



**WATER POLO**

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## Abbreviations and Terminology

Title	Abbreviation	Notes
Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation	ISSF	
Azerbaijan Islamic Games Organizing Committee	AISGOC	
4 <sup>th</sup> Azerbaijan Islamic Solidarity Games	Baku 2017	
National Olympic Committee	NOC	

# **TECHNICAL RULES**

## **1 COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- 1.1 The Water Polo competition at the 4<sup>th</sup> Islamic Solidarity Games, Baku 2017 shall be conducted in accordance with the FINA 2015-2017 Competition Rules. Issues not covered by the regulations shall be dealt with as below.
- 1.2 For technical matters, the FINA 2015-2017 Competition Rules and Regulations are binding.
- 1.3 For general matters, General Rules and this Technical Handbook should be consulted.

## **2 COMPETITION MANAGEMENT**

- 2.1 The competition shall, under the authority of the ISSF, be organized by AISGOC, in conformity with FINA Rules and Regulations and under the supervision of the Technical Delegate.
- 2.2 AISGOC shall request to FINA to appoint a Technical Delegate.
- 2.3 The Azerbaijan Swimming Federation will appoint the National Technical Officials, who shall be approved by the Technical Delegate.

## **3 VENUE AND SCHEDULE**

- 3.1 The Water Polo competition shall be organized during the period from 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017.
- 3.2 The Water Polo competition shall be staged at the Water Polo Arena, Baku, Azerbaijan. Final Match shall be organized in Baku Aquatics Centre.
- 3.3 The Water Polo Arena consists of two 35m x 22m x 2m pools which will be used for training and competition.
- 3.4 Training schedules will be prepared for the participating teams and circulated prior to the Games.

## **4 TECHNICAL MEETING**

- 4.1 The Technical Meeting will be held at Baku Aquatics Centre, prior to competition starting. The venue and time of the meeting will be confirmed in due course.
- 4.2 The meeting will be attended by:
  - Technical Delegates
  - Competition management
  - Two members of each participating team (Manager and Coach)
  - Translators

## **5 EVENTS AND PARTICIPATION**

- 5.1 The Water Polo competition shall be organized with a maximum number of sixteen (16) men's teams, including the Host Country team. If the NOCs wishing to

- participate is greater than sixteen, the selection will be based on world FINA ranking order.
- 5.2 A NOC whose National Federation is a member of FINA, is entitled to participate in the competition with men's team including thirteen (13) players, one (1) official, one (1) coach, one (1) assistant Coach and one (1) Doctor.
  - 5.3 Athletes must be registered with their respective National Federation.
  - 5.4 It should be noted that for Water Polo there are no pre-qualification standards.
  - 5.5 Athletes must hold the nationality of the country from which the NOC is registered. For eligibility, only individual passports shall be used as the official document of the athlete.

## **6 COMPETITION FORMAT**

- 6.1 If the competition is organized with the maximum of sixteen (16) teams, they shall play as follows:

### **Preliminaries**

Teams shall be divided into four groups. Inside the group each team shall play against the others in one round tournament to determine the preliminary ranking. A lot shall be drawn to determine the match schedule. The top two teams will proceed to the Quarter Finals

### **Quarter Finals**

The winners of the Quarter Finals shall proceed to the Semi Finals.

### **Semi Finals**

The winners of the Semi Finals shall proceed to the Gold medal match. The losers will proceed to the Bronze medal match.

### **Finals**

Gold and Bronze medal matches.

- 6.2 If less than sixteen (16) teams shall compete the competition format will be adapted. The finalised format will be confirmed on confirmation of team entries.

## **7 EQUIPMENT**

- 7.1 All the supplies and equipment of the game must comply with the specifications and standards stipulated in the FINA Rules.
- 7.2 The ball to be used in competition shall be in line with FINA specifications.

## **8 APPAREL**

- 8.1 Every team shall abide by the FINA rules regarding the competition uniform.
- 8.2 No form of advertising or publicity is permitted on athletes clothing.

## **9 MEDALS, DIPLOMAS AND VICTORY CEREMONIES**

9.1 Victory ceremonies shall be held directly following the end of the competition. Winners shall wear the official uniform of their respective National Olympic Committees.

9.2 Winners in Water polo competitions shall be awarded the following prizes and diplomas:

- The first place: A gold medal and a diploma for each player.
- The second place: A silver medal and a diploma for each player.
- The third place: A bronze medal and a diploma for each player.
- Teams ranked from fourth (4th) to eighth (8th) shall be awarded ranking diplomas.