

## 2025 1st CMAS Panamerican Championship Underwater Hockey Elite & Masters

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Ibagué, Colombia

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## 2. Invitation

### 2.1. Championship Host Invitation

Dear Underwater Hockey Community,

The Colombian National Federation of Underwater Activities is thrilled to invite athletes, coaches, and supporters from across the Americas to participate in the **1st CMAS Pan-American Underwater Hockey Championship**. This prestigious event will feature Elite and Masters categories for both Men and Women.

Join us in Ibagué, Colombia, from **August 15 to August 20, 2025**, at the renowned Complejo Acuático - Parque Deportivo Ibagué. We eagerly anticipate your participation in this celebration of athleticism and camaraderie, as we come together to advance the sport of underwater hockey in the Americas.

Warm regards,

**William Peña**

President, Colombian National Federation of Underwater Activities

### 2.2. CMAS Underwater Hockey Commission Invitation

On behalf of the CMAS Underwater Hockey Commission, I would like to invite you all to attend the 2025 CMAS Americas Championship Underwater Hockey in Ibagué, Colombia in August 2025.

The organising team is well underway with preparations, and we expect you will all join us to experience a very memorable and happy time in the musical capital of Colombia.

**Tristan Reynard**

Director, CMAS UWH Commission

### 2.3. Eligibility

The championship is open to national teams from countries across the Americas. Participants must be affiliated with their respective national underwater hockey federations and comply with CMAS regulations.

## 2.4. Specific Rules

### 1.4.1 - 2025 CMAS 1st Intercontinental Championship Asia/Oceania Underwater Hockey.

- This tournament will be subject to all current rules for Category A tournaments as set out in the Regulations for Underwater Hockey Competitions Version 1.
- A copy of these regulations, which are expected to be approved by the CMAS BOD early February 2025.
- Player Eligibility is as per clause 1.4.1 of the regulations which are to be read in conjunction with the Eligibility Rule Determination that can be found at....
- These championships will be the qualifying competition for the 2027 CMAS World Championships Underwater Hockey.
- The actual number of qualifying slots for this tournament will be determined on 15th June 2025 and will be displayed on the CMAS Website.

## 2.5. Contact Details

Communication medium	Address	Description
For inquiries	<b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:uwhpan2025col@gmail.com">uwhpan2025col@gmail.com</a> <b>Phone:</b> +57 3133145683 <b>Website:</b> <a href="https://www.fedecas.org/panamericanos-hockey">https://www.fedecas.org/panamericanos-hockey</a>	For inquiries and further information
CMAS Portal website	<a href="https://portal.cmas.org/">https://portal.cmas.org/</a>	CMAS Sports Licences and Division Registration.
CMAS TV	<a href="https://tv.cmas.org/">https://tv.cmas.org/</a>	Livestream of the competition



### 3. General Information



#### 3.1. Host City Location: Ibagué, Colombia

##### About Ibagué

Ibagué, known as the "Musical Capital of Colombia," is a vibrant and culturally rich city located in the central region of Colombia. Nestled in the Andean mountains at an elevation of approximately 1,285 meters (4,216 feet) above sea level, Ibagué enjoys a pleasant climate with average temperatures ranging from 18°C (64°F) to 28°C (82°F) throughout the year.

The city is famous for its musical heritage, hosting annual events like the Festival Folclórico Colombiano, which celebrates Colombian traditional music and dance. In addition to its musical traditions, Ibagué offers a variety of cultural, historical, and natural attractions. Visitors can explore its parks, museums, and nearby natural wonders, such as the Nevado del Tolima volcano and the Combeima Canyon.

#### 3.2. Transportation to Ibagué

##### 1. By Air

- **Perales Airport (IBE):** Ibagué is served by Perales Airport, which connects the city to Bogotá and other major Colombian cities. Direct flights from

Bogotá's El Dorado International Airport (BOG) to Ibagué take approximately 40 minutes.

- **International Travelers:** Most international travelers arrive in Colombia through Bogotá, Medellín, or Cali. From there, connecting flights to Ibagué are available.

## 2. By Road

- **From Bogotá:** Ibagué is approximately 200 km (124 miles) west of Bogotá. The drive takes about 4-5 hours by car or intercity bus, depending on traffic and weather conditions. The route passes through scenic mountain landscapes, making it an enjoyable journey.
- **From Medellín:** The distance from Medellín to Ibagué is about 260 km (162 miles), and the drive takes roughly 6-7 hours.

## 3. By Bus

- Ibagué has a well-connected bus terminal offering services from major Colombian cities. Bus companies provide frequent and affordable routes to the city.

## Local Transportation in Ibagué

- **Taxis:** Widely available and affordable for getting around the city.
- **Buses:** The local bus system connects different neighborhoods, including the sports complex where the championship will be held.
- **Ride-Sharing Services:** Popular apps like Uber and Didi operate in Ibagué for convenient travel.

Here are some airlines that operate flights to Ibagué:

- [Avianca](#): Offers direct flights from Bogotá to Ibagué.
- [LATAM Airlines](#): Provides direct flights from Bogotá to Ibagué.
- [ClicAir](#): Operates direct flights to Ibagué.

## Booking Flights

You can book flights directly through the airlines' websites or use travel booking platforms to compare prices and schedules:

- [Expedia](#): Offers flight options to Ibagué.
- [Kayak](#): Provides flight comparisons to Ibagué.
- [Skyscanner](#): Lists flights to Ibagué.

## Bus Services Bogota to Ibagué

Ibagué is well-connected by road, with several bus companies offering services from major Colombian cities. Here are some options:

- **Velotax:** Provides bus services to and from Ibagué.  
[Colombia by Bus](#)
- **Expreso Bolivariano:** Offers routes connecting Ibagué with various cities.  
[CheckMyBus](#)
- **Expreso Palmira:** Operates buses to Ibagué.  
[Busbud](#)

### 3.3. Venue Details: Complejo Acuático - Parque Deportivo Ibagué

#### Overview



The Complejo Acuático at Parque Deportivo Ibagué is a state-of-the-art aquatic center designed to host national and international competitions. Inaugurated in September 2024, this facility has quickly become a central hub for aquatic sports in Colombia.

#### Pool Specifications

The complex features multiple pools tailored for various aquatic disciplines:

- **Competition Pool:** This Olympic-sized pool measures 50 meters in length and 25 meters in width, adhering to international standards for competitive swimming and underwater hockey. The depth is 3 meters, providing optimal conditions for underwater hockey matches.



- **Training Pool:** A secondary pool designed for warm-ups and practice sessions. It measures 25 meters in length and 20 meters in width, with a uniform depth of 2 meters.

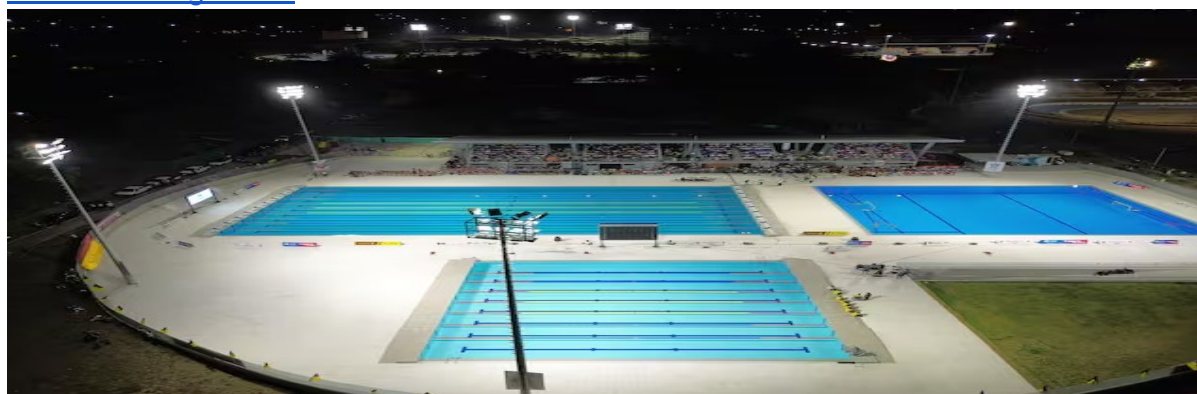
## Facilities and Amenities

The aquatic center is equipped with modern amenities to ensure a comfortable experience for athletes and spectators:

- **Seating Capacity:** The venue can accommodate up to 1,500 spectators, offering clear views of the competition area.
- **Locker Rooms:** Separate facilities for male and female athletes, each equipped with showers, restrooms, and secure lockers.
- **Medical Facilities:** On-site medical room staffed with professionals to address any health concerns during events.
- **Accessibility:** The complex is designed to be accessible, with ramps and designated seating areas for individuals with disabilities.

For a closer look at the Complejo Acuático, you can watch the following video showcasing the facility: [Complejo Acuático - Parque Deportivo Ibagué \\*](#)

### [Video 2 Inauguration](#)



## 3.4. Visa Requirements

### General Information

Travellers visiting Colombia for tourism purposes, including participants and attendees of the 2025 CMAS Pan American Championship Underwater Hockey Elite and Masters, must comply with the country's visa regulations. Colombia exempts citizens of certain countries from obtaining a tourist visa for short stays (typically up to 90 days).

### Visa-Exempt Countries



Citizens from the following countries do **not** require a tourist visa to enter Colombia for stays of up to 90 days:

- **Americas:** Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Note: This list is not exhaustive. For a comprehensive and up-to-date list, please refer to the official Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs website.

### Useful Links

- **Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Visa Information:** <https://www.cancilleria.gov.co/en/tourist-visa>
- **Visa Application Form:** <https://tramitesmre.cancilleria.gov.co/tramites/enlinea/solicitarVisa.xhtml>
- **List of Countries and Visa Requirements:** <https://colombia.travel/en/practical-information/visas-and-embassies>

### Recommendations

- **Advance Planning:** Initiate the visa application process well ahead of your intended travel dates to accommodate processing times.
- **Stay Informed:** Visa policies can change; always refer to official sources for the most current information.
- **Health Requirements:** Ensure compliance with any vaccination requirements, such as yellow fever vaccination, especially if arriving from certain countries or planning to visit specific regions within Colombia.

### 3.5. Additional Information

- **Language:** Spanish is the official language.
- **Currency:** Colombian Peso (COP). Dollar to COP varies between 1 USD corresponding between 3700 and 4400 COP
- **Climate:** In August, Ibagué experiences mild temperatures, averaging between 18°C (64°F) and 28°C (82°F) with 70% humidity.
- **Time Zone:** Colombia Time (COT), UTC -5.
- Colombia follows the left-hand drive cars and people drive on the right hand side of the road
- The metrical measure system is used in Colombia
- The standard electrical voltage in Colombia is 110 volts-60Hz. Plugs and outlets are Type A and B. Two flat parallel pins

When planning your trip to Ibagué for the 2025 CMAS Pan American Championship Underwater Hockey Elite and Masters, it's essential to budget for accommodation, food, and transportation. Here's an overview to assist you:

## Accommodation

Ibagué offers a range of lodging options to suit various budgets:

- **Budget Hotels:** Prices start around \$25 per night.  
[Kayak](#)
- **Mid-Range Hotels:** Approximately \$36 per night for 3-star hotels.  
[Booking.com](#)
- **Luxury Hotels:** 4-star hotels average \$60 per night, with 5-star options around \$90 per night.  
[Booking.com](#)

## Food

Dining in Ibagué is affordable, with options ranging from street food to sit-down restaurants:

- **Fast Food Combo Meal:** Such as at McDonald's, costs about 30,000 COP (approximately \$6).
- **Inexpensive Restaurant:** A meal costs about 21,938 COP (approximately \$5.50).
- **Mid-Range Restaurant:** A three-course meal for two averages 90,000 COP (around \$22.50).

Source: [Numbeo](#)

## Transportation

Getting around Ibagué is cost-effective:

- **Public Transportation:** Local buses are available, with fares typically low, though exact prices may vary.
- **Taxis and Ride-Sharing:** Services like Uber operate in Ibagué, offering convenient transportation. [Uber](#)

## Web Links

- Official Event Website: <https://www.fedecas.org/panamericanos-hockey>
- CMAS Website underwater Hockey: <https://www.cmas.org/hockey/latest.html>
- CMAS Portal - To acquire Athlete License: <https://portal.cmas.org/>
- CMAS TV: <https://tv.cmas.org/page/65cde876f3f5bc66902d8a5d>
- Tourism Information: [Ibagué Tourism](#)

## 4. Tournament Details

### 4.1. Programme

2025 CMAS Panamerican Championship Underwater Hockey Elite & Masters													
Ago 15 Friday Day 1		Ago 16 Saturday Day 2		Ago 17 Sunday Day 3		Ago 18 Monday Day 4		Ago 19 Tuesday Day 5		Ago 20 Wednesday Day 6		Ago 21 Thursday Day 7	
Arrival Day & Organization Logistics	8:00 - 11:30	Registration		7:30 - 16:10	UWH Round Robin	7:30 - 15:00	UWH Round Robin	7:30 - 15:00	UWH Round Quarter Finals	7:00 - 12:00	UWH Semi finals Finals	Departure	
	12:30 - 18:00	UWH Training pool day											
	12:30 - 18:00	Referees meeting & beep test											
	18:30	Opening Ceremony											
				16:00	UWH Coaches and Judges training	16:00	UWH Coaches and Judges training	Medal ceremony Closing ceremony & Party					

### 4.2. Rules

The event is organised under the following rules and guidelines:

- CMAS Underwater Hockey Tournament Regulations 01/2025
- CMAS International rules for Underwater hockey rules of play Version 01/2025
- [Cmas Anti-doping](#)
- [CMAS Anti-doping Rules 2021](#)
- [Conditions to obtain a CMAS License](#)

### 4.3. Championship Puck

The Hero Puck is the selected puck for the championship.

Hero Supplier Bilal emin KAHRAMAN [herouwequipments@gmail.com](mailto:herouwequipments@gmail.com)

#### 4.4. Tournament Divisions

The following grades are offered for this tournament and each National Federation can enter a maximum of one team per division.

The divisions are:

- Men's Elite
- Women's Elite
- Master's Men
- Master's Women

The minimum ages are:

Elite            18 years old before 3 August 2025

Master's      Over 34 year old

All athletes must possess a valid CMAS license available from [CMAS Portal](#).

#### Player Selection and Replacement

Teams are limited to 12 players and must be selected before the submission of the team list and player profiles on the 19th of July 2025. Players may be replaced between the 19th of July and tournament registration on medical grounds only. This provision is to limit the increased workload on volunteer organisers.

#### 4.5. Playing Cap and Swimsuit Approvals

These requests must be submitted to the Tournament Director by email before 31st March 2025, to: [uw.h.approvals@sport.cmas.org](mailto:uw.h.approvals@sport.cmas.org) Please use **Cap and Swimsuit Approval Request** in your email request subject line.

As per Clause 11.2.1

- All players of a team must wear identical bathing attire (cap, suit and/or rash vest and/or shirt), which may have an imprint of their flag or country.
- Each team must have two sets of identical bathing attire, one light in colour (when the team is using white sticks) and one dark in colour (when the team is using black sticks), and
- Both sets need Event Director approval prior to arrival at the competition.

Light Colours: White, Yellow, Light Blue, Light Grey, Orange.

Dark Colours: Black, Blue, Royal Blue, Navy Blue, Grey, Brown, Green, Red Cap

Numbers: To assist referees, cap numbers are limited to numbers between 1 and 15.



#### **4.6. Additional Training Space Availability**

Limited training space will be available prior to the competition. Teams interested in booking training sessions should contact the organizing committee in advance at [uwhpan2025col@gmail.com](mailto:uwhpan2025col@gmail.com)

#### **4.7. Registration Process and Meetings**

Registration, documents check and delivery of accreditation will be undertaken at the swimming pool venue for all teams. The registration and meeting will take place at the pool venue on August 16, 2025.

#### **4.8. Ceremonies**

##### **Opening Ceremony**

The inauguration ceremony will take place on August 16, 2025, at the Complejo Acuático Ibagué at 6:30 PM.

##### **Awards and Closing Ceremony**

The awards ceremony will be held immediately following the final matches on August 20, 2025. Medals and trophies will be presented to the top teams in each division.

##### **Post-Event Celebration**

A post-event celebration is planned for the evening of August 20, 2025. Details will be announced closer to the event date.

## 5. Officials

### 5.1. Tournament Officials

**Local organizing committee Chair:** William Peña (COL)

**Technical Delegate:** Mr Deigo Rodriguez (USA)

**CMAS UWH Director:** Tristan Reynard (NZL)

**Tournament Referee:** Mr Don Mathews (USA)

**Assistant Tournament Referee:** Jaime Parra, (COL)

### 5.2. Referees

Each team must supply one Level 3 water referee. The tournament needs 16 suitable water referees to successfully officiate 2 matches at once.

Penalty fee for non-supply of referee is 1st referee €3,000, 2nd referee €2,000 or 3rd referee €1,000 i.e. A country sending 2 teams and no referees then the non supply of referee levy is €5,000

All Referees must pass the referee in water beep test to be considered for assessment on the 16th of August during the referee fitness test

### Referee Accommodation and Transfers

The cost of Accommodation, food and local transport for referees will be covered by the organizer during the length of the event, 15 th – 20th August 2024. Referees arriving earlier will bare the cost of accommodation

## 6. Team Entry Fees

### 6.1. Registration

Team managers will receive an email invite to join the Team Managers WhatsApp group.

### 6.2. CMAS Athlete Licenses and Profiles

All teams must register for the CMAS championship via the online CMAS administration system. <https://portal.cmas.org/>. Your Underwater Federation has the login codes and passwords. The first step is for athletes to create their individual profile and request acceptance from the Federation.

All athletes are required to have their valid CMAS licences in order to be able to enter into the competition area. Sports Licences requests must be applied for via the online CMAS administration system also.

### 6.3. Tournament Entry Fee

The early entry fee is set at \$3500 per team. The due date for entry fees is 1st April 2025.

The late entry fee is set at USD \$4.000 per team. No late entry will be accepted after the 1st of July 2025.

The team entry fee covers the following costs:

- Opening ceremony
- Pool for 1 training day and competition days
- Online transmission, broadband high speed internet connections brought to the pool sides for the online transmission (high speed broadband WIFI)
- LED panels at the pools
- volunteers' assistance throughout the World Championship
- underwater cameras and underwater sound system
- first aid, medical service presence
- anti-doping tests' costs
- Hydration refill station
- participation at the opening, closing ceremonies
- Post event party for 15 people per team. Additional persons cost USD 30/person

#### Direct Bank Transfer Details

<b>Código Swift ó Bic</b>	<b>COLOCOBM</b> en caso de requerir 11 dígitos agregar <b>XXX</b>
<b>Datos del Beneficiario</b>	FEDERACIÓN COLOMBIANA DE ACTIVIDADES SUBACUÁTICAS – (FEDECAS)
<b>Nit</b>	890.315.463-9
<b>Banco</b>	BANCOLOMBIA
<b>Cuenta Corriente</b>	455-413350-98
<b>Dirección Bancolombia</b>	Calle 30A No 6 - 38 Piso 1
<b>Ciudad</b>	Bogotá
<b>País</b>	Colombia

Email: [contact@muha.org.my](mailto:contact@muha.org.my)

Reference: Country <Team Detail> (Example: Colombia Elite Women Men)

#### 6.4. Summary of Fees

Tournament Organiser Forms and Details	Fee		Deadline
	Euro	USD	
Elite & Masters Team Entry Fee (per team)	3400	3500	1st April 2025
Late entry fee (per team)	3900	4000	From 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025 to 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2025
Referee Non-Supply - (1st referee €3000, 2nd referee €2000 or 3rd referee €1000)	6000	6200	1st June 2025
Extra Party Ticket	29	30	Purchase at Venue



## 7. Deadlines & Conditions of Entry

All forms and payment confirmations must be completed on our website. They will get to the Organisers in Colombia, LOC.

Further info : [uwhpan2025col@gmail.com](mailto:uwhpan2025col@gmail.com)

Tournament Organiser Forms and Details	Deadline	
Team Registration Form- The preliminary declaration of participating teams and their estimated numbers submitted to the Organizing Committee in Colombia and Tournament Director	No later than 15th March 2025	Via tournament website <a href="https://www.fedecas.org/panamericanos-hockey">https://www.fedecas.org/panamericanos-hockey</a>
Fees payment	Due 1st April 2025	
Purchase of CMAS athlete sports licences and Late entry sign up	1st July 2025	Via tournament website <a href="https://portal.cmas.org/">https://portal.cmas.org/</a>
Final Participants' List, - indicating players, referees, coaches, managers, officials, accompanying family members etc., has to be sent to the Organizing Committee	15th July 2025	Via tournament website <a href="https://portal.cmas.org/">https://portal.cmas.org/</a>
Appendix 2 Anti-doping acknowledgement. One acknowledgement per player must be submitted to the Organizing Committee	Hand in at registration	Hardcopy. Word file available for email to athletes and signing.

Note: In addition to the tournament forms listed above, Federations must purchase CMAS Licenses and CMAS Event Registration