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# 1. Welcoming Addresses

## Message From World Aquatics President



### **Captain Husain Al Musallam**

President, World Aquatics

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the city of Doha, Qatar. I am proud to say that Doha is the first city in the Arab World to host the World Aquatics Masters Championships, our most prestigious event.

On behalf of World Aquatics, I would like to express our gratitude to the host city for sharing our passion for aquatics sport and for their willingness and flexibility in hosting our biggest event.

Doha has a proven track record of hosting successful World Aquatics events, including the World Swimming Championships (25m) in 2014 and World Cup events in swimming, open water swimming, diving and artistic swimming. I am confident that Doha will deliver outstanding competitions for athletes and fans alike.

The world-class Aspire Dome, Hamad Aquatic Centre, and the Old Doha Port are ready to welcome athletes from over 190 countries and provide them with the perfect conditions to compete.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to our partners, staff, officials, and volunteers for all their hard work and dedication in making this event possible. I have no doubt that these World Aquatics Masters Championships will be a historic event that will be remembered for many years to come.

I hope you will join me in cheering on the incredible athletic performances. I also hope you will take some time to experience the beautiful Qatari culture and warm hospitality during your stay.

To the athletes, please accept our best wishes for your competitions. We will be cheering you on from the stands, while working to provide the excellent conditions your hard work and talent merit!



## Message From The President Of The Organizing Committee



### He Sheikh Joaan Bin Hamad Al Thani

President, Organizing Committee

We are delighted to welcome you to Qatar and the city of Doha for this historic World Aquatics Masters Championships.

Hosting the World Aquatics Masters Championships has been a long-term ambition for Qatar and we are thrilled that this ambition is now being realised. It makes us even more proud to know that we have been able to bring this prestigious event to our country and to our region for the very first time.

We are committed to ensuring that the Championships leave a lasting legacy for the hundreds of millions of young people in Doha and throughout the region, and inspire them to participate, compete and benefit from aquatics sports.

During your stay here in Doha, we will ensure that you and your athletes have an unforgettable experience and are provided with everything you need to perform at your very best.

As a leading international sports destination, Doha has developed significant experience and expertise in hosting major events and making sure that the athletes are the central focus. Athletes will have access to the best facilities, giving them the perfect conditions to showcase their talents to a global audience.

We have no doubt that these Championships will be an exhilarating celebration of aquatics excellence like no other, showcasing the world's very best aquatics athletes.

Away from the elite training facilities and world-class accommodation, you the participants and all visitors can expect an inclusive and welcoming experience drawing on Qatar's famous hospitality. Everyone is welcome in Doha and our diverse population and mixture of history, culture and entertainment will guarantee an unforgettable stay for all.

We wish all the athletes and teams the very best of luck during the Championships. We cannot wait to watch you compete and offer you our full support.

Welcome once again to Doha and enjoy your stay.



## Message From The Vice President Of The Organizing Committee



### Mr. Jassim bin Rashid Albuainain

Vice President, Organizing Committee

Welcome to Doha for the World Aquatics Masters Championships - Doha 2024.

It does not feel like it was a months ago that I accepted the World Aquatics flag from our friends and colleagues in Fukuoka at the conclusion of the excellent World Aquatics Masters Championships - Kyushu 2023.

But here we are; ready to accept this momentous responsibility of hosting the world's best athletes for a thrilling celebration of aquatic sports.

It is a responsibility we do not take for granted and we have worked hard to draw from Qatar's unparalleled experience in hosting major international sports events to ensure we meet and exceed the expectations of the World Aquatics family.

Everything is in place in Doha to give athletes the optimum conditions for elite competition. Our state-of-the-art infrastructure from our venues and training facilities, through to our modern and efficient transport network and world-class accommodation will ensure athletes and all stakeholders have a fantastic experience.

All venues and facilities are located within a compact footprint meaning athletes can focus on competition, and visitors and fans have unprecedented access to all Five aquatic sports allowing them to enjoy more action than ever before.

With all of this world-class infrastructure already in place, we have been able to focus on delivering a sustainable event which generates awareness on this critical subject and contributes to tangible climate action. Water is life. And we are committed to a clear future where everyone can benefit from aquatic sports.

We are confident that you will have a memorable and enjoyable stay here in Doha and it is our honour to host you all.

We cannot wait for the competitions to begin!



## Message From The Director General Of The Organizing Committee



### General Director Khaleel Aljaber

Director General, Organizing Committee  
President, Qatar Swimming Association

Dear friends and colleagues, it is my honour to welcome you to Qatar for the World Aquatics Masters Championships.

As a proud Qatari and passionate member of the World Aquatics family, this is a very special moment for me, as well as my country.

Qatar has had the privilege of hosting a number of World Aquatics events in the past. Many of you will remember the 12th FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) we hosted here in 2014. We have also hosted nine editions of the FINA Swimming World Cup, four FINA Marathon Swim World Series events and a FINA Diving World Series event in 2009. As well as numerous aquatic sport competitions in multi-sport events such as the Asian Games and ANOC World Beach Games.

We are grateful for the trust you have shown in awarding us the right to host these prestigious Championships. And we can assure you we will honour that trust with an exceptional event.

Doha 2024 has embraced innovation and creativity as we look to set new standards and stage the best ever World Championships.

We are so excited to join you in cheering on these incredible athletes and celebrating this event.



## 2. Welcome to Qatar

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Welcome to Qatar, the proud host of the World Aquatics Masters Championships - Doha 2024

Experience the essence of sporting excellence and unmatched hospitality as we gather in this vibrant nation to celebrate the pinnacle of mastery. Renowned for its world-class sports infrastructure, Qatar is ready to provide an extraordinary platform for athletes, officials, and spectators from across the globe.

Get ready to witness unparalleled feats of athleticism in modern venues, carefully crafted to elevate performance to new heights. Immerse yourself in the breath-taking beauty of our modern cities, where tradition and innovation blend harmoniously.

Beyond the competition, immerse yourself in the captivating blend of tradition and modernity as you embark on an unforgettable journey to Qatar. This enchanting destination offers a multitude of experiences that will leave you spellbound and yearning for more.

Come and experience the enchantment of Qatar - a land of captivating contrasts, where tradition meets innovation, and where warm hospitality and unparalleled experiences await. Create memories that will last a lifetime in this extraordinary destination.

Enjoy your unforgettable journey at the World Aquatics Masters Championships - Doha 2024 in Qatar!

The Doha 2024 Organizing Committee (D2024) takes great pride in extending a warm invitation to you for the upcoming World Aquatics Masters Championships - Doha 2024, scheduled to take place in the vibrant city of Doha, Qatar (QAT). To aid you in your decision to participate in this event, we have prepared the following information.

Please be aware that all competitions will be conducted in accordance with the prevailing World Aquatics rules and regulations during the event dates, which are from February 23 to March 03, 2024. We highly recommend that you visit both the World Aquatics Masters Championships - Doha 2024 official websites for the latest and most comprehensive updates.

Specific regulations for each competition will be made available in the Competition Manual two months prior to the event.

## 3. Key Dates

GMS Registration Opening	19 October 2023
Registration Deadline	16 January 2023
Sport Entries deadline	16 January 2024
Official Training (-2 days) *	21 February 2024
Technical Meetings	1 day prior to the start of the respective sport competition
Opening Ceremony	23 February 2024
Competition Starts	23 February, 2024
Competition Finishes	03 March 2024

\*For the official training please refer to the respective Invitation section.

## 4. Competition Rules and Regulations

World Aquatics Rules in Part VIII and World Aquatics Bylaws as presented on the World Aquatics website, will govern all five aquatic disciplines at the World Aquatics Masters Championships. Information on these rules and regulations is available from the World Aquatics website at: [www.worldaquatics.com](http://www.worldaquatics.com)

### 4.1 Participation

Participation in the World Aquatics Masters Championships is available to all individuals and teams who desire to take part, provided they adhere to the rules set forth for World Aquatics Masters Participation.

### 4.2 Competition Schedule

Please refer to appendix A of this information bulletin.

## 5. Eligibility Rules

### 5.1 Swimming

**Minimum Age Limit:** 25 Years

**Age Determining Date:**

The actual age of the competitor as of **December 31st** of the year of competition.



**Age Groups, Individual Events:**

25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64,65-69,70-74,75-79, 80 84,85-89, 90 94. (five year age groups as high as is necessary).

**Age Groups, Relay Events:**

Based on the total age of team members in whole years: **100-119, 120-159, 160-199, 200-239, 240 279, 280-319, 320-359.** (in forty-year increments as high as necessary).

**Events:**

Freestyle	<b>50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m</b>
Backstroke	<b>50m, 100m, 200m</b>
Breaststroke	<b>50m, 100m, 200m</b>
Butterfly	<b>50m, 100m, 200m</b>
Individual Medley	<b>200m, 400m</b>
Relays	<b>4x50m Freestyle, 4x50m Medley, 4x50m Mixed Freestyle, 4x50m Mixed Medley</b>

**Entry Information:**

To manage the volume of entries, the registration process for an event may be concluded if the number of entries surpasses the capacity that can be accommodated within a 10-hour competition period.

**Entry Restrictions:**

Participants must be a member of a Federation Club.

A swimmer may:

- enter a maximum of five (5) individual events, but not more than two (2) individual events per day.
- enter the open water swim in addition to the five (5) swimming events.
- enter a time for an individual event does not exceed the qualifying time for that event.

Entries without times will not be accepted. No entries & times changes are allowed after the Final Entries Dateline (January 16, 2024). For safety reasons, competing in Swimming is limited to 6,000 swimmers. Entries will close when the limit of 6,000 participants is reached even before the official closing day of the platform. Information of the number of participants per event will be published on Doha Website.

### **Qualifying Standards and times:**

The times should be obtained during a sanctioned meet and should be obtained within two years of the Championships. Please note that the actual time of the event swum which has exceeded the qualifying standards, will not be shown on the result sheets but instead will be noted on the result sheets as N.T. (No Time). Times achieved may be Short Course Meters (SCM) and Short Course Yards (SCY-US). Entry Times must be converted to Long Course Meters (LCM) Swimmers should indicate date and place the Qualifying Time Standard LCM was achieved. If a swimmer clearly fails to achieve the QT he/she may be excluded from all upcoming individual events. Entry times are the same as the World Aquatics Masters Championships - Kyushu 2023.

### **Qualifying Times Kyushu 2023:**

<https://www.worldaquatics.com/competitions/2913/world-aquatics-masters-championships-kyushu-2023/info>

## **5.2 Open Water Swimming**

**Minimum Age Limit:** 25 Years

**Age Determining Date:**

The actual age of the competitor as of **December 31st** (of the year of the competition).

**Age Groups:**

25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89, 90-94.

### **Entry Information:**

Swimmers entering the Open Water Swimming must be familiar with the requirements needed to participate in an Open Water Swimming event and they must have made appropriate preparations for the event.

For safety reasons, competing in Open Water Swimming is limited to 1,000 swimmers per day. Entries will close when the limit of 1,000 participants per day (men and women included) is reached, by age-groups assigned for the respective days.

### **Length Of Course:**

Three (3) kilometres (2 LAPS OF 1.5KM)

### **Time Limits:**

Swimmers who are unable to cover the 3km distance within 90 minutes are recommended to refrain from participating. Swimmers who remain on the course beyond this duration might be directed to exit the water, and their time may not be recorded. If a competitor fails to complete the first 1.5km of the first lap in 45. minutes, he/she will not be allowed to proceed to the second lap and shall be disqualified.

## **5.3 Diving**

**Minimum Age Limit:** 25 Years

**Age Determining Date:**

The actual age of the competitor as of **December 31st** (of the year of the competition).

**Age Groups:**

**Springboard and platform events:** 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50- 54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80+ (five-year age groups as long as necessary).

**For synchronised Diving:** 50-99 and 100+. (Age determined by adding together the ages of the two divers).

**Entry Information:**

For safety reasons, competing in Diving is limited to 300 divers per day. Entries will close when the limit of 300 participants (men and women included) is reached.

**5.4 Water Polo**

**Minimum Age Limit:** 30 years

**Age Determining Date:**

The actual age of the competitor as of December 31st (of the year of the competition).

**Age Groups:**

30+, 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+ ... (five-year increments as high as necessary).

Age Groups apply for both men's' and women's' teams.

The age of the youngest team member determines the age group of the team. There are no restrictions on the ages of players older than the youngest player on the team.

**Entry Information:**

During the preliminary rounds, when there are 17 or more teams entered, some or all teams may play more than one game per day.

The maximum number in each Age Group is 20 teams. A club may enter only one team per age group.

Maximum Number of entries: 60 teams.

**Composition Of Teams:**

World Aquatics Masters Water Polo rules apply to this competition. Please ensure that the composition of a team complies with Competition Regulations Rule VIII.8.5.1

A team may enter up to 15 players on their team entry form to participate in any game of this tournament, i.e., seven players and up to 8 reserves. It is not compulsory to name a substitute goalkeeper. A goalkeeper who has been replaced by a substitute may, if the player returns to the game, play in any position.

Women players may be members of a men's team.

A player may not represent more than one team at the World Aquatics Masters Championships. All players must be registered with the same club.

If less than three (3) teams are registered in an age group, they will be asked to compete in the next youngest age group while maintaining a separate ranking. Teams which do not accept this will have their team registration fee reimbursed; a team's players registered just for the water polo championships will also have their individual registration fee reimbursed.

## **5.5 Artistic Swimming**

**Minimum Age Limit:** 25 Years

**Age Determining Date:** The actual age of the competitor as of **December 31st, 2023**.

**Age Groups:** SOLO (MEN AND WOMEN): 25-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80 and over

**Duet:** 25-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80 and over with the age group determined by the average age of the competitors.

**Mixed Duet:** 25-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80 and over with the age group determined by the average age of the competitors.

**Team:** 25-34, 35-49, 50-64, 65 and over with the age group determined by the average age of the competitors.

**Free Combination:** 25-39, 40-64, 65 and over with the age group determined by the average age of the competitors.

### **Entry Restrictions:**

All duet, team and free combination competitors must represent the same club. Each club may submit up to a maximum of five (5) routine entries per age group and per event. Each club may enter one free combination in each age group. A competitor may take part in only one Duet, Team and one Free Combination.

### **Team Members:**

Each team shall consist of a minimum of four (4) and a maximum of eight (8) members.

A half-point penalty will be deducted from the total team score for each member less than the eight (8).

Free combination shall consist of a minimum of four (4) members and a maximum of ten (10) members.

## 6. Registration

In order to be eligible to participate at the World Aquatics Masters Championships, you will need to complete the online registration at: <https://registration.worldaquatics.com>; (World Aquatics General Management System (World Aquatics GMS)) as per below table dates.

Milestones	Date
GMS Registration Opening	19 October 2023
Registration Deadline	16 January 2024
Sport entries deadline	16 January 2024

### Key Notes:

- All persons willing to participate must be registered and have paid their registration fee for the event, by 16 January (23:59 UTC).
- No registrations will be accepted after 16 January.
- Sport entries must be paid for by 16 January.
- Registrations and event entries will not be considered without completed payment.
- It is important to note that the participant (competitor) needs to register as an athlete first then a coach.

### 6.1 Registration Process

1. Go to <https://registration.worldaquatics.com>
2. Click "Create Account". Select either 'Masters Athlete', 'Masters Coach' or 'Masters Accompanying Person'. If you participated in the World Aquatics Masters Championships in Fukuoka 2023, you can log back in using your existing e-mail address and password.
3. Enter your personal data into your profile.
4. Attach your colour accreditation photo (Please follow the photograph requirements).
5. Attach a scanned copy of the personal identification document you will use (if you require a visa, please submit a passport scan).
6. Select "World Aquatics Masters Championships 2024" in the Event Tab.
7. Indicate the disciplines in which you intend to compete.
8. Pay the Participation Fee online.
9. Select the events in which you wish to participate
10. Pay the event fees (for details see 3.2 below). Note that Visa, MasterCard are accepted for payment.

The Information Pack can be found by clicking here (or at the bottom of every page of the registration system by clicking on “User Help”).

## 6.2 Photograph Requirements

A passport style photo must be supplied during the online registration and that will be used as part of the accreditation badge for access to venues at the Championships. For photographs to be uploaded into the system they must be in the \*jpeg (\*.jpg) format, in colour (not black and white), with a minimum image size resolution of 425 pixels wide by minimum 566 pixels high and a maximum size of 1Mb.

## 6.3 The Photographs Must Be:

- Taken against a plain white, light grey or light cream background (free from shadows).
- Taken in full-face view directly facing the camera (chin and shoulders must be visible) with a neutral expression and the mouth closed (no grinning, frowning or raised eyebrows).
- Taken with the eyes open, clearly visible and looking straight at the camera (with no sunglasses or tinted spectacles, and no hair across the eyes) in sharp focus and clear.
- Free from reflection or glare on spectacles, the frames of which must not cover any part of the eyes.
- Taken of the full head, without any covering unless worn for religious reasons (provided that the person is photographed likewise in his/her passport) of each person on their own (no objects, chair backs or other people visible) free from any editing to improve or alter the appearance in any way.
- Taken no earlier than 6 months before the documents are submitted.
- Originals only (copied or scanned photographs are NOT acceptable).

# 7. Fees

REGISTRATION FEES	
Registration Fee for Athletes (one-off fee)	USD 90
Registration Fee for Coaches/Support Staff only (one-off fee)	USD 60
Registration Fee for Family Members/Participant Friend only (one-off fee)	USD 60

\*If you are participating as an Athlete and a Coach, you should register as a Masters Athlete. It is important to note that the participant needs to register as an athlete first then a coach otherwise his registration as athlete will not be taken into consideration.

## Entry Fees

Swimming	USD 25	/ Event
Swimming (Relay)	USD 55	/ Relay
Open Water Swimming	USD 65	/ Event
Diving	USD 25	/ event / competitor
Synchronised Diving	USD 50	/ event / team
Water Polo	USD 550	/ Team
Artistic Swimming Solo	USD 25	/ Event
Artistic Swimming Duets, Mixed Duets	USD 50	/ Event
Artistic Swimming Team, Free Combination	USD 90	/ Event

### Fees Are Divided Into Two Categories:

- Registration Fee for athletes and accompanying people,
- Entry Fee which is paid for each registration by event.

The detailed information on fees can be found on the official website at

<http://masters.worldaquatics-doha2024.com>).

Once participants choose the discipline and event, they must pay a fee to be approved.

All fees can be paid through World Aquatics GMS (MasterCard and Visa payments are accepted. The participant receives e-mail notification of successful or unsuccessful payment.) and participants are invited to pay all the fees through the World Aquatics GMS <https://registration.worldaquatics.com>

MasterCard and Visa payments are accepted. A participant receives an e-mail notification of the successful or unsuccessful payment. The participant will receive 2 invoices.

- one for registering to the event,
- second one for their sports entries.

Registration for Team, Relay and Synchronized Events (Swimming, Diving, Artistic Swimming, Water Polo)

- Only one person may make the TEAM Entry (Coaches and/or captains). For that, you must be registered as a coach or as an athlete with the additional function of coach/captain.
- This will allow you to access a specific team entry tab where you will be able to see the members of your club and create a team.
- Finally, you must pay the registration fee for a team.
- Once the team is complete, he/she must then pay the required fee and the entry is approved upon successful payment.

For any question related to GMS please contact: [gms-masters@worldaquatics.com](mailto:gms-masters@worldaquatics.com)

## Refunds

Except for Water Polo teams: Refunds will not be issued in cases where a bracket for Water Polo teams consists of fewer than three (3) teams. Additionally, the transfer of entries to another competitor is not permitted.

## 8. Victory Ceremonies

The Victory Ceremonies will adhere to the established World Aquatics Ceremonies protocol, which entails awarding medals to the top three athletes/teams and presenting diplomas to those ranking from 1st to 10th place. These ceremonies are scheduled to take place at the designated competition venues, with the exact timing determined by D2024. These ceremonies will occur after the conclusion of the Sport Entries process.

Athletes or Heads of Teams are responsible for collecting Diplomas at the assigned areas within the respective competition venues.

## 9. Competition Venues

The World Aquatics Masters Championships Doha 2024 is set to make a splash with its thrilling line-up of five captivating competitions: Swimming, Diving, Water Polo, Artistic Swimming, and Open Water. This prestigious sporting extravaganza will be hosted at four world-class competition venues: the Aspire Dome, Hamad Aquatic Centre, Doha Old Port and the Al Sadd Sports Complex. Adjacent to these incredible venues, participants will discover the vibrant World Aquatics Market, a hub of excitement offering a wide array of shops, delightful food courts, and engaging entertainment areas. Get ready to dive into an unforgettable experience at this global championship.

### 9.1 Aspire Dome

The Aspire Dome, located in Doha, Qatar, is a state-of-the-art facility that is set to host the World Aquatics Masters Championships in 2024. Aspire Dome will host the swimming, and water polo competitions. The venue's versatile facilities and world-class infrastructure make it well-suited to accommodate these different aquatic disciplines.

Swimming Competition Pool #1, indoor	
Sport:	Swimming (SWM)
Seating capacity:	8,000 (gross)
Pool:	50x26x3m
Water Temperature:	Controlled at 26-27 °C
Number of Lanes:	10 Lanes



### Swimming Competition Pool #2, indoor

Sport:	Swimming (SWM)
Seating capacity	800 (gross)
Area, Depth:	50x26x3m
Water Temperature:	Controlled at 26-27 °C
Number of Lanes:	10 Lanes

### Swimming Warm Up pool, outdoor

Sport:	Swimming (SWM)
Area, Depth:	50x25x2m
Water Temperature:	Controlled at 26-27 °C
Number of Lanes:	20 Lanes (25m)
Number of FOP:	One

### Water Polo Competition Pool, indoor

Sport:	Water Polo (WPO)
Seating capacity	2,500 (gross)
Area, Depth:	35x25x2m
Water Temperature:	Controlled at 26-27 °C
Number of FOP:	One

### Water Polo Warm Up pool, indoor

Sport:	Water Polo (WPO)
Area, Depth:	35x22x2m
Water Temperature:	Controlled at 26-27 °C
Number of FOP's	One

## 9.2 Hamad Aquatic Center

The Hamad Aquatic Centre, chosen as the host venue for the diving and artistic swimming competitions during the World Aquatics Masters Championships in Doha 2024, is an impressive facility designed to cater to the needs of world-class aquatic sports.

<b>Diving Competition Pool, indoor</b>	
Sport:	Diving (DIV)
Seating capacity	2,500 (gross)
Area, Depth:	25x26x5m
Water Temperature:	Controlled at 26-27 °C
Number of FOP:	One

<b>Artistic Swimming Competition Pool, indoor</b>	
Sport:	Artistic Swimming (SWA)
Seating capacity	500 (gross)
Area, Depth:	50x25x3m
Water Temperature:	Controlled at 26-27 °C
Number of FOP:	One

<b>Artistic Swimming Training Pool, indoor</b>	
Sport:	Artistic Swimming (SWA)
Area, Depth:	25x26x5m (adjusted DIV pool)
Water Temperature:	Controlled at 26-27 °C
Number of FOP's:	One

### 9.3 Doha Old Port

The Doha Old Port, selected as the host venue for the open water competition during the World Aquatics Masters Championships in Doha 2024, is a captivating waterfront location steeped in history and charm. Situated along the picturesque Doha Corniche, the Old Port provides a unique and memorable setting for this thrilling event.

Open Water Swimming Main Venue, outdoor	
Sport:	Open Water Swimming (OWS)
Seating capacity	Free standing (up to 4,000)
Course Depth:	8m
Water Temperature:	22-26 °C
Course loop:	1,660m

### 9.4 Al Sadd Sports Complex

The Al Sadd Sports Complex is a modern and well-equipped athletic facility located in Qatar. This complex serves as a hub for various sports and events. Its advanced infrastructure and strategic location make it a prominent venue for both local and international competitions, providing athletes and spectators with a top-tier experience.

Al Sadd Sports Complex, indoor	
Sport:	Water Polo (WPO)
Seating capacity	1,000 gross
Pool:	50x21x2m
Water Temperature:	Controlled at 26-27 °C
Number of FOP's:	Two

Al Sadd Sports Complex Warm Up pool, indoor	
Sport:	Water Polo (WPO)
Pool:	22x21x5m (adjusted to DIV pool)
Water Temperature:	Controlled at 26-27 °C
Number of FOP's:	One

## 10. Training Venues

Qatar University Pool, outdoor	
Sport:	Open Water (OWS)
Location:	Qatar University Swimming Pool (QU)
Seating capacity	600
Pool:	50x21x2m
Water Temperature:	Controlled at 26-27 °C
Number of Lanes:	8 Lanes

Qatar Foundation Pool, indoor	
Sport:	Swimming (SWM)
Location:	Qatar Foundation Swimming Pool (QU)
Seating capacity	600
Pool:	50x21x2m
Water Temperature:	Controlled at 26-27 °C
Number of Lanes:	8 Lanes

## 11. Visa Information

The Organising Committee of the World Aquatics Masters Championships 2024 in Doha (Qatar) offers the confirmed participants a simplified procedure of obtaining a visa. All participants of the World Aquatics Masters Championships, Doha 2024 must carry their passports, valid for a period of at least six months from the entry date to the country.

Nationals of eligible countries do not require any prior visa arrangements and can obtain a visa waiver upon arrival to Qatar, by presenting a valid passport with a minimum validity of six months and a confirmed onward or return ticket.

## Visa-Free Entry

The following countries may enter Qatar **WITHOUT** a visa:

For nationals of the countries listed below, the waiver will be valid for 180 days from the date of issuance and entitle its holder to spend up to 90 days in Qatar, during either a single trip or on multiple trips.

### Check Your Eligibility Here:

<https://visitqatar.com/intl-en/practical-info/visas>

Continent	Country
Europe	Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Seychelles, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, Malta
Asia	Malaysia
North & South America	Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Dominican Republic

For nationals of the countries/regions listed below, the waiver will be valid for 30 days from the date of issuance and entitle its holder to spend up to 30 days in Qatar.

Continent	Country
Europe	Andorra, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia, Georgia, Ireland, Japan, Macedonia, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, San Marino, United Kingdom, Vatican City
Asia	Brunei, China, Hong Kong, China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Russia, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand
North & South America	Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Falkland Islands, French Guiana, Guyana, Lebanon, Macau, Maldives, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela
Oceania	Australia, New Zealand
Africa	Mauritius, Rwanda, South Africa

## Visa Applicants

Participants whose country of citizenship is not included in the Visa Waiver Agreement should apply for a visa at a diplomatic mission.

## 12. Accommodation And Transportation

Detailed information on the accommodation will be available through the Masters Accommodation Guide.

Should you like to extend your stay before/beyond the available reservation periods, please contact us: [ss@worldaquatics-doha2024.com](mailto:ss@worldaquatics-doha2024.com)

Note: your request might not be fully met depending on the availability of rooms at hotels.

During the Championships, a shuttle bus service will be provided from all the official hotels to/from the venues, based on a pre-determined schedule. Further details regarding this matter will be provided in the respective Sport Guides.

### 12.1 Reaching Qatar

Travelers can reach Qatar and its capital, Doha, by various means of transportation. Here are the options available:

1. **Air Travel:** Hamad International Airport (HIA) in Doha is the main international gateway to Qatar. It is well-connected to major cities worldwide, and numerous airlines operate flights to and from Doha. Travelers can book flights directly to Doha or choose connecting flights through other airports.
2. **Land Travel:** Qatar shares a land border with Saudi Arabia, and travellers can enter Qatar by road through the Salwa border crossing. However, please note that the land border between Qatar and Saudi Arabia has been subject to periodic closures due to political reasons, so it is essential to check the current situation before planning a land trip.
3. **Sea Travel:** Qatar has several ports, including Hamad Port and Doha Port, which receive cruise ships and cargo vessels. However, for most travellers, sea travel to Qatar is less common compared to air travel or land travel.

It's worth noting that Qatar Airways, the national carrier of Qatar, offers a wide network of flights and connects Doha with many destinations worldwide. Additionally, Doha is a major hub for international travel, making it relatively easy to reach from various parts of the world.

### 12.2 Local Transportation

Qatar offers various modes of local transportation within the country. Here are the common options available for getting around in Qatar:

1. **Taxis:** Taxis are a popular and convenient mode of transportation in Qatar. They can be found at designated taxi stands, hotels, shopping centers, and can also be booked through ride-hailing apps like Karwa. Taxis are metered, and fares are generally reasonable.
2. **Metro:** Doha Metro is a modern and efficient rail network that serves Doha and its surrounding areas. It consists of three lines: Red, Green, and Gold. The metro connects major residential, commercial, and tourist areas, including Hamad International Airport, West Bay, Katara Cultural Village, and Msheireb Downtown Doha. The metro system offers a convenient way to travel within the city.

3. **Buses:** Mowasalat is the public bus service provider in Qatar. The bus network covers various routes within Doha and connects different parts of the city. Buses are an affordable option for getting around, and the routes cover popular destinations such as Souq Waqif, The Pearl-Qatar, and Education City.
4. **Rental Cars:** Renting a car is a popular option for visitors who prefer the flexibility of having their own vehicle. Several car rental companies operate in Qatar, and it is advisable to have an international driving permit along with a valid driver's license from your home country.
5. **Limousines:** Limousine services are available in Qatar, offering luxury transportation options. These services can be booked for special occasions, airport transfers, or for personalized tours around the country.
6. **Ride-hailing Apps:** Popular ride-hailing apps like Uber and Careem operate in Qatar. These apps allow users to book private cars for transportation, providing a convenient and reliable service. Qatar has approved the free use of its public transportation for every accredited individual attending the World Aquatics Masters Championships in Qatar. This means that participants and accredited individuals can enjoy complimentary access to the country's public transportation system during the event. This initiative aims to provide convenience and ease of travel for attendees, allowing them to explore Qatar and move around the city efficiently. It is a gesture to enhance the overall experience and facilitate smooth transportation for all those involved in the World Aquatics Masters Championships.

## 13. Medical Services

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During the World Aquatics Masters Championships, the Organizing Committee ensures the provision of medical services to cater to the healthcare needs of participants and attendees. Qatar places significant importance on the well-being and safety of individuals during major events. The medical services provided may include:

1. **Medical Staff:** Trained medical professionals, including doctors, nurses, and paramedics, are available on-site at:
  - Competition and training venuesto offer immediate medical assistance. They are equipped to handle minor injuries, illnesses, and medical emergencies that may arise during the Championships.
2. **First Aid Stations:** First aid stations are set up at various locations within the event venues to provide basic medical care. These stations are equipped with essential medical supplies and equipment to treat minor injuries, such as cuts, bruises, or sprains.
3. **Ambulance Services:** Ambulances are stationed at strategic points to ensure rapid response in case of any serious medical emergencies. They are equipped with necessary medical equipment and can transport individuals to nearby hospitals, if required.

4. **Medical Facilities:** Depending on the scale of the event, dedicated medical facilities or temporary clinics may be established within or near the event venues. These facilities are equipped to handle a broader range of medical situations and provide more comprehensive care if needed.

The hospital near the Aspire Dome and Hamad Aquatics Center is the “Aspetar Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Hospital.”

5. **Emergency Medical Support:** Qatar has a well-established emergency medical service system. In case of a severe medical emergency, individuals can call the emergency hotline (999) to request immediate medical assistance. Highly trained paramedics and ambulances are deployed to the scene to provide critical care and transport patients to hospitals if necessary.

It is important to note that specific details regarding medical services during the Championships would be provided by the Organizing Committee closer to the event. They will communicate the available medical facilities, contact information, and any additional measures taken to ensure the health and safety of participants.

6. **6.Health Insurance to enter Qatar by :** A mandatory health insurance is required to enter the State of Qatar. Therefore each accredited participant (athlete, officials, etc.) shall a valid health insurance policy covering Qatar’s medical facilities, including COVID-19. The participant must ensure that the international insurance policy fulfils the acceptance criteria defined by the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH).

The participant may also buy a Visitors’ Health Insurance. It costs QAR50 (less than USD15) for a month. More information can be found on the MPOH website.

<https://www.moph.gov.qa/english/derpartments/policyaffairs/hfid/Pages/HealthInsurance-Scheme.aspx>

**Additional information.**

<https://visitqatar.com/intl-en/practical-info/visas/visa-details>

7. **Hospitals located near the Aspire Dome:**

1. Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC) - Aspetar Hospital
2. Al Wakra Hospital
3. Al Ahli Hospital
4. Al Emadi Hospital
5. Qatar-UK Medical Center
6. Sidra Medicine

These hospitals offer a range of medical services and are situated in close proximity to the Aspire Dome, providing convenient access to healthcare facilities for visitors, athletes, and the local community.



# 14. Cultural And Social Programmes

## 14.1 World Aquatics Market

Get ready for an exhilarating experience during the World Aquatics Masters Championships! Alongside the Aspire Dome, the World Aquatic Market awaits athletes, guests, and fans from around the globe, offering a wide array of exciting events.

Immerse yourself in three main themes that cater to everyone's interests:

1. **Culture:** Delight in daily concerts and music suitable for all age groups, adding a vibrant touch to the atmosphere.
2. **Family and Children's Events:** Engage in various water-related games designed to entertain and captivate families and children of all ages.
3. **Gastronomy:** Indulge in a festival-like atmosphere where you can explore a diverse selection of delectable food and refreshing beverages.

The World Championships sponsors will be present at the market, eager to meet and greet the public. You can also visit the merchandising stand, where you will find the event mascot and a wide range of official products, just like at other competition venues.

Adjacent to the Aspire Dome, within the scenic Aspire Park, you'll discover the Championships' main entertainment area and stage, nestled amidst lush greenery. Enjoy cultural performances, and on the giant screen, catch the daily sporting action before and after these events. Aspire Park is destined to be one of the most captivating fan zones of the World Championships!

Entry to the World Aquatics Market is free of charge. Opening hours may vary based on the daily competition schedules. Please note that security checkpoints will be in place at the entrance, followed by additional accreditation, ticket, and security screenings specifically for the different competitions.

Prepare yourself for an extraordinary experience and embrace the vibrant ambiance of the World Aquatics Masters Championships!

## 14.2 Opening and Closing Ceremonies

To ensure an unforgettable experience at the Championships in Doha, the Organizing Committee is delighted to present a captivating cultural program, featuring the highly anticipated Opening and Closing Ceremonies. These remarkable events will add a touch of grandeur to the Championships and leave lasting memories for all attendees.

The Opening Ceremony is scheduled to take place on February 23, 2024, while the Closing Ceremony will be held on March 3, 2024. Both ceremonies will be hosted at the prestigious Aspire Dome. For specific timings, please refer to the official website, where updates will be posted.

## 14.3 Places to Visit : [www.qatartourism.com](http://www.qatartourism.com)

Qatar offers a range of attractions and places to visit, showcasing its rich culture, modern architecture, and natural beauty. Here are some notable places to visit in Qatar:

### **The Pearl-Qatar:**

A luxurious man-made island featuring marinas, residential areas, shopping malls, restaurants, and beautiful waterfront views. It's a popular spot for leisurely strolls, shopping, and dining.

### **Souq Waqif:**

A traditional Qatari market located in the heart of Doha. Souq Waqif offers a vibrant atmosphere with its narrow alleyways, bustling shops, spice markets, art galleries, and traditional cafes. Visitors can immerse themselves in the local culture, shop for traditional garments, spices, and souvenirs, and indulge in authentic Qatari cuisine.

### **Museum of Islamic Art:**

Situated on Doha's waterfront, this renowned museum houses a vast collection of Islamic art from across the centuries. The museum's stunning architecture, expansive galleries, and exquisite displays make it a must-visit for art enthusiasts and history lovers.

### **Katara Cultural Village:**

A cultural hub that celebrates Qatar's heritage and showcases various art forms. Katara hosts art galleries, theatres, amphitheatres, and exhibition spaces. Visitors can enjoy live performances, art exhibitions, film screenings, and experience Qatari traditions and customs.

### **Al Zubarah Archaeological Site:**

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Al Zubarah is an ancient, fortified town located in the northwestern part of Qatar. The site offers insights into Qatar's history and heritage, with its well-preserved walls, towers, and artifacts. Visitors can explore the archaeological site and visit the adjacent museum to learn about Qatar's maritime and trading history.

### **Desert Safari:**

Qatar's vast desert landscapes offer an opportunity for thrilling desert safaris. Visitors can experience dune bashing in four-by-four vehicles, ride camels, try sandboarding, and witness breathtaking desert sunsets.

### **Aspire Park:**

A green oasis in Doha, Aspire Park is a vast recreational area featuring lush gardens, walking paths, playgrounds, and a lake. It's an ideal place for picnics, outdoor activities, and leisurely walks.

### **Sheikh Faisal Bin Qassim Al Thani Museum:**

This private museum showcases a diverse collection of artifacts, including vintage cars, historical manuscripts, Islamic art, and Qatari heritage items. It offers an immersive experience in the country's history and culture.

Qatar is home to several museums that offer unique insights into the country's history, art, and culture. Here are some notable museums in Qatar:

### **National Museum of Qatar:**

Designed by architect Jean Nouvel, the National Museum of Qatar is a striking architectural masterpiece in Doha. The museum tells the story of Qatar's past, present, and future through immersive exhibits,

interactive displays, and multimedia installations. It explores various aspects of Qatari heritage, culture, and natural history, providing visitors with a comprehensive understanding of the country.

## 15. Useful Information

### Currency

The currency of Qatar is the Qatari Riyal (QAR). The Qatari Riyal is divided into 100 dirhams. Banknotes are available in denominations of 1, 5, 10, 50, 100, 200 and 500 riyals, while coins are available in denominations of 1 riyal and 50, 25, 10, 5, and 1 dirham.

When visiting Qatar, it is advisable to exchange your currency for Qatari Riyals at banks, exchange offices, or authorized currency exchange locations. Additionally, many establishments in Qatar, including hotels, restaurants, and larger shops, accept major international credit cards. It is always a good idea to carry some cash in local currency for smaller vendors, local markets, and taxis.

### Credit Cards

Credit cards are widely accepted in Qatar, particularly in major cities and tourist areas. Most hotels, restaurants, shops, and entertainment venues in Qatar accept credit card payments. The commonly accepted credit card networks include Visa, Mastercard, American Express.

Using a credit card in Qatar offers convenience and security, eliminating the need to carry large amounts of cash. It is advisable to inform your credit card company or bank about your travel plans to Qatar to avoid any potential issues with international transactions. This helps ensure that your card will be authorized for use in the country and prevent any unexpected card holds or declines.

Before using your credit card, it is important to be aware of any applicable fees, foreign transaction charges, and exchange rates that may apply. It is also recommended to keep track of your credit card statements and receipts for reference and to monitor your spending.

In addition to credit cards, Qatar has a well-developed banking system, and ATMs are widely available throughout the country. ATMs allow you to withdraw Qatari Riyals using your credit card or debit card. However, it's always a good idea to have some local currency on hand for smaller vendors, taxis, or places that may not accept credit cards.

### Electricity

In Qatar, the standard voltage is 240 volts, and the frequency is 50 Hz. The power plugs and sockets used in Qatar are of Type D and Type G.

Type D plugs have three round pins in a triangular pattern, while Type G plugs have three rectangular pins in a triangular pattern, with an additional rectangular pin for grounding. If your country uses a different type of plug, you will need a plug adapter to use your electronic devices in Qatar.

It is recommended to check the compatibility of your devices with the voltage and plug types in Qatar before your trip. Some devices, such as laptops, smartphones, and camera chargers, are often compatible with a wide range of voltages and may only require a plug adapter. However, certain devices, like hairdryers or other appliances, may require a voltage converter in addition to a plug adapter to ensure they work safely.

Many hotels in Qatar provide universal power outlets that can accommodate different plug types. However, it's always a good idea to have a plug adapter on hand to ensure you can charge your devices in other locations, such as cafes, airports, or public charging stations.

## **Water**

In Qatar, tap water is generally safe to drink. The country has a well-developed infrastructure for water supply and treatment, ensuring that the water meets high-quality standards. The water undergoes extensive purification processes before it reaches households and establishments.

However, some people may prefer to drink bottled water for various reasons, such as personal preference or when traveling to more remote areas. Bottled water is readily available in Qatar, and numerous brands are sold in stores and supermarkets.

It is important to stay hydrated, especially in Qatar's hot climate, so carrying a reusable water bottle and refilling it with tap water or bottled water is a good practice. Additionally, many hotels, restaurants, and public places provide water dispensers or water coolers for visitors to refill their bottles.

If you have specific concerns about the water quality or if you are staying in a more rural or remote area, it is advisable to consult the hotel or local authorities for guidance on drinking water safety in that particular location.

As with any foreign destination, practicing good hygiene and taking necessary precautions with water and food handling can help ensure a healthy and enjoyable stay in Qatar.

## **Phone Calls**

In Qatar, the emergency phone number for all types of emergencies is 999. If you find yourself in a critical or life-threatening situation, or if you require immediate medical assistance, police support, or fire services, dialling 999 will connect you to the emergency services in Qatar.

It is worth noting that Qatar has a well-established emergency response system, and the emergency services are equipped to handle a wide range of emergencies. The operators are trained to provide instructions and assistance over the phone until help arrives.

Remember that the emergency number should only be used for genuine emergencies. For non-emergency situations or general inquiries, you can reach out to the Qatar Police hotline at 999-4444 or the non-emergency hotline at 112.

## **Internet Access**

Wi-Fi connection will be available at the venues of the World Master Championships for all participants.

Wi-Fi connection in Qatar is also, readily available in many public areas, including hotels, restaurants, cafes, shopping malls, and airports. Most of these establishments offer free Wi-Fi access to their customers, making it convenient for residents and visitors to stay connected.

For more information about the exciting attractions and activities Qatar has to offer, please visit our website at Qatar Tourism or Visit Qatar. Follow us on social media @QatarTourism to stay updated on the latest events and discoveries.

For more information please contact us on [info@worldaquatics-doha2024.com](mailto:info@worldaquatics-doha2024.com)



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