



2027 CMAS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP UNDERWATER RUGBY



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1. Welcome messages

1.1. CMAS

The Confédération Mondiale des Activités Subaquatiques (CMAS) is pleased to welcome athletes, officials and partners to the 2027 CMAS World Championship Underwater Rugby taking place in Torremolinos, Málaga, Spain from 15 to 22 May 2027.

Bringing together competitors from across the world, this Championship represents the highest level of international competition within the CMAS calendar and reflects the core principles of CMAS sport: high standards of performance, respect for rules and officials, and the spirit of fair and friendly competition between nations.

This event is made possible through the close collaboration between CMAS, the host federation and the Local Organising Committee (LOC), whose dedication and professionalism ensure the conditions for a safe, fair and successful Championship.

CMAS wishes all participants a successful competition and hopes that this Championship will offer not only high-level sporting performances, but also lasting memories and positive exchanges for everyone involved.

1.2. Local Authorities Representative

On behalf of the City Council of Torremolinos, it is our great honour to welcome the 2027 CMAS World Championship Underwater Rugby to our city. Torremolinos has a long tradition of hosting major national and international sporting events, and we are proud to add this unique and spectacular discipline to that history. We wish all delegations a warm stay on the Costa del Sol and an unforgettable competition.

1.3. LOC Representative

On behalf of the Local Organising Committee and the Spanish Underwater Activities Federation (FEDAS), we are delighted to welcome you to the first CMAS World Championship Underwater Rugby ever held in Spain. Our team has worked hard to prepare a safe, well-organised and memorable Championship for all athletes, officials and guests. We look forward to seeing you in Torremolinos in May 2027.





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2. Presentation of the Host City

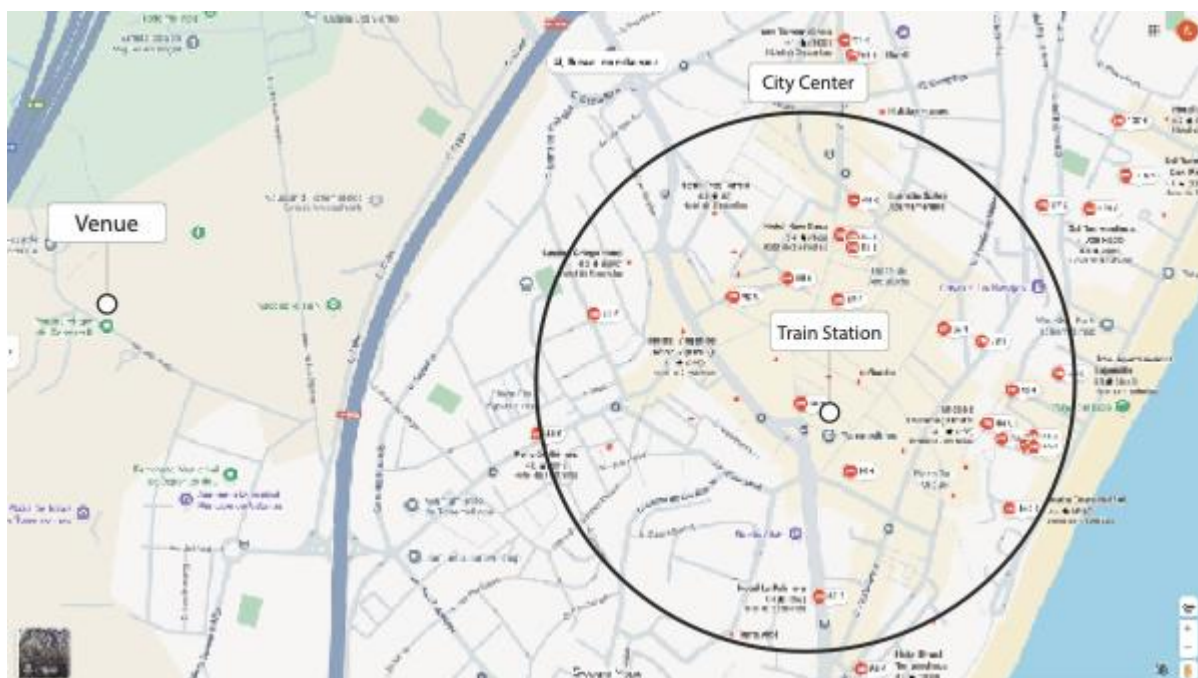
Torremolinos, a municipality located on Spain's Costa del Sol, is a popular tourist destination known for its beautiful beaches, vibrant nightlife, and exceptional climate.

With a population of around 70,000, the city comes alive during the summer months, especially in June and July, when the weather is warm and sunny, with temperatures ranging between 25°C and 30°C (77°F–86°F).

Its Blue Flag-awarded beaches and wide range of recreational activities make Torremolinos an ideal place to relax and enjoy the Mediterranean atmosphere.

Furthermore, every year Torremolinos hosts national and international championships from a wide variety of sports including Triathlon, Swimming, Running, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Cycling... and now Underwater Rugby.

3. City map



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Málaga–Costa del Sol Airport (AGP) is located approximately 7 km from Torremolinos (around 15 minutes by car).

Torremolinos also has its own railway station (Cercanías C1 line), with a direct and frequent connection to Málaga Airport and Málaga city centre.

Information about transfer from the airport to Torremolinos and to the pool for teams will be released in the following months.

4. Presentation of the Competition Venue

The Championship will take place at Piscinas Virgen del Carmen III, Av. San Antón 251, 29620 Torremolinos, Málaga, Spain.

Competition pool size:

- Length: 21 m
- Width: 15 m
- Depth: 5 m
- The temperature of the water is 25 °C
- Number of spectator seats: 200 by the pool + 100 Fun Zone (to be confirmed)

Playing area dimensions:

- Length: 15 m
- Width: 10 m
- Depth: 5 m
- Exchange area: 3 m

Warm-up pool size:

- Length: 50 m
- Width: 10 m (three lines)
- Depth: 2 m
- The temperature of the water is 25 °C





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The Competition Venue is conveniently located, with easy access from the city center and close to major hotels. The pool meets regulatory standards and is in excellent maintenance condition. The venue is a modern municipal aquatic complex offering dressing rooms and showers for athletes and officials, toilets, a dedicated massage/physiotherapy room (to be confirmed but very likely), and administrative offices for the LOC and CMAS officials.

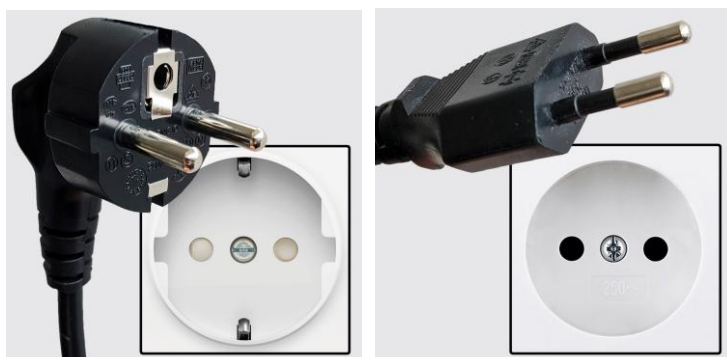


5. General information

The Spanish Underwater Activities Federation (FEDAS) – authorised by CMAS – invites all interested National Federations to participate in the 2027 CMAS World Championship Underwater Rugby scheduled to take place on 15-22 May 2027 in Torremolinos, Málaga, Spain.

5.1. Various and practical information

- The currency of the host country is Euro (EUR).
- Electrical current in the host country is 230V, 50 Hz
- Type of plug



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6. Participation and eligibility

6.1. Information about participation

- Only participants with a CMAS Licence are eligible to compete in the Championship.
- Only participants holding a valid Anti-Doping Education and Learning (ADEL) certificate (or an equivalent certificate accepted by CMAS) are eligible to compete in the Championship. Federations are responsible for ensuring that each athlete has completed the required course and that proof of certification is available upon request.
- All participants should respect the Championship rules, the safety conditions set by the organisers and CMAS rules and regulations.
- Nationality: all athletes in a national team must hold the nationality of the country they represent, or submit proof that they have been resident in that country for at least one year. A team may include a maximum of 30% foreign athletes (CMAS Procedures and Obligations).
- Athletic age: an athlete's athletic age is obtained by subtracting the year of birth from the current year. All athletes must be at least 18 years old.

6.2. Team composition and delegation

Each team may register a maximum of fifteen (15) athletes. The number of team officials — coaches, medical and paramedical staff, and team leaders — is not limited. A National Federation may enter one men's team and/or one women's team.

6.3. Preparation in advance

Federations are strongly encouraged to complete the following administrative steps well before the registration deadlines, so that they do not delay or block athlete entries:

- **CMAS Portal profile** created for each athlete and official, with a valid ID photo uploaded
- **CMAS sport licence** payment completed and registered in the CMAS bank account (a licence is only valid once payment is registered)
- **ADEL anti-doping education certificate** (or CMAS-accepted equivalent) completed for each athlete

These steps are the responsibility of each National Federation. Delays caused by incomplete profiles, unpaid licences, or missing ADEL certificates will not extend the registration deadlines and



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may result in penalties or refusal of entry. National Federations are therefore advised to complete athlete registrations together with their payments and well before the deadlines, so that any issues can be resolved in good time.

6.4. Accreditation

Accreditation badges for all delegation members (athletes, team leaders, coaches, medical staff, technical officials) are produced through the CMAS Portal. Each federation is responsible for ensuring that every registered member has a valid ID photo uploaded to their CMAS Portal profile before the registration deadline.

6.5. Insurance

Each National Federation is responsible for ensuring that all of its athletes and officials hold valid insurance for the duration of the Championship, including medical, accident and travel/repatriation cover. The organisers and CMAS accept no liability for any injury, illness, loss or damage suffered by participants.

6.6. Media and image rights

By participating in the Championship, each National Federation agrees that its athletes and officials may be photographed and filmed by the LOC or its partners, and that the resulting images and recordings may be used to promote this event and future CMAS Underwater Rugby events.

6.7. Championship Rules

- The registrations for CMAS Competitions are submitted solely through the CMAS Portal (<https://portal.cmas.org>).
- Official event language is English.
- Categories played are men and women separately.



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7. Competition and officials

7.1. Tournament format and draw

The tournament format and competition schedule will be confirmed once the final number of participating teams is known. The draw will be conducted by the LOC and CMAS Underwater Rugby Commission, using the most recent CMAS World Championship ranking as the seeding basis.

The detailed schedule and draw results will be communicated to all participating federations in advance.

7.2. International Jury

CMAS Technical Delegate according to the CMAS rules. CMAS Technical Delegate is Riku Riikonen.

7.3. Protests

According to the CMAS Procedures and obligations CAT A - B competitions.

7.4. Doping Control

The Local Organising Committee guarantees to provide doping control according to the CMAS and WADA rules during the Championship and regarding the number of tests planned by ITA.

7.5. Medical and emergency services

Medical cover will be provided at the Competition Venue during official training and competition hours. On-site provision includes a first aid station support.

In case of emergency, the nearest hospital is Hospital Marítimo de Torremolinos, Calle Sanatorio nº 5, 29620 Torremolinos, Málaga.

The local emergency telephone number is 112.



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7.6. Classification and Awards

According to the CMAS rules.

8. Team requirements

8.1. Flags and national anthems

National teams must bring **two (2) national flags** (2.00 m × 1.00 m) for use during the Opening Ceremony and medal ceremonies.

Each federation must submit its **national anthem** to the Local Organising Committee no later than **15 April 2027** for quality and duration review.

Requirements:

- **Format:** MP3 or WAV
- **Version:** Short instrumental version
- **Duration:** Maximum 60 seconds
- **Quality:** Minimum 192 kbps (MP3) or uncompressed (WAV)
- **File name:** [Country code]_anthem.mp3 (e.g. ESP_anthem.mp3)

Files should be sent to 2027_cmaswc_uwr@fedas.es. The LOC will confirm receipt and flag any issues so they can be corrected before arrival. Teams are also encouraged to bring a backup copy on a USB drive on Day -1.

8.2. Equipment

Training balls will be provided by the Local Organising Committee at the Competition and warm-up venues.

Teams may bring their own match ball to **ball selection**, where the official match ball (and reserve) of the event will be chosen.



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9. General Schedule Draft

Day -2	13 May 2027	Arrival of Delegations
Day -1	14 May 2027	Arrival of Delegations - Accreditation - Training - Technical Meeting - Opening Ceremony
Day 1	15 May 2027	1st Day of competition
Day 2	16 May 2027	2nd Day of competition
Day 3	17 May 2027	3rd day of competition
Day 4	18 May 2027	4th day of competition
Day 5	19 May 2027	5th day of competition
Day 6	20 May 2027	6th day of competition
Day 7	21 May 2027	7th day of competition
Day 8	22 May 2027	8th day of competition
Day 9	23 May 2027	Departure of Delegations

This general schedule is given as an example and must be adapted to the actual duration of the Championship. The detailed competition schedule will be confirmed and circulated to participating federations once the number of teams is known.





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10. Financial Modalities

The payments described below must be completed directly with the Local Organising Committee.

10.1. Participation fee

The participation (entry) fee is charged per team. A National Federation entering both a men's and a women's team pays the participation fee twice (2x) — one fee per team.

The **participation fee is 4.900€ per team.**

An **early registration rate of 4.500€ per team** applies for payments received by 15 September 2026.

The full fee (100%) must be paid no later than 15 January 2027 to guarantee the booking.

10.2. Booking

No official Championship hotels will be arranged by the LOC, but a list of selected hotels in Torremolinos that have agreed to offer participating teams a preferential rate, service, or arrangement will be released shortly. Reservations must be made directly with each hotel, using the contact details and promo code that will be provided.

10.3. Extra Charges

- Transfer from the Airport to the teams' hotels and back can be arranged by LOC upon team's request.

10.4. Extra Services

- Training Camp before the Championship: please contact the Local Organising Committee for pool availability and conditions.



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11. Payment

* Please note: Late registrations will not be accepted.

The full participation fee (100%) must be paid to the LOC bank account together with the preliminary entry, no later than 15 January 2027, to guarantee the booking. All fees must be paid via bank transfer. Bank information is confidential. Thus, it will be sent upon your request to the email: fedas@fedas.es (cc: 2027_cmaswc_uwr@fedas.es).

11.1. Cancellation and refund

Once the preliminary entry (ANNEX 1) has been submitted, the participation/entry fee is non-refundable. No cancellation or refund of the entry fee will be granted after submission of the preliminary entry, regardless of the reason.

11.2. Visa

In case a visa is needed, please send ANNEX 3 to the Local Organising Committee at least two months before the Championship. Once ANNEX 3 has been filed, the Local Organising Committee will process and issue an official invitation letter to support the visa application.

12. Deadlines - Conditions for Entry & Participation

Registration and payment of CMAS fees on the CMAS Portal.

Key dates for National Federations:

When	Action	Form / channel
8 months before	Early registration + early-bird fee	ANNEX 1 + bank transfer
4 months before	Entry + full fee	ANNEX 1 + bank transfer
2 months before	Visa support request (if needed)	ANNEX 2
1 month before	National anthem submission	Email to LOC (2027_cmaswc_uwr@fedas.es)





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When	Action	Form / channel
3 weeks before	Final entry — athletes & officials	CMAS Portal
On arrival (Day -1)	Final confirmation; medical substitutions only	On-site accreditation

12.1. No later than 15 September 2026

Intent to participate (non-binding): each interested National Federation should notify the Director of the CMAS Underwater Rugby Commission and the Local Organising Committee of its intention to take part, with a rough estimate of the number of teams (men's and/or women's) and delegation size. This indication is non-binding and is used only to support early planning.

Early registration: National Federations that submit their preliminary entry (ANNEX 1) together with payment of the participation fee no later than 15 September 2026 qualify for the early registration rate of 4.500€ per team (see the Participation fee section).

levent.cavas@sport.cmas.org and fedas@fedas.es (cc: 2027_cmaswc_uwr@fedas.es).

12.2. No later than 15 January 2027

ANNEX 1: Preliminary entry form (confirmed number of teams and delegation numbers), submitted together with payment of the participation fee, should be sent to the Director of the CMAS Underwater Rugby Commission (levent.cavas@sport.cmas.org) and the Local Organising Committee.

12.3. No later than 15 March 2027

ANNEX 3: Visa support / invitation letter request form should be sent to the Local Organising Committee by each delegation requiring visas (see the Visa section). The Local Organising Committee will issue an official invitation letter on the basis of this information.

12.4. No later than 24 April 2027

Final entry (athletes and officials) — used for the official start lists, scheduling, the draw, accreditation and billing:



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All the members of the delegation (Team leader, officials, medical and paramedical staff, technical official, athletes) must be registered online through the CMAS Portal (<https://portal.cmas.org>).

Each athlete must have at this point:

- A valid CMAS sport licence (payment registered)
- A valid ADEL certificate (or equivalent)
- A complete CMAS Portal profile with photo
- All team officials must also have a complete CMAS Portal profile with photo.

Late athlete entries will not be accepted. Modifications after this deadline are subject to acceptance by the CMAS Underwater Rugby Commission and may incur financial penalties.

12.5. On arrival (Day -1)

Final confirmation: delegations are confirmed on-site at accreditation (Day -1). At accreditation, each athlete must present a passport or national ID and be identified as the same person registered in their CMAS Portal profile. Athletes who were already identity-confirmed at a previous CMAS event do not need to be confirmed again. After the final-entry deadline, only substitutions for documented medical reasons are accepted, up to Day -1, with approval from the Technical Delegate.

Important notice:

- To proceed with the registration of the athlete, the CMAS licence should be valid.
- A CMAS licence is automatically valid only when the payment is registered in the CMAS bank account.
- Any delay in finalising the registration process after the deadline will result in penalties for the federation, regardless of the reason (incl. technical issues, delayed payment to the CMAS bank account etc).
- All modifications or additions requested by the National Federations after the deadline are subject to acceptance by the CMAS Underwater Rugby Commission and may incur financial penalties.



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13. Contact information of LOC

For further information, please contact

The Local Organising Committee:

Alejandro Betancur A.

Phone: +34 672 090 496

Email: 2027_cmaswc_uwr@fedas.es

14. Annexes

The following annexes form part of this Information Bulletin and must be completed and returned by the deadlines set out in the Deadlines section:

- ANNEX 1 — Preliminary entry form
- ANNEX 2 — Visa support / invitation letter request form

The annex forms are provided on the following pages.



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ANNEX 1 — Preliminary Entry Form

One entry per National Federation, submitted together with payment of the participation fee. It confirms which teams the federation is entering (men's and/or women's). The number of teams entered determines the participation fee and is used for initial scheduling and the draw. Final athlete and official names are submitted separately via the CMAS Portal (see the Deadlines section).

National Federation	
Country	
Head of delegation (name)	
Email	
Telephone (international)	
Entering a men's team?	Yes ☐ No ☐
Entering a women's team?	Yes ☐ No ☐
Number of athletes	
Number of officials	
Total delegation size	
Date	
Name & signature	



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ANNEX 2 — Visa Support / Invitation Letter Request Form

To be completed and returned to the Local Organising Committee at least two months before the Championship. One row per person requiring a visa. The Local Organising Committee will issue an official invitation letter on the basis of this information.

National Federation	
Country	
Contact for delivery of invitation letters (email)	

Persons requiring a visa:

No.	Full name (as in passport)	Date of birth	Nationality	Passport no.	Passport expiry	Role	Embassy / consulate of application
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