

4th International H2 Water Polo Challenge

Dudelange, Luxembourg - 29 & 30 June 2019

Dear Water Polo friends, with great pleasure the Cercle de Natation Dudelange (CNDu) invites you to the fourth edition of the International H2 Water Polo Challenge in Dudelange!

What is new at this year's edition? For the very first time, we try to organize the event on 2 days, Saturday and Sunday. Additionally, we want to introduce a women's tournament.

1. Registration

The aim is to gather 10-12 men and 4-5 women teams from at least 5 different nations. All players licensed with a club affiliated to FINA may register for the competition.

Registration has to be submitted with the **attached excel file** via email to luc.muller@cndu.lu

Entry deadline: Sunday 2nd June 2019.

Entry Fee: Men team: **100€** / Women Team: **75€**

Entry fee must be transferred to the account of CNDU (IBAN LU49 0030 0516 4979 0000, BGLLULL) by **Sunday 16th June 2019**. Please use "Water Polo Challenge" as a reference for your payment. The entry fee will not be reimbursed in case of absence or withdrawal.



2. Playing modus

The tournament is organised by the Cercle de Natation Dudelange. The competition is held under the rules of FINA and the Luxembourgish Swimming Federation (FLNS).

For the men's tournament, there will be several groups consisting out of 4-6 teams, depending on the number of teams. Group composition details will be made once the teams have confirmed their participation. With the same approach the women's playing scheme will be decided in function of the number of registered teams.

Based on the results of the group stage matches, being played on Saturday, the classification games respectively semi-finals and finals are taking place on Sunday. All men teams shall play at least 5 matches and the women teams at least 4.

All games will consist in 2 uninterrupted halftimes lasting between 8 and 10 minutes (exact duration depending on the number of teams). For the games after the group stages, in case there is an even score after the regular time, the game shall continue under the “Golden Goal” rule (first to score will be the winner).

The matches will be approximately played between 10.00h and 19.00h on Saturday and between 09.00h and 13.00h on Sunday. The pool area has to be cleaned and left until 14.00h latest.

A complete detailed version of the applying rules and time schedule will be transmitted prior competition date.

3. Prize money

Men’s tournament: **500€ for 1st place, 300€ for 2nd place, 200€ for 3rd place**

Women’s tournament: **200€ for 1st place, 125€ for 2nd place, 75€ for 3rd place**

The team with the least exclusions will be rewarded with a FAIR PLAY Cup. Some other special prize categories are foreseen.

4. Venue

The competition takes place in the open-air swimming pool of Dudelange located 70, rue du Parc, L-3542 Dudelange, Luxembourg.

The heated competition pool has a dimension of 50x20m and is at least 1.80m depth. 2 separated playing fields will be installed.

There is a 25m pool at your disposal for an eventually needed warming-up.

Dressing and shower facilities are available next to the pool and within the sports complex.



5. Referees and officials

The referees and officials have not to be provided by the participating teams. There shall be two independent international referees per game and a principal referee for the whole Challenge. The officials are also provided by the organizing club.

6. Responsibility and fair-play

Participating teams are requested to play all of their assigned games, and stay until the end of the Challenge (prize ceremony is estimated to start around 13.15h on Sunday).

The organizer counts on the fair-play of the teams to respect all decisions of the referees.

The organizer declines all responsibility in case of theft, loss or accidents and counts on your goodwill to keep the grounds incl. showers and toilets as clean as possible. Participating teams are requested to take care of their own insurance against personal accidents.

7. Lodging and social event

As the tournament is held on 2 days, we offer overnight stays in common dormitories in nearby sports complexes (in walking distance) for **15€ per person** (including breakfast). Camping cots are provided and access to sanitary facilities is granted.

For the teams who want to stay at a hotel, please refer to the **attached list**.

On Saturday evening after the matches, we would like to encourage all participants to stay for a little come together with BBQ food and drinks. The organizer will offer one free drink for all players and coaches. The pool area has to be cleaned for 21.30h latest.

The teams which don't want to go to bed afterwards we recommend to have a drink or two at one of the several bars in Dudelange town or to have party in Luxembourg City.

8. Useful information

A selection of drinks, BBQ food, sandwiches and cakes can be purchased throughout the weekend, the relevant stands will be easy to find on the poolside.

There shall also be a small shop on site, selling a variety of Water Polo articles.

A large, free car parking is located at the side entrance.

9. Contact

We keep ourselves at your entire disposal for any other question or issue and we hope that you choose to be with us on that weekend.

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