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Welcome

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the ninth season of the World Aquatics Artistic Swimming World Cup!

This year, we are thrilled to see a truly global competition across four continents, offering a stage for extraordinary performances and a pathway to the World Aquatics Championships – Singapore 2025.



The Artistic Swimming World Cup 2025 series will begin in Paris, France (28 February – 2 March), continue in Hurghada, Egypt (11-13 April), and Markham, Canada (1-3 May), before culminating in the Super Final in Xi'an, China (13-15 June).

It is fitting to start this season in Paris, a city that recently celebrated the triumphant Olympic Games Paris 2024. With artistic swimming capturing the world's attention this summer, including China's historic first-ever Olympic golds and medallists from three continents, we look forward to witnessing the sport's continued global growth. The competition will take place at the iconic Piscine Georges Vallerey, a venue steeped in history and carefully renovated for the centenary of the 1924 Olympics.

The series then travels to the stunning resort city of Hurghada, Egypt. Following the success of the Egypt Aquatics Festival and several other competitions for our aquatic sports, we are thrilled that we can return to Hurghada, which promises to bring a truly vibrant atmosphere.

Next, the competition will head to Markham, Canada, where the artistic swimming community will be welcomed for a third consecutive year. Markham has quickly established itself as a trusted and enthusiastic host. I look forward to seeing athletes and fans enjoy a brilliant few days in the city.

Finally, the competitors will meet in Xi'an, China, for the Super Final. It will no doubt be a fitting finale to a spectacular celebration of the world's best artistic swimmers.

As ever, none of this would be possible without the dedication and hard work of our Local Organising Committees, local authorities, volunteers, and the international media. Your support ensures that artistic swimming, and our global community, continue to strengthen. Thank you for your invaluable contributions.

To all our athletes, I wish you the very best in your preparations and performances and to our community around the world, I hope you enjoy a fantastic few weeks of competition where we are once again 'United by Water'.

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Captain Husain Al-Musallam
President, World Aquatics

EGYPTIAN SWIMMING FEDERATION

Dear Athletes, Coaches, Officials, and Distinguished Guests,

On behalf of the Egyptian Swimming Federation, the Egyptian Olympic Committee, and the African Swimming Federation, it is an exceptional honour to welcome you all to the World Aquatics Artistic Swimming Cup 2025, hosted in the beautiful Soma Bay, Egypt, for the second stop of the year of 2025.



This prestigious event represents not only a celebration of the remarkable athleticism, artistry, and passion of the world's finest artistic swimmers but also a significant milestone for Egypt as we proudly serve as the stage for such a global competition. Soma Bay, with its pristine beaches and world-class facilities, offers the ideal setting to inspire excellence and foster camaraderie among athletes and nations.

As President of the Egyptian Swimming Federation and the Egyptian Olympic Committee, and Vice President of the African Swimming Federation, I take great pride in our commitment to advancing the values of sportsmanship, unity, and perseverance. Hosting this event reinforces Egypt's dedication to supporting aquatic sports, enhancing their reach across the region, and providing opportunities for athletes to shine on the global level.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to World Aquatics for entrusting us with the responsibility of organizing this prestigious event. To the athletes, we applaud your commitment and wish you great success in your performances. To the officials and coaches, we thank you for your invaluable contribution to the success of this competition.

We hope your time in Egypt will be both rewarding and memorable, filled with a spirit of collaboration and excellence that defines the very essence of artistic swimming.

Warmest regards,

ENG. Yasser Idris

President of the Egyptian Swimming Federation

President of the Egyptian Olympic Committee

Vice President of the African Swimming Federation

LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



On behalf of the Local Organising Committee, it gives me great pleasure to welcome all the athletes, coaches, and officials to THE WORLD AQUATICS ARTISTIC SWIMMING WORLD CUP 2025 in the stunning coastal city of SOMABAY, Egypt.

We are thrilled to host some of the world's finest artistic swimmers and showcase Egypt's hospitality, rich culture, and natural beauty to a global audience.

We are proud to be hosting THE WORLD AQUATICS ARTISTIC SWIMMING WORLD CUP 2025 for the second time.

Let this event be a testament to the power of sport to bring participants from all over the world together, inspire greatness, and create unforgettable memories together.

I wish all athletes the best of luck in the second stop of 2025 and hope you all have a magnificent experience in SOMABAY and in EGYPT.



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CEO OF MINDSET

B – Competition Venue

Venue	Somabay Sports Arena SOMABAY, HURGHADA
Competition and training pool	50 m outdoor pool (Depth 2,5M deep end, 2M shallow end) 25 m outdoor pool (Depth 1.35M)
Distance to airport	Hurghada International Airport, 50km



Somabay is a prime touristic destination in Egypt, ideally situated on the eastern shores of Egypt on the Red Sea coast just 40 minutes by car from Hurghada International Airport. The ten million square meters, self-contained community of Somabay is surrounded on three sides by the sea. The resort location exposes some of the most beautiful sandy beaches of the Red Sea and panoramic views of desert mountains, where sun-drenched activities take infinite elevating forms. Home to 5 luxury resort hotels and a significant portfolio of residential properties, Somabay has successfully developed a wide array of facilities and amenities, catering to different market needs and a range of target segments.



C – Contact Information

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D – Event Officials

World Aquatics Delegate	Lisa Schott
Referee	Laura de Renzis
World Aquatics Scorers	Microplus
Music Coordinator	TBD

Judges:

Every participating Federation must propose a judge to every meet they enter. A second judge per Federation may be considered on a case-by-case basis. All judges must be part of the World Aquatics database and in the Bronze, Silver or Gold category.

National Federations must apply to World Aquatics (artisticsswimming@worldaquatics.com) for the registration and approval of their judge(s)

In addition to the above, all judges must complete and submit a Conflict-of-Interest form at the time of their application.

The maximum number of judges for a World Cup stop is twenty (20). Only applications that are received within the deadline will be considered.

Neutral Judges:

Federations may apply to send one (1) neutral judge per ASWC event at their own expense.

Practice Judges:

Each National Federation is allowed to send one (1) practice judge per stop and the Host Federation is permitted to have a maximum of two (2) Practice Judges. To be eligible to be a Practice Judge, judges must be in Bronze category. Silver and Gold category judges cannot apply for practice judge positions. A maximum of six (6) practice judges will be accepted per competition on a first come first served basis.

Technical Controllers:

Every participating Federation may nominate a Difficulty Technical Controller to every meet they enter. All DTC must be part of the World Aquatics database and in the Bronze, Silver or Gold category.

E – Tentative Schedule

Date	Event
8th April	Arrival Date Training
9th April	Training
10th April	Training Team Leader Meeting Officials Meeting
11th – 13th April	Competition Days
14th April	Departure Day

Provisional event schedule:

11th April	Women Technical Solo Men Technical Solo Women Technical Duet Open Team Technical
12th April	Women Duet Free Mixed Duet Technical Open Team Free
13th April	Women Solo Free Men Free Solo Mixed Duet Free Acrobatic Routine Gala

- Training at the pool will take place at the SOMABAY SPORTS AREANA'S 50m pool, which is **3.2km** from the hotel **THE KAKTUS SOMABAY** and **750m** from the hotel **THE CASCADES GOLF RESORT**.
- Transportation shuttles will be organised by the LOC according to the schedule. More detailed information will be provided closer to the competition.
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What	Deadline	Link
GMS opening	06/02/2025	World Aquatics GMS
Accommodation: preliminary form (with 50% payment)	16/02/2025	
Accommodation: final form (with 100 % payment)	15/03/2025	
Final entries officials (judges and TC)	01/03/2025	Please contact World Aquatics.

Final registrations on the GMS	21/03/2025	World Aquatics GMS
Sport Entries	28/03/2025	World Aquatics GMS
Sport presentation form (competition) and gala form	28/03/2025	Link
Music files (competition and gala)	28/03/2025	Link
Coach card	28/03/2025	Link

F – Visa Information

Visa Deadline: The ESF will provide a visa invitation letter to all National Federations that require visa and that are approved by 1 March 2025

Nationals of the countries listed below may be issued with an e-Visa upon application on the Egypt e-Visa Portal <https://visa2egypt.gov.eg>

- Albania
- Australia
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Canada
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czechia
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Holy See
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Italy
- Japan
- Korea, Republic of
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Macedonia, the former Yugoslav Republic of
- Monaco
- Montenegro
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Russian Federation
- Serbia
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales)
- United States of America

Listed below are the countries/passport holders, with their statutes:

<u>NON REQUIRED</u>	<u>UPON-ARRIVAL</u>	<u>PRE-ARRIVAL</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kingdom Saudi Arabia • Kingdom Bahrain • Kingdom Jordan • Kuwait • Oman • Qatar • United Arab Emirates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia • Canada • Croatia • European Union • Georgia • Japan • Macedonia • New Zealand • Norway • Republic of Korea • Russian Federation • Serbia • Ukraine • United Kingdom • United States of America 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afghanistan • Algeria • Bosnia • Burundi • Chad • Congo • Cyprus • Eritrea • Ethiopia • Ghana • Iraq • Kosovo • Lebanon • Liberia • Libya • Mali 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mauritania • Moldova • Morocco • Niger • Nigeria • Pakistan • Palestine • Peoples Republic of China • Philippines • Rowanda • Sierra Leone • Somalia • Sudan • Syria • Thailand
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tunis • Turkey

G – Gala

On Sunday April 13th, we will present an exhibition gala. All delegations must be prepared to participate in this final gala. Solo, duo, trio, accessories, make up. Everything is allowed to make this exhibition gala a spectacular show to finish our wonderful week together.

H –Transportation

- Pick-up and drop-off will be available from Hurghada airport to hotel, it will be free of charge if the flight details is registered on GMS 48 hours prior to arrival.
- All transportation related to the event and training schedule is provided free of charge.
- Transportation not subject to the event and training schedule will be of extra charge.
- Internal shuttles will be available for participants according to fleet schedules.

I –Accommodation

THE KAKTUS SOMABAY THE OFFICIAL PARTNER HOTEL

ACCOMMODATION PACKAGE 1:

- **Rates:**
 - Double Room Rate: 240 EURO per person - per night
 - Single room rate: 270 EURO per person - per night
- All prices are per person, on a full-board basis (3 meals included). Inclusive of VAT and applicable taxes.
- All extra charges are to be paid directly at the hotel.
- Hotel reservations are on first-come first-served basis.

- **FINAL BOOKING DEADLINE: 8 March 2025.** In order to book your accommodation, please send the accommodation form completed at: waf@mindset-eg.com



The Cascades Golf Resort

ACCOMMODATION PACKAGE 2:

Rates:

- Double Room Rate: **270 EURO per person - per night**
- Single room rate: **300 EURO per person - per night**

All prices are per person, on a full-board basis (3 meals included). Inclusive of VAT and applicable taxes.

All extra charges are to be paid directly at the hotel.

Hotel reservations are on first-come first-served basis.

FINAL BOOKING DEADLINE: **8 March 2025**. In order to book your accommodation, please send the accommodation form completed to: waf@mindset-eg.com

THE CASCADES GOLF RESORT SPA & THALASSO



The magnificent Cascades Resort is elevated on the highest point of the Somabay Peninsula with unparalleled panoramic views of the sea, desert mountains, and green golf course fairways. The hotel offers 159 comfortable and graciously appointed guest rooms and suites with private balconies overlooking the Cascades Golf Course with a euphoric magical Panoramic sea view.

Check-in: 12:00pm
Check-out: 3:00pm

AMENITIES

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| • Restaurant/ Bar | • Parking |
| • Entertainment/ Activities | • Internet Services |
| • Meeting Room | • Spa |
| • Conference Facilities | • Gym/Fitness Center |
| • Laundry Service | • Golf Course |
| • ATM on Site | • Heated Pool/ Saltwater Pool |



NOTE

- If any federation needs to organize a training camp in the host country, please feel free to contact us at info@mindset-eg.com for further details and arrangements.
- We would be happy to assist in facilitating the necessary logistics to ensure a successful training experience.

CANCELLATION POLICY

- Any cancellation after registration deadline 01/03/2025 will be subject to pay full amount.
- Any new bookings received after registration deadline 01/03/2025 will be subject to availability and 50% extra fee of charge
- **Booking Confirmation**
 - A booking is only confirmed once a 50% deposit has been received, and the signed Rules Agreement has been submitted.
- **Deposit Requirement**
 - A non-refundable deposit of 50% is required to secure the booking and must be paid by 16/02/2025. The remaining balance is due by 15/03/2025.
- **Payment Methods**
 - Payments can be made via bank transfer. Bank details will be provided on the proforma invoice. Please email payment confirmation once the transfer has been completed.
- **Refund Policy**
 - Cancellations before 16/02, 2025: Fully refundable.
 - Cancellations between 16/02 and 15/03, 2025: 50% refundable.
 - Cancellations after 15/03, 2025: Non-refundable; full payment (100%) will be due.
- **Changes to Booking**
 - Any changes to the booking are subject to additional charges and can be requested up until 15th March 2025.

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