



**2023 PANAM
BEACH WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS**

SUMMONS
Qualifier for the ANOC Beach Games

March 22-27, 2023

Federación Puertorriqueña de Natación
Punta Santiago, Toa Baja, Puerto Rico

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Federación Puertorriqueña de Natación is pleased to invite your Federation to participate in the 2023 PanAm Beach Water Polo Championships, March 22-27, 2023, at Punta Salinas, Toa Baja. This event will serve as a qualifier for the ANOC Beach Games to be held in Bali, Indonesia

Organizing Committee

The organizing committee (“OC”) for this event:

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Key dates

Preliminary team entry deadline:	January 31, 2023
PAQ team entry deadline:	March 1, 2023
Hotel booking form deadline:	January 31, 2023
Team arrival/departure form deadline:	March 1, 2023
Arrival Delegations:	March 22, 2023
Technical meeting:	March 23, 2023
Competition dates:	March 24-26, 2023
Closing ceremony:	March 26, 2023
Departure Delegations:	March 27, 2023



Detailed Schedule and Competition Program

Date	Time	Event
March 22	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Arrival & Training
March 23	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Training Technical Meeting
March 24	8:00 AM	Qualifying Round
March 25	8:00 AM	Qualifying Round
March 26	8:00 AM	Final Round
March 27		Departures

Training venue & schedule

The OC will organize training sessions in the main competition venue starting on **March 22-23, 2023** at Punta Salinas Toa Baja

AM: 9:00 AM– 12:00 PM

PM: 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM (only March 21)

IMPORTANT: For all those teams arriving earlier than March 22, the OC will provide training options under previous request. Therefore, if your team is planning to arrive earlier than March 22, please contact the OC with your training plans and request so they can organize the training accordingly.

COMPETITION

Technical Meeting

The technical meeting will take place at Comfort Inn **March 23, 2023 at 7:00 PM**. The meeting will be open to everyone with appropriate accreditation. All team's delegates and referees must be present at the Technical Meeting with official team roster and player's passports. The PanAm Aquatics Water Polo Chairperson will lead the meeting, which will be conducted in English and, if required, with translation in Spanish.

The Referee Meeting will take place immediately after the Technical Meeting.



Competition Venue

Balneario Punta Salinas. Managed by Toa Baja Municipal Government, this beach has facilities that only certain beaches on the island have. Among the facilities that you'll find on this beach are showers, bathrooms, green areas for recreation, basketball courts, beach volleyball area, and lifeguards.

Technical Equipment

An electronic timing system will be utilized. The official playing ball shall comply with all the requirements of WA regulations. Teams must bring their own playing caps for the games, in compliance with WA regulations, and must also provide their own practice balls. The Organizing Committee will provide official game balls.

Entry Rules

The PanAm Beach Water Polo Championships are open to one entry from national teams or clubs in good standing with their National Federations who are members of PanAm Aquatics or of WA.

- The competitors must be a citizen, whether through birth or naturalization, of the country being represented, according to the GR-2.5 Rule of WA.
- Each PanAm Aquatics Federation will be allowed to enter a maximum of seven (7) players per team
- Participants must be at least sixteen (16) years old as of December 31, 2023 to be eligible to participate.

Competition Format

- For the event of the different genders to be recognized as “Championship”, there must be teams from at least three (3) different countries. If there is not at least three (3) countries participating in an event, the organizing committee shall advise the President of PanAm Aquatics of the elimination of such event no later than **March 1, 2023**
- The competition format will be based on the number of participating countries.
- There can be a maximum of 12 teams in each of the men’s and women’s categories, representing the four zones of the Americas. The participating teams at the PanAm Beach Water Polo Championship will include: the host team, one team from zones III and IV; and teams selected by rotation between Zone I and Zone II (in that order) until the maximum of twelve (12) teams is achieved.

Awards

- All registered players in the teams arriving in the first three positions of the standing of the Championships for each category (men and women), will receive medals in gold, silver and bronze colors.
- Most valuable players will be selected by PanAm Aquatics Water Polo Committee for each category (men and women)
- Best goalies will be selected by PanAm Aquatics Water Polo Committee for each category (men and women)
- Best scorer will be determined based on the statistics provided by host for each category (men and women)
- All competitors shall receive a certificate in recognition of their participation.

Clothing and Equipment

Clothing and equipment used by athletes and other participants in the Championships must comply with the documents listed in the WA General Rules available at WA.org This includes the rules that concern advertisements.

Anti-Doping

During the competition, anti-doping control tests may be conducted, according to the control rules established by WA.

Protests

Protests will be resolved under [WA Rule GR 9.2](#).

Protests must be submitted to the Chief Referee in writing by the team leader, with a deposit of US\$100, within 30 minutes following the conclusion of the respective event.

All protests will be considered by the Event Commission

Jury of Appeal

For the Championships, the jury of appeal shall consist of a minimum of three persons and will be comprised of the PanAm Aquatics Executive Committee and PanAm Aquatics Honorary Members present and the PAQ Delegate (if present) with the PanAm Aquatics President or in his or her absence a PanAm Aquatics Vice-President and/or PanAm Aquatics Executive Liaison for Water Polo as chairperson.

A jury member will be allowed to speak, but not to vote, on a case in which the interest of his/her PanAm Aquatics Federation is involved. Technical Officials and Judges for Water Polo shall not be entitled to form part of the jury.

In case of urgency, the jury may vote on a matter even if it has not been possible to contact all members.



Technical Officials

All PanAm Aquatics affiliated Federations, regardless of their participation or not in these Championships, are welcomed to send one referee to officiate in this tournament. Participating Federations must send at least one referee. The PanAm Aquatics Water Polo Committee can use them in any of the games and in any gender. The country that registers a team and does not bring a referee will be fined US \$2,500.00 in accordance with PanAm Aquatics regulations. All technical officials are expected to cover their travel and accommodation expenses.

DELEGATIONS

Registration

All National Federation registrations and sport entries must be done through the PanAm Aquatics General Management System (GMS) Deporte Virtual. Each national federation must complete their registrations before the designated deadlines. In the interest of providing the Organizing Committee with optimal time to make hotel, meal, transportation, and other logistical arrangements, please submit your registration at your earliest convenience.

Entries will be until midnight **March 1, 2023**

Entry GMS:

English: <https://sistemapuntasantiago2023.panamaquaticsevents.com/login/en>

Spanish: <https://sistemapuntasantiago2023.panamaquaticsevents.com/>

Team Officials

The Organizing Committee will guarantee availability of rooms and breakfast for a maximum of 9 persons for each team delegation in each category, men and women. Each delegation shall consist of seven (7) players and two (2) supporting personnel, out of which one must be a referee.

Accreditation

The Organizing Committee will provide all Athletes and Team Staff with an official Accreditation card. Only accredited people will be allowed to access certain venue areas. All accredited people are requested to carry their Accreditation Cards with them at all times and to show them upon request. Team managers will be required to present photographic identification for all team members in order to collect the Accreditation cards.

Entry Fee

US\$ 300.00 Entry fee per team payable to Panam Aquatics



Bank Information for Payments

Beneficiary Bank	Old National Bank
Bank Address	1 Main Street Evansville, Indiana 47708 USA
FedWire identifier	086300012
Beneficiary Bank Swift	OLNAUS44
Account Name	PanAm Aquatics Inc.
Account Address	5735 Carrollton Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46220 USA
Account Number	102925062

Host Hotels

Comfort Inn Condado, Located at #6 Clemenceau Street, San Juan, PR Providing an ideal mix of value, comfort and convenience, it offers a budget friendly setting with an array of amenities designed for travelers like you. Nearby landmarks such as Ocean Park (1.7 mi) and The Capitol of Puerto Rico (2.1 mi) make Comfort Inn San Juan a great place to stay when visiting San Juan. The hotel is about 6 miles from the Luis Muñoz Marín Airport.

Single Occupancy	\$189.00 +\$25.00 hotel fee +9% government tax	Per day per room
Double Occupancy Up to 3 people per room	\$189.00 +\$25.00 hotel fee +9% government tax	Per day per room
Double Occupancy Up to 4 people per room	\$189.00 +\$50.00 hotel fee +9% government tax	Per day per room

- Reservation link: <http://www.choicehotels.com/ires/en-US/html/ArrivalInfo?hotel=PR004&srp=LPOLO&pu=no>
- Rates include breakfast

The rates offered in this proposal are available until **January 31, 2023**. Should you have any questions or comments, do not hesitate to either call to (787) 462-5362 or email grivera@kressgroup.com



Holiday Inn Express San Juan Condado is located at 1 Mariano Ramirez Bages in Condado it features an excellent location in the exclusive Condado area now renovated in 2022. Its beauty and splendor overlook Condado Lagoon. Within walking distance, you will enjoy first class shopping, with all major jeweler stores, souvenirs and fashion designer boutiques at hand. Visit the beautiful Condado Beach within walking distance to the hotel. And when the night falls, casinos, distinguish gastronomy and exciting nightlife are the name of the game. The hotel is about 6 miles from the Luis Muñoz Marín Airport

Single Occupancy	\$\$179.00 +18 %service fee +9% government tax	Per day per room
Double Occupancy	\$179.00 +18 %service fee +9% government tax	Per day per room
Double Occupancy Up to 4 people per room	\$179.00 +\$50.00 hotel fee +9% government tax	Per day per room

- Reservation Link:
<https://www.hiexpress.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=EX&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=sjupr&PMID=99801505&GPC=wtp&cn=no&viewfullsite=true>
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El Canario Lagoon Hotel this is a small, moderately priced hotel for those who prefer a central location in the area of San Juan Condado. Conveniently located in a cozy, quiet and residential area a short distance from the beautiful playa del Condado. Our excellent location makes it most convenient for vacation families, as well as business travelers. El Condado Lagoon in an area where you will find a fascinating variety of clubs, shops, restaurants, casinos and sports aquatic activities. The hotel is about 6 miles from the Luis Muñoz Marín Airport.

Single Occupancy	\$169.00 +\$20.00 hotel fee +9% government tax	Per day per room
Double Occupancy	\$169.00 +\$20.00 hotel fee +9% government tax	Per day per room
Double Occupancy Up to 4 people per room	\$169.00 +\$50.00 hotel fee +9% government tax	Per day per room

- Rates include breakfast

The rates offered in this proposal are available until **January 31, 2023**. Should you have any questions or comments, and to make reservations for El Canario Lagoon Hotel do not hesitate to either call to (787) 462-5362 or email grivera@kressgroup.com

The special competition daily fee includes:

- Transportation to and from the airport and one of the 3 host hotel above
- Hotel accommodations at one of the 3 hotels listed above
- Transportation between the training and competition venues and one of the 3 Host hotels listed above

Hotels must be booked on or before January 31, 2023. The hotel will charge a one (1) night deposit as a guarantee of the reservation. Any remaining balance must be settled upon check-out with a valid credit card only. **After January 31, 2023, the OC will not be able to guarantee availability of rooms, and the rates will increase by 30%.**

Transportation to and from the airport, and to and from the competition and training venues will not be provided to those teams who don't use the 3 Host hotels listed above.

Airport

Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport (SJU) (Spanish: *Aeropuerto Internacional Luis Muñoz Marín*) is a joint civil-military [international airport](#) located in suburban [Carolina, Puerto Rico](#), three miles (five kilometers) southeast of [San Juan](#).

The Organizing Committee will provide airport transfers only to and from the three (3) meet hotels upon arrival and departure.

Visa Support

If your team requires a visa for entry in San Juan, PR please notify the Organizing Committee and we will work to create an invitation letter to be presented to your Embassy/Consulate to assist in the visa process. Please send a list of all travelers with Full Name, Passport Number, Date of Birth, Gender, Nationality, and Role within the delegation.

Medical Care

As a reminder, all Federations **MUST** carry their own travel and health insurance. The OC will provide First Aid Personnel at the competition venue. All Federations must take full responsibility for any other needed medical expenses, including all costs related to COVID testing.

Information Desk

Each Official Hotel will have an Information Desk where all the information will be provided, and where the accreditations will be delivered. Information Desk Schedule: 7am to 7pm.



Weather

March Weather in Puerto Rico Puerto Rico. **Daily high temperatures are around 84°F, rarely falling below 80°F or exceeding 88°F.** Daily low temperatures are around 73°F, rarely falling below 70°F or exceeding 76°F.

