

CEEAA UNDER-15, JUNIOR WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS

In addition to the CEEAA General Event Rules the following **REGULATIONS** shall apply:

JU-WP 1 ORGANISATION

JU-WP 1.1 The CEEAA Under-15 and Junior Championships shall be held in odd years in even years.

JU-WP 1.2 They shall be held separately for men and women.

JU-WP 1.3 The organising Members and the places where the Championships will be held will be decided by the CEEAA Bureau and circulated by the CEEAA Office.

JU-WP 1.4 For any of the Championship events, there will be appointed:

a) by the CEEAA Bureau one (1) CEEAA Bureau Delegate;

b) by the CEEAA Technical Water Polo Committee (CEEAA TWPC) as many members of the TWPC as decided by the CEEAA Bureau. The number of members will be according to the number of teams taking part and fixed in the respective contract (see E 9.4).

The CEEAA Bureau Delegate and the appointed members of the CEEAA TWPC will be responsible for and supervise the correct conduct of the competitions according to CEEAA Rules and Regulations. They will decide on all matters arising on site at the competitions which require an immediate decision.

JU-WP 2 PARTICIPATION

JU-WP 2.1 The age groups are (Men and Women):

- CEEAA Under-15 Championships: up to 15 years;

JU-WP 2.2 Members may enter one (1) team per event.

JU-WP 2.3 The Championships will be held with maximum sixteen (16) teams, including the team of the organising Member.

JU-WP 2.4 The first eight (8) classified Teams from the previous Championships are automatically qualified for the Preliminary Round.

If the Organising Member is not among the qualified teams, the number of teams to qualify automatically will be seven (7) plus the team of the organising Member.

JU-WP 2.5 All the other teams entered shall play a separate Qualification Tournament.

After the submission date for the Preliminary Entries, the CEEAA TWPC will appoint for each Qualification Tournament, if necessary, venue, organiser and one (1) Technical Delegate.

JU-WP 2.6 If less than the above mentioned number of teams will be entered, the CEEAA TWPC shall take the decisions required.

JU-WP 2.7 The CEEAA Office will circulate all decisions according to JU-WP 2.4, 2.5, and 2.6 as soon as possible after the Preliminary Entries have been submitted.

JU-WP 2.8 Time and place of any draw will be announced by the Secretary of the CEEAA TWPC and circulated by the CEEAA Office.

JU-WP 3 FORMAT

JU-WP 3.1 The Championships shall be held with:

a) Qualification Tournament (if necessary, according

- to JU-WP 2.4 and 2.5);
- b) Preliminary Round;
 - c) Quarter Finals;
 - d) Ranking Matches for the 5th place and further ranking;
 - e) Final Round with Semi Finals, Ranking Match for the 3rd place and Final.

JU-WP 3.2 Each team will play only one match per day.

Exceptions may be decided.

JU-WP 3.3 Matches played in the Qualification Round and Preliminary Round shall be played to the normal time. All other matches shall be played to a final result (see JU-WP 6.2).

JU-WP 3.4 Classification of teams will be decided according to JU-WP 6.1 and JU-WP 6.3.

JU-WP 3.5 Qualification Round

JU-WP 3.5.1 The Qualification Round shall be held with:

- a) The Members ranked 9th to 16th at the previous Under-15 Junior Championship;
- b) All the other Members entered.

JU-WP 3.5.2 The teams shall be seeded into groups.

The number of groups and teams for each group will depend on the number of entries. The seeding shall be according to the previous classification of the Championships, its Qualification Round, and as much as possible geographical positioning. Details to be decided by the CEEA TWPC with the approval of the CEEA Bureau Executive and circulated by the CEEA Office.

JU-WP 3.5.3 Each group shall play at a different venue.

JU-WP 3.5.4 Each team shall play only one match per day.

Exceptions may be decided.

JU-WP 3.5.5 The number of teams qualified for the Preliminary Round depends on the number of teams automatically qualified for the Preliminary Round.

JU-WP 3.6 Preliminary Round (First)

JU-WP 3.6.1 The Preliminary Round shall be held with sixteen (16) teams:

- a) The Members ranked 1st to 7th in the previous Under-15, Junior Championship;
- b) The organising Member if not qualified in accordance with a);
- c) The teams qualified by the Qualification Round.

JU-WP 3.6.2 The sixteen (16) teams shall be seeded into four (4) groups with four teams each (Groups A,B,C and D).

The Draw shall be held according to the following system:

1st Batch: The teams ranked 1st to 4th at the previous Under-15, Junior Championship.

2nd Batch: The teams ranked 5th to 7th at the previous Under-15, Junior Championship. If the team of the organising Member was ranked 1st to 7th at the previous Under-15 Junior Championship the team ranked 8th goes in this batch.

3rd Batch: The remaining teams qualified by the Qualification Round.

JU-WP 3.6.3 In each group each team shall play against each of the other teams.

JU-WP 3.6.4 Each team shall play one match per day.

JU-WP 3.6.5 The teams ranked 1st in each group shall qualify directly for the Quarter Finals (JU-WP 3.8).

JU-WP 3.6.6 The teams ranked 2nd and 3rd in each group shall play to qualify for the Quarter Finals.

JU-WP 3.6.7 The teams ranked 4th in each group shall play the Ranking Round for places 13th - 16th

JU-WP 3.7 Preliminary Round (Second)

JU-WP 3.7.1 The team ranked 4th in Group A of the Preliminary R. shall play against the team ranked 4th in Group C (Ranking Match 1).

The team ranked 4th in Group B of the Preliminary R. shall play against the team ranked 4th in Group D (RM 2).

The winners shall play for the 13th and 14th place

The looser shall play for the 15th and 16th place.

The team ranked 2nd in Group A of the Preliminary R. shall play against the team ranked 3rd in Group C (RM 3)

The team ranked 2nd in Gr. C of the Preliminary R. shall play against the team ranked 3rd in Gr. A (RM 4)

The team ranked 2nd in Gr. B of the Preliminary R. shall play against the team ranked 3rd in Gr. D (RM 5)

The team ranked 2nd in Gr. D of the Preliminary R. shall play against the team ranked 3rd in Gr. B (RM 6)

The Winners shall qualify for the Quarter Finals.

The Losers shall play for the 9th – 12th place of the final ranking (JU-WP 3.8.1).

JU-WP 3.8 Quarter Finals

JU-WP 3.8.1. The Loser of the RM3 shall play against the Loser of the RM5 (QF1)

The Loser of the RM4 shall play against the Loser of the RM6 (QF2)

The Winners shall play for the 9th – 10th place;

The Loser shall play for the 11th – 12th place.

JU-WP 3.8.2 The Winner of the RM 3 shall play against the team ranked 1st in Gr D (QF 3);

The Winner of the RM 4 shall play against the team ranked 1st in Gr B (QF 4);

The Winner of the RM 5 shall play against the team ranked 1st in Gr C (QF 5);

The Winner of the RM 6 shall play against the team ranked 1st in Gr A (QF 6);

The Winners shall play for the 1st to 4th place;

The Losers shall play for the 5th to 8th place.

JU-WP 3.9 Final Round

JU-WP 3.9.1 The Loser of the RM1 shall play against the Loser of the RM2 (15 – 16 Place);

The Winner of the RM1 shall play against the Winner of the RM2 (13 – 14 Place)

The Loser of the QF1 shall play against the Loser of the QF2 (11 – 12 Place);

The Winner of the QF1 shall play against the Winner of the QF2 (9 – 10 Place);

The Loser of the QF 3 shall play against the Loser of the QF 5 (SF 1);

The Loser of the QF 4 shall play against the Loser of the QF 6 (SF 2);

The Winner of the QF 3 shall play against the Winner of the QF 5 (SF 3);

The Winner of the QF 4 shall play against the Winner of the QF 6 (SF 4).

JU-WP 3.9.2 The Loser of the SF 1 shall play against the Loser of the SF 2 (7 – 8 Place);

The Winner of the SF1 shall play against the Winner of the SF 2 (5 – 6 Place);

The Loser of the SF3 shall play against the Loser of the SF 4 (3 – 4 Place);

The Winner of the SF3 shall play against the Winner of the SF 4 (1 – 2 Place).

JU-WP 3.9.3 The Winner shall be declared «European Water

Polo Under-15/Junior/Under-19 Champion Men/Women».

JU-WP 3.9.4 All further Regulations shall be decided by the CEEA TWPC and circulated by the CEEA Office.

JU-WP 4 ENTRIES

JU-WP 4.1 Preliminary Entries

Preliminary Entries shall be submitted to the CEEA Office no later than the date circulated by the CEEA Office.

JU-WP 4.2 Named Entries

JU-WP 4.2.1 Named entries of players shall be submitted for each of the following stages to the organising Member, with copy to the CEEA Office, no later than ten (10) days before the first competition day of:

- a) the separate Qualification Tournaments (if any);
- b) the Preliminary Round.

Up to twenty (20) players shall be listed on the official form, comprising name, surname and passport number. The lists of entered players may not be changed after the time limit for its submission.

JU-WP 4.2.2 The names on the lists to be submitted before each of the above mentioned stages may be changed. The list submitted before the Preliminary Round may not be changed for the further stages of the Championship.

JU-WP 4.2.3 At the Team Leaders Meeting before the first match of the above mentioned stages, fifteen (15) players, of those listed on the official form, together with the names of the coach and the officials to sit on the bench shall be nominated for participation in the competitions.

JU-WP 4.2.4 Nominated players shall be numbered one (1) to thirteen (13) and wear a cap with the number under which he/she has been nominated.

The goalkeeper shall wear a red cap numbered 1 and the substitute goalkeeper shall wear a red cap numbered 13.

JU-WP 4.2.5 The names of the 13 players shall be submitted to the CEEA Technical Delegate no later than two hours before the match.

A player suspended for one or more matches may not be substituted.

JU-WP 4.2.6 The CEEA Technical Delegate shall check the players personal identification documents and ensure that:

- a) the names of the players are in accordance with the list of entered players;
- b) entered players are in conformity with Rule E 14.1;
- c) the age of the players is in accordance with JU-WP 2.1.

Players which cannot present their personal identification documents correspondingly to the list of entered players or which are not listed will not be eligible to play.

JU-WP 5 ACCREDITATION

JU-WP 5.1 Entered Members will receive accreditation for:

- a) the President of the Member;
- b) the Head of Delegation;
- c) the entered competitors;
- d) one medical person per team;
- e) five team staff members per team.

JU-WP 5.2 Team staff members include everybody servicing the team: Team Leaders, Chaperones, Coaches, Physiotherapists, Interpreters, etc., but not officials such as judges, referees, etc.

JU-WP 6 CLASSIFICATION

JU-WP 6.1 Scores and Points

JU-WP 6.1.1 Each victory shall count three (3) points for the winning team, each draw one (1) point per team and zero (0) points for the losing team.

JU-WP 6.1.2 For each match in which a team is disqualified a goal score of 10:0 shall be awarded to the opposing team.

JU-WP 6.1.3 The final classification within a group shall be established according to the points gained by each team in all matches of its group.

JU-WP 6.2 Matches to be played to a final result

JU-WP 6.2.1 If a match ends with a tie after the normal time, there shall be a penalty shootout to determine the result.

Note: If a penalty shootout is necessary, this shall follow the procedures according to the FINA rules.

JU-WP 6.3 Equality of Points

JU-WP 6.3.1 In case of equality of points in a group between **two teams** the classification shall be established as follows:

- a) Precedence shall be given to the team having won the match between the two teams.
- b) If this has been a tie, precedence shall be given to the team with the largest difference between goals scored for and against.
- c) If there is still a tie precedence shall be given to the team having scored the higher number of goals.
- d) If there is still a tie precedence to the team having won the largest number of matches.
- e) If there is still equality, the classification of the teams shall be decided by lot.

JU-WP 6.3.2 If equality of points is between **more than two teams** the classification shall be established as follows:

- a) Only the points gained in those matches played among the teams with equal points shall be decisive.
- b) If there is still equality the classification shall be established according to the goal difference gained in only those matches played among the teams with equal points.
- c) If there is still equality the classification shall be established according to the highest number of goals scored in only those matches played among the teams with equal points.
- d) If there is still equality the classification shall be established according to the goal difference achieved in all matches played in the group.
- e) If there is still equality the classification shall be established according to the highest number of goals scored in all matches of the group.
- f) If there is still equality precedence shall be given to the team having won the largest number of the matches.
- g) If there is still equality, the classification of the teams shall be decided by lot.

JU-WP 6.4 Exclusion and Suspension of Teams

JU-WP 6.4.1 The CEEA Code of Discipline shall apply.

JU-WP 6.4.2 A team forfeiting a match shall be excluded.

Exceptions may be made if there is serious reason.

Results achieved in that stage of the Championship shall be expunged.

JU-WP 6.4.3 The CEEA Bureau may suspend a team if:

- a) the Rules, the Regulations and/or the instructions issued to all participating teams are not complied with by the team, or;
- b) the financial liabilities in regard to the team are not fulfilled.

JU-WP 7 REFEREES

JU-WP 7.1 In any of the Championship events (including the separate Qualification Tournaments if any), each participating Member shall be financially responsible for a referee affiliated to the Member and to be nominated by the CEEA TWPC.

If no referee affiliated to the Member may be nominated, the Member shall be financially responsible for the referee of another Member to be nominated by the CEEA TWPC.

JU-WP 7.2 Additional referees may be appointed by the CEEA TWPC subject to the conditions stated in the relevant contract.

JU-WP 7.3 The appointed members of the CEEA TWPC will nominate for each match the Technical Delegate(s), the referees and the other officials.

JU-WP 7.4 Referees may be evaluated.

JU-WP 8 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

JU-WP 8.1 The organising Member of any of the Championship events shall provide:

- a) transport from the nearest airport or railway station to the official hotel and back for participating teams, Delegates and Referees;
- b) transport from official hotels to the pool and back for training and competitions for participating teams, Delegates and Referees;
- c) sessions of minimum one (1) hour per day for training preferably in the competition pool beginning two (2) days before the competitions.

All other requirements, including the reimbursement of the expenses of the CEEA Delegate(s) and additional referees, are as fixed in the relevant Contract (see Rule E 9.4).

JU-WP 8.2 Each participating Member shall be financially responsible for the expenses for accommodation and travel of their team and for the accommodation, travel and per diem of the referee nominated according to JU-WP 7.1.