEN.

EURO 4.4.4 Federations entering three (3) divers or more are obliged to nominate at least one (1) judge qualified on the current A-list of LEN.

A Federation not providing a judge in the category prescribed shall pay a fine of one thousand (1,000) EURO to LEN.

A Federation that has a B judge with good evaluations but no A judge on the current LEN list may be allowed to enter the B judge provided an application is made and accepted. The application is to be sent to the LEN TDC Secretary before the entry deadline for judges.

EURO 4.4.5 Non participating Federations may enter a judge qualified on the current A-List of LEN.

EURO 4.4.6 Nominations shall be submitted to the LEN Office no later than the date circulated by the LEN Office. EURO 4.4.7 Officials approved by the LEN TDC are on the costs of the nominating Federation.

EURO 4.4.8 The Organising Federation shall supply all other officials.

EURO 4.4.9 Acting judges may be evaluated.

#### **EURO 4.5 Team Staff Accreditation**

Each Federation entering one or more Diving event(s) shall receive the following maximum team staff accreditations (see EURO 2.2.1):

- a) 6 for up to 5 competitors;
- b) 7 for up to 8 competitors;
- c) 8 for more than 8 competitors.

However the number of team staff members shall not exceed the number of competitors plus one.

#### **EURO 4.6 Championships Trophy Diving**

The Trophy shall be awarded to the Federation obtaining the highest number of points in both men's and women's events, according to the following system:

- a) In individual diving; 1st place: 13 points, 2nd place: 11 points, 3rd place: 10 points and so on until 12th place: 1 point.
- b) In synchronised diving and team event; 1st place: 26 points, 2nd place: 22 points, 3rd place: 20 points and so on until 12th place: 2 points.

In case of a tie the highest points shall be awarded to each diver, synchro duo, or team.

### **EURO 5 SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING EURO**

#### **5.1 Events and Participation**

EURO 5.1.1 Events are:

- Solo Technical Routine;
- Solo Free Routine;
- Duet Technical Routine;
- Duet Free Routine;
- Mixed Duet Technical Routine
- Mixed Duet Free Routine
- Team Technical Routine;
- Team Free routine
- Free Combination.

Solo Free Routine, Duet Free Routine and Team Free Routine will be held with preliminaries and Finals. In Mixed Duet Free Routine, Free Combination and all Technical routines, preliminaries may be held.

EURO 5.1.2 Federations may submit entries for:

- one Solo Technical Routine with maximum one reserve;
- one Solo Free Routine with maximum one reserve;
- one Duet Technical Routine with maximum one reserve;
- one Duet Free Routine with maximum one reserve;
- one Mixed Duet Technical Routine (one male athlete and one female athlete) – no reserves
- one Mixed Duet Free Routine (one male athlete and one female athlete) – no reserves.
- one Team Technical Routine (four(4) to eight (8) athletes) with maximum four reserves.
- one Team Free Routine (four (4) to eight (8) athletes) with maximum four reserves.
- one Free Combination of six (6) to ten (10) members with maximum two (2) reserves. Note: one (1) reserve refers to one (1) swimmer.

The total number of competitors entered may not exceed fourteen (14).

#### **EURO 5.2 Standards**

Entries shall be accepted regardless of standards.

#### **EURO 5.3 Qualification System**

In Solo Free Routine, Duet Free Routine and team Free Routine, twelve best from Preliminaries shall qualify to Finals.

EURO 5.3.1 The Final shall start with zero points ("Clean finals").

EURO 5.3.2 A Solo Free Routine, a Duet Free Routine or a Team Free Routine qualified but not wishing to take part in the final shall withdraw within one (1) hour from the end of the session in which the qualification was achieved.

#### **EURO 5.4 Composition of Solos, Duets, Teams and Free Combination**

The composition of Solos, Duets, Mixed Duets, Teams and Free Combination shall be declared no later than two hours before the commencement of the session in which the event shall take place.

**EURO 5.5 Officials**

EURO 5.5.1 The LEN TSSC shall appoint the Technical Delegate, the referee, the judges panel(s) and the other officials for each event.

EURO 5.5.2 Federations may nominate one or two judges qualified on the current FINA and/or LEN List(s) but only one judge from Category G ("General").

The selected judges must have passed the current FINA School. They are obliged to take part in all meetings and must be present to all competition sessions.

Nominations shall be submitted to the LEN Office no later than the date announced by the LEN Office. Officials approved by LEN are on the costs of the nominating Federation.

EURO 5.5.3 The Organising Federation shall supply all other officials Chief Recorder, music center manager and announcer have to be approved by LEN TSSC.

EURO 5.5.4 Acting judges shall be evaluated.

**EURO 5.6 Team Staff Accreditation**

Each Federation entering one or more Synchronised Swimming event(s) shall receive maximum five (5) team staff accreditations (see EURO 2.2.1).

However the number of team staff members shall not exceed the number of competitors plus one.

**EURO 5.7 Championships Trophy Synchronised Swimming**

EURO 5.7.1 The Trophy shall be awarded to the Federation obtaining the highest number of points according to the following system:

- a) In Solo events; 1st place: 72 points and until 13th place always two points less; 13th place: 48 points and until the last place always one point less;
- b) In Duet events; 1st place: 120 points and until 13th place always three points less; 13th place: 84 points and until the last place always two points less;

- c) In Team and Free Combination events; 1st place: 192 points and until 13th place always four points less; 13th place: 144 points and until the last place always three points less.

EURO 5.7.2 In case of a tie the highest points shall be awarded to the Federation having obtained most points in the Team Free Event. If there is still a tie, the higher ranking in the Team Technical event shall determine the place, and if there is still a tie, the higher ranking in Free combination, then in Duet Free, then in Duet Technical.

**EURO 6 OPEN WATER SWIMMING EURO****6.1 Events and Participation**

EURO 6.1.1 Events are (men and women):

- 5 km Individual as Time Trial;
- 10 km Individual;
- 25 km Individual;
- 5 km Team Event as Time Trial.

EURO 6.1.1.1 **5 km Individual as Time Trial:**

- Swimmers shall start individually, each swimmer sixty (60) seconds after the preceding swimmer.
- The allocation of starting positions shall be taken from automatic random draw.
- The ranking shall be decided by the individual time achieved.

EURO 6.1.1.2 **10 km Individual;**

EURO 6.1.1.3 **25 km Individual;**

EURO 6.1.1.4 **5 km Team Event as Time Trial:**

- A team shall consist of three (3) swimmers, either one (1) man and two (2) women, or two (2) men and one (1) woman.
- Every team shall start with all swimmers together sixty (60) seconds after the preceding team.
- The allocation of starting positions shall be taken from automatic random draw.
- The ranking shall be decided by the individual time achieved by the third swimmer of the team.

EURO 6.1.2 In individual events three (3) entries per Federation and per event may be submitted, in the team event one (1) entry per Federation may be submitted.

**EURO 6.2 Standards**

- EURO 6.2.1 Entries shall be accepted regardless of standards. EURO 6.2.2 The time limit shall be:
- a) for events under 25 km, thirty (30) minutes after the arrival of the winner;
  - b) for events of 25 km or longer, ninety (90) minutes after the arrival of the winner.

**EURO 6.3 Transponder**

- EURO 6.3.1 When Automatic Officiating Equipment is used for timing of competitions microchip transponder technology shall be added to the mandatory equipment. Split times are required.
- EURO 6.3.2 It is mandatory for all competitors to wear a microchip transponder on each wrist throughout the race. If a competitor loses the transponder, the boat judge shall immediately inform the referee who shall instruct the responsible official on the water to supply a replacement transponder. Any competitor who finishes the race without two (2) transponders, one on each wrist, shall be disqualified.

**EURO 6.4 Disqualification Procedure**

- EURO 6.4.1 If in the opinion of the Chief Referee or Referees, any swimmer or swimmer's approved representative or escort safety craft takes advantage by committing any violation of the rules or by making intentional contact with any swimmer, the following proceeding shall apply:

**1st Infringement:**

A yellow flag and a card bearing the swimmer's number shall be raised to indicate and to inform the swimmer that he is in violation of the Rules.

**2nd Infringement:**

A red flag and a card bearing the swimmer's number shall be raised to indicate and to inform the swimmer that he is for the second time in violation of the Rules. The swimmer shall be disqualified. He must leave the water immediately and be placed in an escort craft, and take no further part in the competition.

- EURO 6.4.2 If in the opinion of the Referee an action of a swimmer or a swimmer's approved representative or escort safety craft is deemed to

be "unsporting", the Referee shall disqualify the swimmer concerned immediately. EURO 6.4.3 Swimmers finishing a race with intent in an equal time shall be disqualified.

**EURO 6.5 Officials**

- EURO 6.5.1 The LEN TOWSC shall appoint the Technical Delegate, the Referee, the judges and the other officials for each event.
- EURO 6.5.2 Federations may nominate up to three (3) judges qualified on the current LEN and/or FINA List(s).

Nominations shall be submitted to the LEN Office no later than the date announced by the LEN Office. Officials approved by the LEN TOWSC are on the costs of the nominating Federation.

- EURO 6.5.3 The Organising Federation shall supply all other officials.

**EURO 6.6 Team Staff Accreditation**

Each Federation entering one or more Open Water Swimming event(s) shall receive maximum seven (7) team staff accreditations (see EURO 2.2.1).

However the number of team staff members shall not exceed the number of competitors plus one.

**EURO 6.7 Championships Trophy Open Water Swimming**

- EURO 6.7.1 The Trophy shall be awarded to the Federation obtaining the highest number of points in all events according to the following system:
- 1st: 20 points;
  - 2nd: 17 points;
  - 3rd: 15 points;
  - 4th: 14 points;
- and so on until 16th place which receives 2 points.

All other swimmers finishing the race shall receive one (1) point.

- EURO 6.7.2 Only two (2) swimmers per Federation and event shall score points.