



Montréal, September 28th, 2022

Dear CMAS Member Federations,

The **Canadian Underwater Games Association** would like to invite you to participate in the 12th CMAS Underwater Rugby World Championships to be held in Montréal - Canada in 2023.

Please read thoroughly all the information contained in this invitation and return the final entry form (Annex 1) and the hotel booking form (Annex 2) by March 15th, 2023. Please note, that without exception, **no registration will be accepted after the deadline of March 15th, 2023.** A registration is considered as complete only after receipt of the full payment of all non-optional fees: entry fee and 100% of the hotel booking is paid by March 15th, 2023.

1. Governing body: Confédération Mondiale des Activités Subaquatiques (CMAS)

Hosting federation: Canadian Underwater Games Association (CUGA)

2. Valid Procedures and Rules: CMAS UNDERWATER RUGBY INTERNATIONAL RULES, Version June 2021. PROCEDURES AND OBLIGATIONS FOR THE ORGANISATION OF CMAS COMPETITIONS CATEGORY A (World - Continental Championships) Version 2022/013.

3. Team Composition: According to the CMAS rules, chapter 2.2.1, a team may nominate a maximum of 15 players, six in the water, six exchange players and three reserves. A team may consist of less than 15 players but must have a minimum of six players at the start of any match. Once nominated, the team composition of a maximum of 15 players may not be changed. No new reserve players may be nominated after the Championships has started. All players must be registered online at the CMAS website.

4. Exclusion of liability: Participation in the 12th CMAS World Championships is under each participant's own responsibility. The hosting federation doesn't accept any liability for personal or material damages.

5. Venue: Complexe sportif Claude-Robillard. 1000, avenue Émile-Journault. Montréal (Québec) H2M 2E7.

6. The Pool: The competition pool is 20 m x 22 m x 5 m deep, flat bottom with dark blue tiles. Walls are flat with light blue tiles. This is a freshwater swimming pool with a water temperature of 27°C. All the dive platforms around the pool will be removed for the Championships. The Field dimensions are: 20 m length x 10 m width x 5 m depth, with an exchange area of 3 m.

The selected venue includes an adjacent 50 m x 25 m Olympic swimming pool, 2m deep and with 10 lanes with a movable bridge (across the width) dividing the pool into two equal sections of 25 m or two asymmetrical sections of 20 m and 30 m and a hydraulic floor of 20 m x 25 m allowing the depth of the



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pool to be varied from 0.5 m to 2 m. The water temperature is also of 27°C. Access to this pool will be monitored to organize and limit its access to teams playing immediately prior or right after the ongoing match. Food is absolutely forbidden in the pool area including the locker rooms. Glass bottles and containers are also forbidden in the pool area.

7. Timetable: Training: 07.05.2023. Technical Meeting: 07.06.2023. Championships: 07.07.2023 - 07.15.2023. Opening ceremony: 07.07.2023. Round Robin: 07.08.2023. Knockout games: 07.13.2023. Final games / Awards and closing ceremony: 07.15.2023.

8. Technical Delegate: The Technical Delegate has not yet been determined by the CMAS. The name of the Technical Delegate will be confirmed later by the CMAS.

9. Referees: International referees will be refereeing the Championships. CMAS Chief Referee for Underwater Rugby (nomination will follow shortly) will do the selection of referees.

10. Protest: Written protest must be turned in to the jury of the Championships within 30 min after the end of the game. Protest fee is \$150,00 CAD. Protests will be handled by the Championships jury.

11. International Jury of the Championships: The composition of the jury will be defined by CMAS Underwater Rugby Commission. It will be announced as soon as possible, but at latest at the technical meeting. Each member can be substituted to avoid conflict of nationality or participation in the concerned match.

12. Registrations: A registration is considered as complete when:

- i) The payment of the entry fee has been received in full
- ii) The final entry form (**Annex 1**) has been sent to uwrwc.montreal2023@gmail.com and to spo@cmas.org
- iii) The inscription form, downloadable at the CMAS websites members area, has been sent to CMAS Headquarters.
- iv) The payment of the inscription fee has been done
- v) The national federation is a member of CMAS sport committee and is affiliated to underwater rugby.

All the above items must be fulfilled by **March 15th, 2023**.

13. Entry fees per team: \$5,300.00 CAD.

Entry fees shall be paid by bank transfer, clearly marked "UWR WC2022 ENTRY – Country of the team - gender", net of banking charges



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To: **MONTREAL SUBAQUATIQUE / UNDERWATER MONTREAL**

Bank: **Banque de Montréal**

Bank Account: **8861-256**

Transit Number: **02151**

Institution Number: **001**

Swift Code (BIC): **BOFMCAM2**

Routing Number: **CC0001 (if outside USA)**

Routing Number: **CC000101461 (if from the USA)**

Last day of payment: **March 15th 2023**

Due to organizational and budget constraints, payments cannot be refunded after **March 30th 2023**.

Should a team find itself unable to attend for any reason, an official letter from the participating federation must be sent to uwrwc.montreal2023@gmail.com no later than the deadline mentioned above to receive 75% of the entry fee. For any cancellation request sent after **March 30th, 2023** the payment of the entry fee will be forfeit.

14. Non-Optional costs:

- i) Travel expenses and full pension for referees.
- ii) Full board and lodging of 3 CMAS delegates.
- iii) Accommodation for the organization of the Championships.
- iv) Administration - telephone, mailing, circulation of documents (information/ results, etc.) and printing services before and during the Championships.
- v) Printing expenses of badges for officials, judges, athletes, etc.
- vi) Transportation during the championships, from and to the lodging, to and from the swimming pool for all team members via Montréal's Public Transportation System (STM).
- vii) Cost for rent of the swimming pool and rooms for meetings, opening and closing ceremony.
- viii) Live-streaming of the Championship

15. Optional Costs:

- i) **Accommodation.** The Organization offers four different hotels for teams to choose from. All the details are in **Annex 2**. Teams will be assigned rooms according to availability, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please choose the option according to the number of team members. The selected hotels are within 200m to a bus / subway station. Additional information can be found in each hotel booking form. Please note that your federation will be held accountable and billed for any damages incurred in hotel rooms or at the Championships Venue that were caused by any members of your team or your delegation, as well as any costs incurred at the hotels that were not settled before departure.
- ii) **Gala Dinner:** All the information about the Gala Dinner will be shared on another communication later this year, including the location and cost per person.



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16. Participation acknowledgement: Participation of your team is accepted by the organizing committee by returning a signed and stamped copy (scan) of the final entry form (**Annex 1**)

17. Medical care: The facilities have a properly equipped nursing room. Different prevention and reaction protocols in emergency situations are practiced periodically. The presence of the pre-hospital emergency care services (paramedical ambulance) takes between 5 to 10 minutes, and a pre-hospital response chain is automatically activated by calling 911. The nearest hospital is located 3.0km north from the venue.

Covid Measures: The Government of Canada announced the removal of all COVID-19 entry restrictions, as well as testing, quarantine, and isolation requirements for anyone entering Canada, effective October 1, 2022. Effective October 1, 2022, all travellers, regardless of citizenship, will no longer have to:

- submit public health information through the [ArriveCAN](#) app or website;
- provide proof of vaccination;
- undergo pre- or on-arrival testing;
- carry out COVID-19-related quarantine or isolation;
- monitor and report if they develop signs or symptoms of COVID-19 upon arriving to Canada.

Transport Canada is also removing existing travel requirements. As of October 1, 2022, travellers will no longer be required to:

- undergo health checks for travel on air and rail; or
- wear masks on planes and trains.

([For detailed information, see official news release from September 26th, 2022](#))

18. Anti-doping code: The hosting federation will apply the CMAS Anti-Doping Rules valid at the time of the 12th CMAS UWR Championships. Doping is strictly forbidden, and the hosting federation will support the Anti-Doping authorities in their work. Doping controls may be carried out any time during the competition period in accordance with the procedures described in the 2022 WADA International Standard for Testing and Investigations. Athletes who are selected for doping control must bring an official identification (with photo) to the doping test area. The athlete should also bring along their therapeutic use exemption (TUE) if applicable. For more information, please refer to: <https://www.cmas.org/medical/anti-doping>.

19. Playing mode: A detailed playing mode and schedule of games will be sent to all participating federations after final entry has been closed. The composition of the groups in the preliminary round will result from a draw. The pots for the draw will be determined according to the ranking of the last three World Championships. The total number of groups will be decided after the number of participating teams is known. The draw will be done after the publication of the schedule. The place and time of the draw will be announced one week in advance.



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20. Timing Schedule: Will be established and issued within two (2) weeks after the registration deadline on March 15th, 2023.

21. Contact person: Name: Oscar de La Guerra **E-mail:** odelaguerra@gmail.com & Local Organizing Committee: uwrwc.montreal2023@gmail.com.

22. Special requests: In case you want to make reservations of any kind such as a private room, training pool time, etc. Or have any other additional questions, please contact the Local Organizing Committee at uwrwc.montreal2023@gmail.com

23. Age limitations: The age limitation for these Championships will be 18 years old. The athletic age of a competitor is obtained by subtracting his year of birth from the current year. The competitor will compete from January 1st until December 31st of the year in this category.

24. Nationality of athletes participating in CMAS Championships: All the athletes of a national team must have the nationality of the country or submit proof that they are resident in that country for 1 year at least. In the team there can be a maximum of 30 % foreigner's athletes.

25. Additional Rules and Regulation for this Championships

a. Any use of lubricants such as soap, shower gel, creams or Vaseline will be prohibited in the pool area because they severely deteriorate the quality of the water, which in turn degrades visibility in the pool both for players and video cameras. They may be used in the shower area but must be washed off before entering the pool.

b. The amount of people watching games in the water will be limited to 2 per team. We will provide live streaming by the pool.

c. When a penalty throw is called, diving is forbidden to all players not directly involved in the penalty throw's execution for the duration of the penalty throw. If this rule is broken during the Championships, from thereon all players not directly involved in any penalty throw's execution will be required to leave the water. This is meant to improve conditions for video recording.

d. Dress Code: All players of a team must wear matching gear - swimsuits or trunks and jerseys (female) / trunks and jerseys (male) - and caps of the same graphic design. The cut of the players' gear within a team may differ if it is comprised within the rules below.

- i) Men must play in swimming trunks (speedos or shorts up to the knee) and jerseys
- ii) Women must play in either swimsuits or bikini bottoms and jerseys. It is also allowed to play in swimsuits and jerseys. If they wear jerseys, the jerseys also must be uniform for all players and if used, must be worn by all players of a team.



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- iii) All players must have their player's number visibly displayed, at least on the back of their suit or jersey, the player's name may be added. The number must be between 15cm and 30cm high. The strokes must be between 1,5cm and 3cm wide.
 - iv) The number must stand out clearly from the background.
 - v) The jerseys must be tight fitted and elastic.
 - vi) The jerseys must be made of fabric, like the fabric of swimsuits or swimming trunks.
 - vii) For men, the jerseys must be long enough to be put inside the trunks.
 - viii) Shoulders shall not be covered by the jersey.
- e. Should a team not be correctly dressed at game-time, there will be a warning by the referee. If they cannot comply with the dress code within 5 minutes, the team is disqualified for the game and the game is set 20:0 in favor of the opponent.
- i. Backup gear (jerseys and caps in both colors) will be available at the pool if needed for teams to borrow in case of unavailability or loss of their original equipment.
- f. If a player's jersey gets damaged during a game, the player is allowed to finish the game without a jersey. For the next game, the player must replace the damaged jersey.
- g. If replacement jersey is not available:
- i. Colors (team white / team dark) will be changed, so the team with the damaged jersey can use the jerseys that are still intact.
 - ii. If both teams have the same-colored jerseys damaged, dark, or white, so colors cannot be changed, both must play with the jersey set borrowed by the organization.
- h. National Teams' Swimsuits and Jersey Approval**
- i. All swimsuits, trunks and jerseys must be pre-approved before the Championships by the UWR Commission by sending an artwork showing the design no latter than: **April 30th,2023**.
 - ii. To get the approval reply, please send the artwork to the following e-mail addresses: uwr-cmas@vdst.de & uwrwc.montreal2023@gmail.com.
 - iii. Comprehensive equipment check will be performed after each team's training session, during the days before the championship matches start. All equipment to be used during the championship must be presented at this equipment check.
 - iv. Before each match the referees will perform visual and if needed spot-checks of the teams.
 - v. Swimsuits, trunks, and jerseys not pre-approved could be rejected at the championship.
 - vi. The Head of the Local Organizing Committee, Technical Delegate and Chief referee will jointly take the decision if the equipment is according to the rules or not.
 - vii. National Teams Jerseys that have already been approved at other CMAS UWR championships do not need to be presented again.



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i. Ball selection

- i. All balls for the ball selection need to be presented at the Team leader meeting.
- ii. Maximum one ball per team will be allowed to be submitted for the Ball selection.
- iii. The submitted balls will be checked by the referees before the Ball selection.
- iv. The selected balls will be kept in custody by the referees, till the ball selection takes place.
- v. The balls which will be submitted should fulfill the requirements of the CMAS Rules.
- vi. After the championship balls are selected, they will only be used for Championships games and otherwise will remain in custody by the referees.

j. Player's information All participating National Federations are requested to send the following player information to the Canadian Underwater Games Association for each registered player. **Deadline: 31st May 2023.**

- a. Full name
- b. Profile picture (straight from front, white background, same clothing and pose for all players of one team)
- c. Height
- d. Weight
- e. Date of birth
- f. National team player since
- g. Times participated in World Championships
- h. Times winning the World Championship
- i. T-Shirt size

Data Protection: All information gathered will be covered under The Canadian Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA)

k. Team photo: All participating National Federations are requested to send a team photo including all the players that will be representing them in the 12th CMAS UWR World Championships, Montreal 2023.

- i. Profile picture of the coach (straight from front, white background)
- ii. Federation logo

l. Game opening: At the beginning of each game, the teams will make a pennant exchange, so please bring pennants from your federation.

m. Photographs and Videos: By participating at the 12th CMAS UWR World Championships, Montréal 2023 all federations confirm that all participating athletes and delegation members agree that the organizing federation has the right to use pictures and video footage of the event as well as any of the pictures collected in advance or during the Championships for any promotional or documentary purposes.



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n. CMAS Requirements: Please check the latest CMAS Procedures for participation in a CMAS Championship at the CMAS website. All CMAS fees for the participating federation and CMAS licenses for the athletes should be paid in full. All participants shall have a valid accident insurance of their own. A proof of such may be required by the organisation.

The participating federations accept all elements of the Championships invitation, as well as the additional rules and regulations mentioned within.

