EUROPEAN AQUATICS®

WATER POLO TECHNICAL OFFICIALS INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATION COURSE FOR REFEREES AND DELEGATES 2025/2026

12TH – 14TH SEPTEMBER 2025
BELGRADE (SRB)

INFORMATION BULLETIN

MESSAGE FROM ANTONIO SILVA, EUROPEAN AQUATICS' PRESIDENT

As President of European Aquatics, I'd like to welcome you all to the Water Polo Technical Officials Intermediate Certification Course for Referees and Delegates 2025/2026.

Education is at the heart of everything we do, and it plays a huge role in the European Aquatics Strategic Plan 2024-2030. Whether you're an athlete, coach, official, or referee, continuous learning helps us all improve, stay sharp, and keep our sport moving forward.

These courses and clinics are more than just training sessions—they're opportunities to grow, connect with experts, and be part of a community dedicated to excellence. By investing in education, we ensure that our sport remains fair, innovative, and always evolving. So, dive in, learn as much as you can, and let's build the future of European Aquatics together!

ANTONIO SILVA

European Aquatics President

COVER LETTER

Dear Colleagues,

We are glad to invite you to the European Aquatics Water Polo Technical Officials Intermediate certification course 2025/2026 for Water Polo Delegates and Referees which will be held in Belgrade (SRB) on period 12th – 14th September 2025.

At the Intermediate certification course, as a part of European Aquatics education and certification program, will be present the latest instructions and applications of the Water Polo Rules which will be applied during the competition season 2025/2026.

From the EA TWPC, EA DRC and EA WP Department we strongly believe that it is essential to address these queries in a clear and precise way and share the conclusions to the Referees and Delegates which will officiate at the games on upcoming competition season.

For this reason, European Aquatics Intermediate certification course for Delegates and Referees is organized to discuss and clarify all new situations and guarantee a start of the competition season 2025/2026 with the most uniform application of the rules.

All the Delegates (EA DRC members and Pool of WP Delegates 2025/2026 registered candidates) as well as the Referees are invited.

For those who will not be able to attend the Intermediate certification course in person, an online transmission is provided through the link:
https://www.eaacademy.eu/lms/courses/water-polo-referees-and-delegates-intermediate-cerification-course-2025-2026

The Clinic will be concluded with online WP Rules test for all participants (in presence and online).

The link to access the WP Rules test (with username and password) will be sent to all Referees (which will be present at the EA WP Referees list 2025/2026) and Delegates (EA DRC and “Pool of WP Delegates” members) who will officiate in the competition season 2025/2026. Successful pass of WP Rules
Successful result on the Test is an obligation to be appointed at the games.

The platform for WP Rules test will be open on period 15th – 18th September 2025 and each Referee/Delegate may repeat the test in, case of fail, maximum three (3) times.

The link to access platform for online WP Rules Test will be shared with you later.

Herewith, you will find all necessary information as well as the registration process and deadlines for different operations.

We hope that this Clinic will be useful for all the participants and stay at your disposal for any possible questions.

Kind regards,
European Aquatics

PROGRAM OF THE INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATION COURSE

Day 1, Friday, 12th September 2025
Hotel M, Bulevar Oslobodjenja 56a, Belgrade (SRB)

Topics only for Delegates

17.00 Opening and welcome
Mr. Antonio Silva, EA President
Mr. Nemanja Marijan, SRB WP FED Secretary General

17.10 Welcome on behalf of EA and DRC
Mr. Andy IM Hoepelman

17.15 Summary of the Technical Delegates work and evaluations
Mr. Andy IM Hoepelman, EA DRC Chairman

17.30 Manual for Delegates - The duties and role of the Delegate
Mr. Dejan Perisic, EA Manager for Technical Officials Water Polo

18.15 Coffee Break

18.30 What does a referee need from a Delegate/ Collaboration between Referee and Delegate
Mr. Boris Margeta, International WA and EA Referee, WWR President

19.15 How to give feedback to the referee
Mr. Andy IM Hoepelman, EA DRC Chairman

19.45 Coffee break

20.00 Referees evaluation, Manual for the evaluations
Mr. Dejan Perisic, EA Manager for Technical Officials Water Polo

20.45 Dinner

Day 2, Saturday, 13th September 2025
Hotel M, Bulevar Oslobodjenja 56a, Belgrade (SRB)

Topics for Delegates and Referees

09.00 Welcome
Mr. Antonio Silva, EA President
Mr. Nemanja Marijan, SRB WP FED Secretary General

09.10 Welcome
Mr. Andy IM Hoepelman, EA DRC Chairman

09.15 Summary of the competition season 2024-2025
Mr. Dejan Perisic, EA Manager for Technical Officials Water Polo

09.30 Actual Water Polo rules 2025
Mr. Boris Margeta, International WA and EA Referee, WWR President

10.30 Coffee break

10.45 Impeding and simulation in Water Polo
Mr. Dejan Perisic, EA Manager for Technical Officials Water Polo

12.00 Refbook app as a tool for delegates and referees
Mr. Andy IM Hoepelman, EA DRC Chairman and Jon Chapman, Refbook (online)

12.15 Lunch

13.45 Centre forward – centre defender
Mr. Boris Margeta, International WA and EA Referee, WWR President

15.15 Coffee break

15.30 Aggressive play, Violent actions and when and how to use yellow and red cards
Mr. Andy IM Hoepelman, EA DRC Chairman

16.15 Psychological and emotional skills of Referees and Delegates
Mr. Nikolaos Stavropoulos, Professor, School of Social Siences

17.15 Departure for the draw for 2026 EWPC Men

21.00 Dinner

Day 3, Sunday, 14th September 2025
Hotel M, Bulevar Oslobodjenja 56a, Belgrade (SRB)

Topics for Delegates and Referees

09.00 **Award of penalty throw and when to call a penalty**
Mr. Andy IM Hoepelman, EA DRC Chairman

10.00 **Specific situations in Women Water Polo**
Ms. Stavroula Kozompoli, EA DRC Member, WA TWPC Secretary

11.00 **Coffee break**

11.15 **Referees behaviour and self-confidence during the game**
Mr. Boris Margeta, International WA and EA Referee, WWR President
- Communication coach-referee
- How to continue after mistake
- Consistency in whistling during the game

12.45 **Closure**

13.00 **Lunch and departures**

NOTE:

During the Intermediate certification course, on 13th September 2025, will be held a draw for thew 2026 EWPC Men, which will be played in Belgrade (SRB) on period 10th – 25th January 2026.

All participants of the Intermediate certification course are kindly invited by the Serbian Water Polo Federation to attend the draw.

REGISTRATION FOR THE INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATION COURSE

Each participant has to register for attendance and to pay the Registration fee (to attend online or in presence) and to pay Accommodation expenses to European Aquatics as follows:

- To attend the Clinic Online or in presence without accommodation in the Official Hotel – 145 Euro
- To attend the Clinic in presence with accommodation in Official Hotel – 95 Euro

Registration process and payment for online or onsite attendance will be open on 1st August 2025 at the link:
https://www.eaacademy.eu/lms/courses/water-polo-referees-and-delegates-intermediate-cerification-course-2025-2026

ACCOMMODATION AND IMPORTANT DATES

Full package for Intermediate certification course

All prices are per person per night on full board basis and include VAT and tourist tax.

Hotel M ★ ★ ★ ★
Bulevar Oslobodjenja 56a, 11000 Belgrade, Serbia *www.hotel-m.com*

Price per person in a single room: €150 per day and includes:

- Airport transfers (arrival and departure)
- Single room accommodation
- Full board (breakfast, lunch, and dinner)
- Local transportation to and from the European Championship draw
- Hotel parking for participants arriving by car

Payment of accommodation and registration fee must be done through the EA Education Platform during the Registration process.

OFFICIAL AIRPORT AND TRANSPORTATION

The Official airport is Belgrade International Airport Nikola Tesla (BEG).
Transportation from and to Official Airport is provided by the organizer and included in the price.
Transportation will be organized only for attendants which will be accommodated in the Official Hotel.
If traveling by own car, please be informed that Hotel has guarded parking and the price of parking is included in the price of accommodation.

CONFIRMATION OF ATTENDANCE:

To confirm your onsite presence at the at the Intermediate certification course please complete the Booking Form and Travel form with following deadlines:

- **Booking form** – 1st September 2025
- **Travel form** – 1st September 2025

BOOKING FORM

DELEGATE: _____ REFEREE: _____
(mark with X)

Personal details:

Family Name:	First Name:	
Email:	Mobile:	
Period of Stay:	Arrival date:	
Number of nights:	Departure date:	

Please complete the details above per each Delegate or Referee from your country which will come to the Intermediate certification course and send it to:

waterpolo@europeanaquatics.org
dejanperisic@europeanaquatics.org
accommodation@belgrade2026.rs

latest on 1st September 2025.

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Date

TRAVEL FORM

DELEGATE: _____ REFEREE: _____
(mark with X)

Personal details:

Family Name:	First Name:
Email:	Mobile:

FLIGHT DETAILS:	
Arrival at Belgrade Airport	
Arrival Date:	From:
Flight N°:	Arrival time:
Departure from Belgrade Airport	
Departure Date:	To:
Flight N°:	Departure Time:

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