



# **XXXVIII CARIFTA 2025 AQUATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS**

## ***WATERPOLO***

Hosted by Trinidad and Tobago  
at Coral Springs Aquatic Centre, Florida

# **TOURNAMENT SUMMONS**

**7th - 9th November, 2025**



## 1. DATES AND VENUE

<input type="checkbox"/> Arrival of Teams	6 <sup>th</sup> November
<input type="checkbox"/> Departure of Teams	10 <sup>th</sup> November
<input type="checkbox"/> Pool access for training –6:00pm	6 <sup>th</sup> November
<input type="checkbox"/> Technical Meeting @ 7:00 pm	6 <sup>th</sup> November
<input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary entries	8 <sup>th</sup> September
<input type="checkbox"/> Final Entries	13 <sup>th</sup> October
<input type="checkbox"/> Opening Ceremony @ 3:00 pm	7 <sup>th</sup> November
<input type="checkbox"/> Competition dates	7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> November
<input type="checkbox"/> Distribution of Awards <i>(following the last game)</i>	9 <sup>th</sup> November
<input type="checkbox"/> Venue:  <b>CORAL SPRINGS AQUATIC COMPLEX</b> , 12441 Royal Palm Blvd, Coral Springs, FL 33065 <u>POOL SPECIFICATIONS:</u> <i>Pool 1:</i> 50m x 25m pool; <i>Pool 2:</i> 25 yards diving pool; <i>Pool 3:</i> 25m x 25m (Use the link below for a video view of the Coral Springs Aquatic Centre: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ElxsGNCWOjo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ElxsGNCWOjo</a> )	

## 2. SCHEDULE

**Water Polo:** The games schedule will be announced one week prior to the start of the competition.

## 3. ACCOMMODATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION

Teams are responsible for their own accommodation and transportation arrangements at their own expense. *(Please take note that the organizing committee has received discounted rates for a few hotels near the venue for our CARIFTA teams and supporters. This information will be shared in separate correspondence.)*

## 4. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TRAVEL PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS

**U.S.A Procedures and Protocols for persons entering U.S.A. are published on the United States of America's Department of State website [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) Government's Procedures and Protocols are subject to change and are to be adhered to.**

## 5. INVITED CARIFTA FEDERATIONS

<b>1.</b> Anguilla	<b>2.</b> Antigua & Barbuda	<b>3.</b> Aruba
<b>4.</b> Bahamas	<b>5.</b> Barbados	<b>6.</b> Bonaire
<b>7.</b> British Virgin Islands	<b>8.</b> Cayman Islands	<b>9.</b> Curacao
<b>10.</b> Dominica	<b>11.</b> French Guiana	<b>12.</b> Grenada
<b>13.</b> Guadeloupe	<b>14.</b> Guyana	<b>15.</b> Haiti
<b>16.</b> Jamaica	<b>17.</b> Martinique	<b>18.</b> St. Kitts & Nevis
<b>19.</b> St. Lucia	<b>20.</b> St. Maarten	<b>21.</b> St. Martin
<b>22.</b> St. Vincent & the Grenadines	<b>23.</b> Suriname	<b>24.</b> Trinidad & Tobago
<b>25.</b> Turks & Caicos	<b>26.</b> U.S. Virgin Islands	

## 6. SPECIALLY INVITED CLUBS AND NATIONAL TEAMS

1. Canada
2. Dominican Republic
3. Mexico
4. Puerto Rico
5. United States of America

## 7. COMPETITION RULES

### 7.1 RULES

The competition will be conducted in accordance with World Aquatic Rules in force at the start of the competition. The Championships shall be governed by the rules of the International Federation of Aquatic Disciplines (World Aquatics).

### 7.2 INTERPRETATIONS

The Organizing Committee of CARIFTA 2025 Aquatics Championships - Water Polo and the Jury of Appeal shall have complete authority to answer and resolve any interpretation, protest or call relating to these Championships. Nominations for the Jury of Appeal should be submitted at the Technical Meetings.

### 7.3 AGE GROUPS

A. Competitors will compete in the following age groups:

- **Group 1:** 14 & under Mixed
- **Group 2:** 16 & under Male and Female
- **Group 3:** 19 & under Male and Female
- **Group 4:** Open Male and Female (Exhibition Category)

**Mixed teams will be permitted in the 14 & Under age group only.** In the 14 & Under Mixed Co-ed Group, a maximum of 15 players is permitted of which two females must be in the water at all times unless for foul or injury situations.

In the 16 & Under age group where there are not enough players to field a female team, females will be permitted to play in the 16 & Under male team.

B. A water polo player's age group shall be determined by the age of the athlete as of midnight on **December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025**.

C. Athletes 14 and Under may participate in Group 2. Athletes 16 and Under may participate in Group 3. Athletes from Group 1 may not participate in Group 3.

D. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to invite additional Countries and Clubs for the Water Polo Competition in accordance with the current CARIFTA Guidelines.

E. The Games Schedule will be determined in advance of arrival.

F. All protests must be submitted to the Tournament Director in writing within 30 minutes **after the end of the game**, signed by the Team Manager of the delegation.

G. The Championships shall be governed by the rules of the International Federation of Aquatic Disciplines (World Aquatics) in force at the time of the competition except for the following:

- a. Length of the field of play will be 25m. for all Groups
- b. Each team will have 2 time-outs in total per game

H. **Each CARIFTA Team is required to provide 1 Referee.** (In accordance with USA water polo, referees may be required to do a background check in advance of the competition)



I. There will be a **CARIFTA Regional Champion** and an **Overall Champion** inclusive of CARIFTA and invited non-CARIFTA Teams.

## 8. ELIGIBILITY

A. All participating Federations must be in good financial standing with World Aquatics and all other affiliated members. All Water Polo clubs must be in good financial standing with their National Federation and are required to present proof of same.

B. All participating Federations must be in good financial standing with all Federations invited to participate in the **CARIFTA 2025 Aquatics Championships – Water Polo**.

C. All Competitors must be citizens of the Country they represent whether by birth or naturalization, provided that a naturalized citizen shall have lived in that Country for at least one year prior to the entry deadline for the Championships. Additionally, non-citizens may be entered providing the competitor has been resident in the Country for one year prior to the entry deadline and must not have played for another Country during that period. All competitors must also be registered with, or otherwise, a member of the Water Polo Club/Association or Aquatics Federation of the Country they represent.

D. Competitors, who are non-citizens, would be required to present “proof of residency” documents which could be proof of club membership, proof of attendance at school or any other organization.

E. If a Country enters a competitor that is not a citizen of that country by birth or naturalization, the code for that country shall be changed by adding “AG” to the designated three letter World Aquatics Country code and used throughout the competition e.g., CUR shall be changed to CUR-AG.

F. All teams must have insurance.

## 9. PRELIMINARY ENTRIES

Preliminary Entries must be made using the Preliminary Entry forms attached and must reach the Chairperson of the Organizing Committee by **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2025**.

**Aquatics Sports Association of Trinidad and Tobago**

Email: [Adm.asatt@gmail.com](mailto:Adm.asatt@gmail.com) **AND COPY:**

**Chair of the Organizing Committee: Nathalie Nimblett**

Email: [nnimblett@icloud.com](mailto:nnimblett@icloud.com)

Tel #: 1 (868) – 792-6100 (for questions/queries)

## 10. FINAL ENTRIES

The final entries must be submitted on the final entry form to the Organizing Committee by **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2025**. Entries must include the following details:

- (a) Name, sex, date of birth and cap number of each water polo player.
  - (b) Category being entered by each water polo player.
  - (c) Names of Team Officials and the position held by each official.
  - (d) Names of qualified persons and capacity in which they are willing to serve as Technical Official.
  - (e) Passport size photographs of each athlete, Team Official and Technical Official.
  - (f) Photographs must be submitted in electronic format as **.jpg files**. Each picture (.jpg file) must specify the full name and country of the competitor. Photographs must also be compressed in zip format for efficient transmission. The zip file must be labeled with the name of the country and discipline.
- A. Details of arrival and departure of all athletes, Team Officials and Meet Officials (see attached form).

## 11. PAYMENT OF FEES

In relation to Registration fee payments for countries participating in CARIFTA 2025, the following shall apply:

- (a) Federations/Clubs are required to pay the full registration fee with the submission of their preliminary entries.
- (b) The Organizing country will provide, if requested, an invoice to the participating Federation/Club within ten (10) days of receipt of request.

## 12. ENTRY RULES

### Water Polo:

- (a) The Organizing Committee may invite Non-CARIFTA Federations and/or Teams to participate in the Water Polo competition.
  - (b) Teams wishing to participate in Water Polo at CARIFTA must confirm their participation by **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2025** with a non-refundable deposit, as each Federation needs to make travel arrangements as early as possible to secure good rates and to confirm group travel.
  - (c) Each Country and Club may enter one (1) team per age group.
  - (d) The team must comprise a minimum nine (9) and a maximum of thirteen (13) players (the exception of the 14 & Under Co-ed Age Group where the maximum number of players permitted are 15 of which 2 female players must be in the water at all times)
  - (e) The competition system will be based on the number of participating teams.
  - (f) The competition program schedule draw will take place online one week before the start of the tournament. The date and time are to be agreed between the host Federation, the Coaches and Management of participating Federations.
- A. The schedule will be designed to accommodate CARIFTA Teams and Non-CARIFTA regional teams within the same groups. Teams will progress to a CARIFTA knockout and a Specially Invited Knockout round of which the finalists of each will play each other in an overall final.

- B. A **CARIFTA Regional Champion** will be decided, and an **Overall Champion** will be decided.

### 13. TEAM OFFICIALS

Each participating country may include in its delegation the following number of officials.

**Water Polo:**

- i. Delegations will be allowed up to three (3) team officials per team.
- ii. In Water Polo, it is mandatory for each participating country to send one (1) referee.

### 14. REGISTRATION/ACCREDITATION PROCEDURE

**Payment of Fees:** Registration fees must be settled at the time of the submission of preliminary entries.

Payment methods include:

- a. Before arrival, via wire transfer in U.S. dollars.

**International Transfers:**

**Intermediary Bank:**

**Swift Code: PNBUS33PHL/ABA026005092**

**Wells Fargo Bank N.A., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

**Beneficiary Bank: First Citizens Bank**

**Swift Code: FCTTTTPS**

**44- 46 Maraval Road, Port of Spain**

**Beneficiary Account # 934539**

**Beneficiary: Amateur Swimming Association of T & T**

**National Aquatic Centre, Balmain, Couva.**

**Please note** that any commission charged on transactions must be paid by the payee National Federation. The organizing Host Country must receive the full registration amount of US\$700 per Team.



- b. Payment via U.S. dollar bankers' certified draft.

The following accreditation procedures will be conducted simultaneously with the Technical Meeting.

1. The athletes' proof of age and eligibility will be verified at this time. Athletes' proof of age and eligibility must be provided in the form of a passport and residency documents.
2. Accreditation badges will be issued to each member of the official delegation after payment has been received.
3. Submission of two (2) flags and National Anthem on appropriate medium for CARIFTA Federations. The accreditation badge must be worn at all times. **The loss of an accreditation badge must be reported to the Competition Secretariat and will be replaced at a cost of US\$25.00.**

## 15. FEES

Competition fees for the Championships are as follows:

- A. Water Polo entry fee US\$700 per water polo team, per category.**
- B. Accommodation, Transportation & Meals are at the discretion of each team. It is recommended to seek accommodation close to the competition pool.

## 16. TECHNICAL MEETING:

The Water Polo Technical Meeting will be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2025 at 7:00pm at the Coral Springs Aquatic Complex.

### AGENDA:

1. Welcome and Introductions.
2. Review of the World Aquatics Water Polo Rules
3. Review of the Competition Schedule Format and Awards
4. Jury of Appeal nominations
5. Question & Answer

## 17. PROTESTS

All protests must be submitted to the Referee in writing within 30 minutes after the event in question. It should be signed by the Delegation's Representative and accompanied by US\$50.00. The fee is refundable to the leader of the delegation if the protest is upheld.

## 18. JURY OF APPEAL

- A. There shall be a Jury of Appeal to adjudicate all appeals against a Referee's rejection of a protest.
- B. Each country and team shall be entitled to nominate a representative to serve on the Jury of Appeal. Nominations should be submitted in writing at the **Technical Meeting on November 6, 2025**.
- C. The Jury of Appeal shall be comprised of 3 disinterested people drawn from the pool of nominees submitted by each country.

## **19. OPENING OF POOL**

The pool will be opened 90minutes before the scheduled start of the Competition Session. The pool will be closed 15 minutes before the start of the competition.

## **20. FLAGS AND ANTHEMS**

Each CARIFTA Federation shall provide:

- A. Two (2) flags of their Country no larger than 4 feet by 3 feet.
- B. The National Anthem on a suitable medium.

## **21. CEREMONIES**

- A. There will be an Opening Ceremony on the first day of the Water Polo, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 3:00pm.
- B. There will be a Closing Ceremony at the end of the competition to take place at the Coral Springs Aquatic Complex following the final match.

## **22. TRANSPORTATION**

- A. Teams are responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from their place of origin to their selected accommodation in South Florida.
- B. Teams and their delegates are responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from the Coral Springs Aquatic Complex.

## 23. ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

- A. Teams are to provide their own accommodation and daily meal requirements. Discounted hotel rates will be shared with teams and supporters in separate correspondence.
- B. Officials will be provided with a **Lunch** meal each day.
- C. A Concessionary will be on site to provide food and beverage options on sale during the course of the tournament.

## 24. CONTACT INFORMATION

The Aquatics Sports Association of Trinidad and Tobago  
Chair of the Organizing Committee: Nathalie Nimblett  
Tel # / What's App. 1 (868) – 792-6100  
Email: [nnimblett@icloud.com](mailto:nnimblett@icloud.com)

## 25. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

Federations or individuals may apply to the Organizing Committee to act as Technical Officials. **Application forms should be completed by the Technical Official**, signed by their

Federation's President or Secretary and submitted to the Organizing Committee **no later than Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2025.**

**\*ALL REFEREES OFFICIATING AT THIS TOURNAMENT ARE REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED WITH USA WATER POLO.**

Officials who are selected will be notified by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2025.

## 26. UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOUR

**Article 33 of the CARIFTA Guidelines shall apply.**

## 27. SUPPORTERS

Supporters are responsible for arranging their own accommodation, meals and transportation to and from CARIFTA Water Polo 2025. Any discounts negotiated at hotels near the venue will be communicated separately.

**ENTRY FEES:** There will be an Entry fee for spectators of US\$15 per session or US\$35 for a 3-day pass. Supporter information will be sent at a later date.

**CARIFTA WATER POLO 2025**  
**CORAL SPRINGS AQUATIC CENTRE, FT. LAUDERDALE**

**\*PRELIMINARY ENTRY FORM\***

This preliminary entry form must be emailed to the Aquatics Sports Association of Trinidad & Tobago (ASATT) **no later than Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2025.** (Competition dates: 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> November, 2025.)

(Please type or print in BLOCK letters)

Name of Federation:	
Address:	
Main Contact person:	
Email address:	

*Our Delegation will comprise:*

WATER POLO			
Age Category	# of Athletes	# of Team Officials	TOTAL
✓ 14U Co-ed			
✓ 16U Female			
✓ 16U Male			
✓ 19U Female			
✓ 19U Male			
✓ OPEN Female			
✓ OPEN Male			

Signature: ..... Date: .....(dd/mm/yyyy)

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**CARIFTA WATER POLO 2025**  
**CORAL SPRINGS AQUATIC CENTRE, FT. LAUDERDALE**  
**\*TECHNICAL OFFICIALS APPLICATION FORM\***

Name:		
Address:		
Country:		
The position I can fill is:		
I have served as a <b>TECHNICAL OFFICIAL</b> during the past 4 years: (List meets/events at which officiated)		
(a) <u>NATIONAL</u> :		
(b) <u>INTERNATIONAL</u> :		
My present position as a <b>TECHNICAL OFFICIAL</b> is:		
<input type="checkbox"/> NATIONAL:..... <input type="checkbox"/> World Aquatics: List #-..... <input type="checkbox"/> Valid USA WATER POLO Registration: <u>Yes</u> <u>No</u>		
SIGNATURE:	DATE:	(dd/mm/yyyy)
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>This Form must also be signed by the President or Secretary of the National Federation.</u></b></p>		
NAME:.....		
TITLE:.....		
SIGNATURE:..... DATE:..... (dd/mm/yyyy)		

**NOTES:**

- (1) **TEAM OFFICIALS MAY NOT ACT AS TECHNICAL OFFICIALS**
- (2) **THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED VIA EMAIL TO:**

**Aquatics Sports Association of Trinidad & Tobago (ASATT)**



(Organizing Committee of CARIFTA WATER POLO 2025)



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**NO LATER THAN MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2025**