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## Subject: EA Water Polo Development Camp

Dear sports friends,

In accordance with the European Aquatics Development strategy and in cooperation with the EA Academy, European Aquatics will organize a Water Polo Development Camp, on June 24-30, 2025 in the hotel Aqualife in Kranevo, Bulgaria. This facility provides optimal conditions for organizing this important European Aquatics project. It will be a unique event in which, for 6 days, with the help of our top experts, we intend to educate young players, but also young coaches, and beginning WP Referees and WP Jury table Officials (men and women).

All information is in the attached brochure.

### Targeting Developing Water Polo countries

This invitation applies especially to those water polo countries who are classified as beginners or medium level in terms of their development in water polo. We are convinced that the young players will return home with new, invaluable experience, and the coaches and officials with new knowledge of water polo. We believe it is especially important to reach young coaches who will continue to use their new knowledge in their countries and in this way further contribute to the development of water polo. The same applies to young referees and WP Jury table Officials who do not yet have an international license and who will have the opportunity to gain experience from the world's best referees during the camp.

In addition, please be aware that we will also be organizing a workshop for Water Polo federations to discuss and share ideas on the best way to create national strategies for the development of the sport.

### Organization

The facilities provide room for approximately 100 children (U12 and U14 age-groups), and 40 young coaches and 20-40 young referees and Jury table Officials during the Camp. All of them will receive training and education from top experts. On the last two days we will organize a tournament where all the players, after training and individual work, could show during the matches everything they have additionally mastered.

We recommend participating in this project with groups of 5-10 children, 2-4 coaches and 1-2 referees or Jury table Officials (male and female).

Since this is a camp for children, safety is our number 1 priority and quality medical care will be available of all participants during the Camp. It is desirable that the coaches are from the clubs the children come from, so that they feel safe during the camp (this applies especially to those who do not speak English). If there is a need, we will also provide the possibility for parents or companions to be present in nearby hotels.

You will see in the info bulletin brochure attached that this project also fits into the new European Aquatics Education programme with coaches, referees and jury table officials all able to get a certificate at the European Aquatics Beginner level at the end of the Camp, provided they pass the test.

### Expression of interest

For us to organize everything on time, we kindly ask you to confirm your initial interest as soon as possible (within the next 7 days) and to fill out the attached entry form by **25 March 2025**.

The total cost per person (players, coaches, officials) is 900 euros (this price includes accommodation, airport transfer, a gift for each participant, medical care, world-renowned WP educators). We tried to keep the prices as low as possible, with a guarantee that the quality of the organization is at the top level. We made sure that the Camp is held in a place that meets very strict criteria regarding the quality of accommodation, food, availability of swimming pools, meeting rooms, places for children to have fun during their free time, all with the attention of a large number of trainers and experienced top educators.

Federation (or clubs) can decide who to send to the Camp, as they have the best knowledge of who are the most talented players (male and female), and the best potential young coaches and referees.

Our task is that all children return home happy and satisfied, with new knowledge about water polo. The same applies to coaches and referees.

Please take advantage of this unique opportunity to raise the quality of water polo in your Federation or club as soon as possible because the number of places is limited.

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