



**CARIFTA  
Water Polo  
Championships  
2017**

**Nassau, Bahamas**

### 1. Venue:

Betty Kelly Kenning Swim Complex  
Thompson Blvd, Oakes Field  
Nassau, Bahamas

GAMES VILLAGE:

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### 2. Dates:

Arrival of Teams - Thursday April 6, 2017  
CARIFTA Water Polo Technical Meeting - Thursday April 6, 2017 at 8:00pm  
Competition dates – April 7 – 9, 2017  
Awards distribution – April 9, 2017, following the final game

### 3. Invited Federations:

1. Antigua & Barbuda
2. Turks & Caicos Islands
3. US Virgin Islands
4. Aruba
5. Bahamas
6. Barbados
7. Bermuda
8. British Virgin Islands
9. Cayman Islands
10. Curacao
11. Dominica
12. French Guyana
13. Grenada
14. Guadeloupe
15. Guyana
16. Haiti
17. Jamaica
18. Martinique

19. St. Lucia
20. St. Kitts, Nevis, Anguilla
21. St. Vincent & the Grenadines
22. Suriname
23. Trinidad & Tobago
24. Turks & Caicos Islands
25. US Virgin Islands

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to invite additional Countries for the Water Polo Competition in accordance with the current CARIFTA Guidelines.

#### **4. Competition Rules:**

##### **4.1 The Competition:**

The Competition will be conducted in accordance with FINA Rules 2013-2017 in force at the start of the competition.

##### **4.2 Interpretations:**

The Organizing Committee of CARIFTA Water Polo 2017 and the Jury of Appeal shall have complete authority to answer and resolve any interpretation, resolution and call relating to this Competition. Nominations for the Jury of Appeal shall be submitted at the Technical Meeting.

##### **4.3 Age Groups**

- A. 14 and under - Competitors 14 years or younger on December 31, 2017. Athletes born in 2003 or later may participate. This is a co-ed category.
- B. 16 and under - Competitors 16 years or younger on December 31, 2017. Athletes born in 2001 or later may participate. There will be separate competition for females and for males. Female players may play in male categories only in the event that their country cannot field a female team of that age group.
- C. 19 and under - Competitors 19 years or younger on December 31, 2017. Athletes born in 1998 or later may participate. There will be separate competition for females and for males. Female players may play in male categories only in the event that their country cannot field a female team of that age group.

- D. If there is only one team entered in a female category, that team will be allowed to play in the male category of that age group by the female team's Head Coach's decision and responsibility.

Each athlete's proof of age and eligibility will be verified at the Technical Meeting. Athletes' proof of age and eligibility must be provided in the form of a passport.

#### **5. Eligibility:**

- All participating Federations must be registered and in good financial standing with FINA, or affiliated with a member of FINA in good financial standing.
- Participating Federations must be in good financial standing with all Federations invited to participate in the CARIFTA Water Polo Championship.
- Competitors must be either citizens of the Country they represent whether by birth or naturalization, provided that a naturalized citizen shall have lived in that Country for at least one year prior to the entry deadline for the Championships. Additionally, non-citizens may be entered providing the competitor has been resident in the country for one (1) year prior to the entry deadline and must not have played for another country during that period. All Competitors must also be registered with, or a member of the swimming Federation.

#### **6. Entries:**

In order to participate, countries shall send their entries by email to the Organizing Committee of this Championship, addressed to:

[algeronc@hotmail.com](mailto:algeronc@hotmail.com), [johnbsail@gmail.com](mailto:johnbsail@gmail.com), [borbely9@hotmail.com](mailto:borbely9@hotmail.com)

#### **Preliminary Entries:**

The preliminary entry must be made on the official form and must be sent by email to be in the hands of the organizing committee no later than **January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

The preliminary entry must indicate the following:

- In what categories the National Federation will participate
- The approximate number of persons in the official delegation, including team officials and players by gender
- The number of technical officials

**Final Entries:**

The final entry must be made on the official form (one form per category entered) and must be submitted via email to the above email addressed no later than **March 1, 2017**

**Entry fee:**

There shall be a \$100 per team entry fee.

**Entry rules:**

- A. Each Federation may enter no less than seven (7) players and no more than eleven (11) players per category
- B. Final changes to the team rosters may be made up to the technical meeting. After this, no further changes will be allowed.
- C. Players are allowed to play in more than one category. Younger age group athletes may play in older age groups as well.

**7. Rules:**

The competition shall be governed by the FINA rules for age group water polo.

**25m field**

**Male (Size #5) and Female (size #4) balls according to age**

**30 seconds attacking time**

**6 players and one goal keeper in the field at one time**

**During any match of this tournament, if the goal difference is 10 or more, the match**

**shall be played with a running clock. This rule not apply to the last minute of any period.**

**8. Teams:**

- A. Each Country may enter one (1) team per age group.
- B. The team must comprise a minimum of nine (9) and a maximum of thirteen (13) players.**
- C. The specific "roster" of the team for each match must be submitted during the Technical Meeting accompanied by passports as acceptable proof of age
- D. The competition format shall be determined at the Technical Meeting

**9. Team officials:**

- A. Delegations will be allowed two (2) team officials per team.
- B. Each participating country may provide at least one (1) judges/referees.

Teams from NON English-speaking countries will also be entitled to an additional official to serve as a translator

**10.**

**Accommodations, Meals and Transportation:**

Meet Fees for the Championships are as follows:

- 1. Meet Fee – US \$75.00 per night per member of the Official Delegation (swimmers, team officials & sanctioned technical officials) includes room and board based on four (4) persons in a room or such a number as determined by the male/female ratio and total number of persons in the delegation.
- 2. If a specific request is made by a Federation for accommodation other than 4 persons per room, the following rates will apply.

Triple occupancy US\$ 95.00 per person per night inclusive of meals

Double occupancy US\$130.00 per person per night inclusive of meals

Single occupancy US\$225.00 per person per night inclusive of meals

**11. Technical Officials:**

The organizing committee shall select the names of technical officials who will referee and work as technical staff at these championships. Each delegation is entitled to nominate two (2) referees to work at the competition. These nominees must submit names and experience no later than January 13, 2017. The organizing committee shall notify Federations of those selected.

## **12. Technical Meeting:**

The Technical Meeting will be held on Thursday April 6, 2017 at 7pm at the competition pool or the athletes' village. The agenda will be as follows:

1. Roll Call
2. Determine competition format
3. Competition draw
4. Any other technical matters
5. Jury of Appeal nominations

## **13. Protests:**

All protests to the Referees' Decision must be submitted to the Referee in writing within 30 minutes after the end of the game, signed by the Team Manager of the delegation and accompanied by US \$50.00 Protest Fee. If the protest is upheld the fee will be returned to the Delegation's leader.

## **14. Jury of Appeal:**

- A. There shall be a Jury of Appeal to adjudicate all appeals against a Referee's rejection of a protest.
- B. Each country shall be entitled to nominate a representative to serve on the Jury of Appeal. Nominations will be submitted in writing at the Technical Meeting on April 6, 2017.
- C. The Jury of Appeal shall be comprised of 3 disinterested persons drawn from the pool of nominees submitted by each country.

## **15. Awards:**

- 15.1** Medals will be awarded to first, second and third place in each age group (including the team coach).

## **16. Flags and Anthems:**

Each Delegation shall provide:

- 2 flags of their country no larger than 4 feet by 6 feet.
- A compact disk of their National Anthem.

**CARIFTA WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**APRIL 7 – 9, 2017**  
**PRELIMINARY ENTRY FORM**

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

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMERICAL TEAM ENTRY

TEAMS (PLEASE SELECT THE CATEGORIES ENTERED):

COED: 14&U \_\_\_\_\_

FEMALE: 16&U \_\_\_\_\_ 18&U \_\_\_\_\_

MALE: 16&U \_\_\_\_\_ 18&U \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL # EXPECTED ATHLETES: FEMALE \_\_\_\_\_ MALE \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL # COACHES: \_\_\_\_\_

# REFEREES: \_\_\_\_\_

# OTHER DELEGATES \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS IN DELEGATION: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF AUTHORIZED PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE (eg. Manager): \_\_\_\_\_



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**FINAL ENTRY FORM**

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

CATEGORY: \_\_\_\_\_

DELEGATE: \_\_\_\_\_

HEAD COACH: \_\_\_\_\_

ASSISTANT COACH: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>CAP #</b>	<b>ATHLETE NAME</b>	<b>DATE OF BIRTH (DD/MM/YYYY)</b>
<b>1</b>		
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<b>13</b>		

NAME OF AUTHORIZED PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE (eg. Head delegate) \_\_\_\_\_