



CMAS 1st Intercontinental Championship - Europe/Africa

17th August- 23rd August 2025
Dordrecht, The Netherlands

Information Pack





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1. Invitation

1.1 Championship Host Invitation

The CMAS Underwater Hockey Commission and the Netherlands Underwater Federation are pleased and proud to invite all qualifying countries from Europe and Africa to participate in the CMAS 1st Intercontinental Underwater Hockey Championship (Europe/Africa), taking place in Dordrecht, The Netherlands, in August 2025.

We look forward to welcoming teams from across both continents to this exciting event!

Anna Boon

Chair of Local Organizing Committee, NOB

1.2 CMAS Underwater Hockey Commission Invitation

On behalf of the CMAS Underwater Hockey Commission, I would like to invite you all to attend the CMAS 1st Intercontinental Underwater Hockey Championship (Europe/Africa) taking place in August 2025 in Dordrecht, The Netherlands.

This event serves as the qualification tournament for the 2027 World Championships. Interest in participating has been outstanding, with over 30 teams from more than 13 countries across Europe and Africa expected to attend.

The dedicated organising team (LOC) is well underway with preparations to make this a remarkable experience. We look forward to welcoming you to the beautiful and vibrant city of Dordrecht for an unforgettable championship filled with excitement, camaraderie and friendly competition.

Warm regards,

Tristan Reynard

Director, CMAS UWH Commission

1.3 Eligibility

National Federation Teams for Europe and Africa are invited to participate at this Intercontinental Championship if they are affiliated to CMAS. Each National team must comply with the Championship Rules, Safety Requirements set by the Organizers and all other CMAS Rules and Regulations, including the possession of valid CMAS sport licenses.

1.4 Contact Details

Communication medium	Address	Description
Championship Email address	communication@europeafrica2025.com	Distribution of email to host organising committee and CMAS UWH Commission members
Championship Website	https://www.europeafrica2025.com/	Tournament information
CMAS Website	https://www.cmas.org/hockey/commission.html	CMAS Commission information
CMAS Portal website	https://portal.cmas.org/	CMAS Sports Licences and Division Registration.
CMAS TV	https://tv.cmas.org/	Livestream of the competition
Facebook Event Page	https://fb.me/e/5dIRaFwfS	Social Media Page and General Photos.
Instagram Event Page	https://www.instagram.com/europeafrica2025/	Social Media Page and General Photos.

2. General Information

2.1 General



The Netherlands is a European country located in between Belgium and Germany with the UK just across the ocean. The name The Netherlands translates to: 'The Low Lands', referring to 25% percent of the country laying below sea level. The fight to keep the water out of our land has resulted in the iconic canals in the inner cities and a very flat landscape with windmills. Even though Dutch is the official language, most people also speak English. Since the country is small, travel times are limited, so ideal for a short visit!

2.2 Dordrecht, the Netherlands

As of 2024, the City of Dordrecht, located near Rotterdam's harbour, continues to flourish with a population of approximately 121,000 residents. Dordrecht maintains strong economic and commercial connections with Rotterdam and has undertaken significant urban development in recent years.

The compact size of the Netherlands means that almost everything is within reasonable distance of each other. Throughout the country, there is a network of buses, trains, trams and metro that is efficient, modern and reliable. Bikes can also be rented at most train stations. With beautiful scenery, flat landscapes and some 15,000 kilometres of specially designated bicycle paths and routes, cycling in the Netherlands is not only practical but also enjoyable.

The city's "Sportboulevard," a central hub for sports and wellness, has grown in popularity. It includes facilities like a swimming pool, an ice rink, and indoor sports venues, supporting a variety of sports and recreational activities. The Sports Boulevard is part of the broader "Health Boulevard," which now features an updated hospital, shops, restaurants, and residential areas, creating a lively community space. Located conveniently close to major freeways and recreational areas, this boulevard is easily accessible, encouraging both community engagement and tourism.

2.3 Host City Location

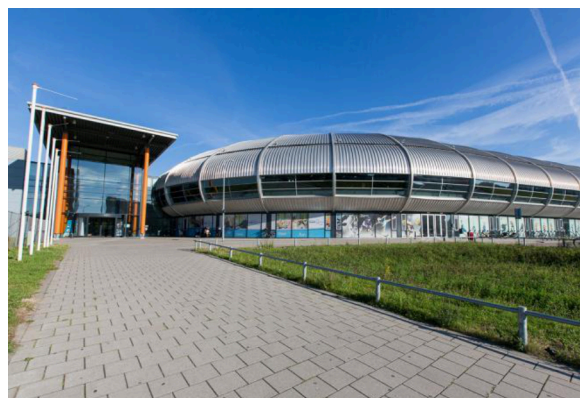
Getting around the city

To travel to other cities in the Netherlands, Dordrecht's public transit options make it easy. Detailed routes and connections are available for seamless travel. Staying in the heart of Dordrecht allows for easy access to the city's main attractions on foot. A reliable rail network connects Dordrecht to major cities in all directions, though some transit connections may require brief transfers. Dordrecht's transit system offers passengers a convenient and comfortable way to explore the city and its surroundings.

2.4 *Sportboulevard*



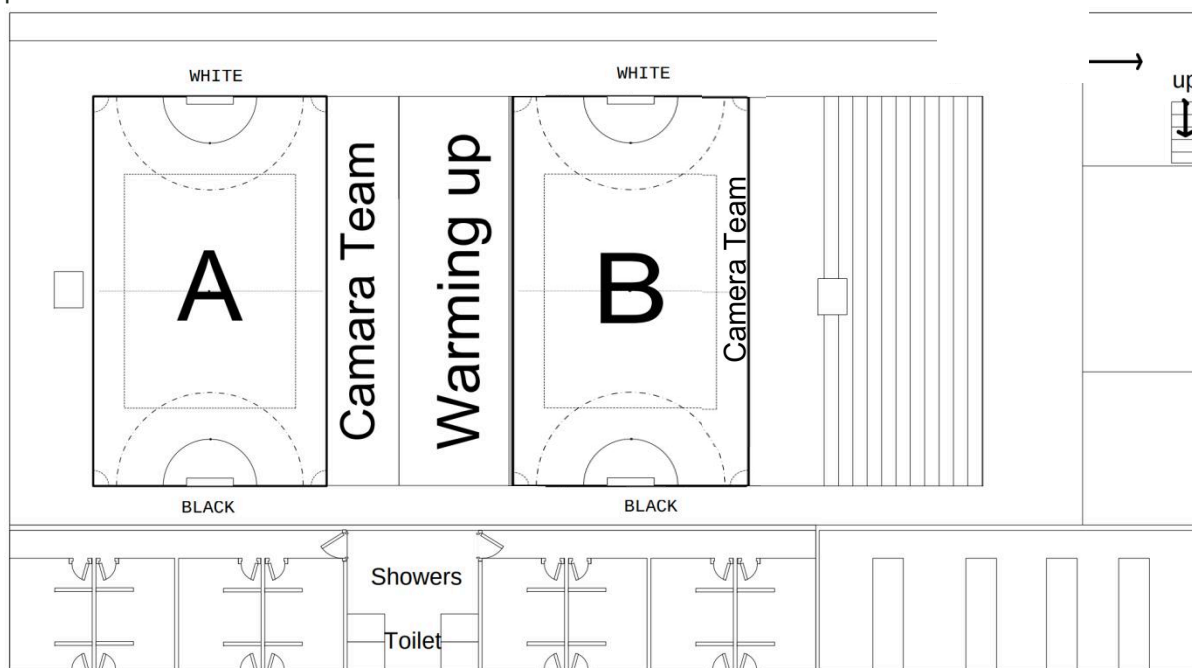
Location Map



50m Competition Pool

The pool is situated in the south of Dordrecht and was opened in October 2010. The main competition pool measures 50 by 21 meters and can be split into two equal parts each 25 meters by a retractable wall. The part on the right has a flexible floor that's approximately 10 meters long. It can be adjusted to any depth between 0 and 2,80 meters..

The pool has a large shower area and toilets which are directly connected to the entrance of the changing rooms. There are 8 communal changing rooms for 25 persons each. As a hygiene policy, the entrance for spectators is completely separate from the entrance of the athletes. Spectators can reach the stands via a stairway. The capacity is about 500 people. Teams can warm up in the sports hall and an allocated area in the pool

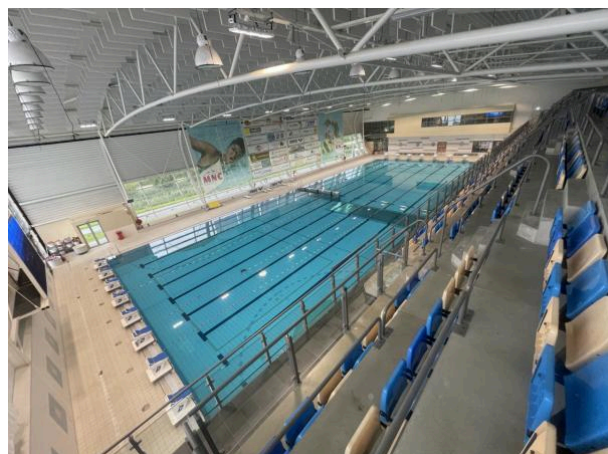


Overview of pool layout

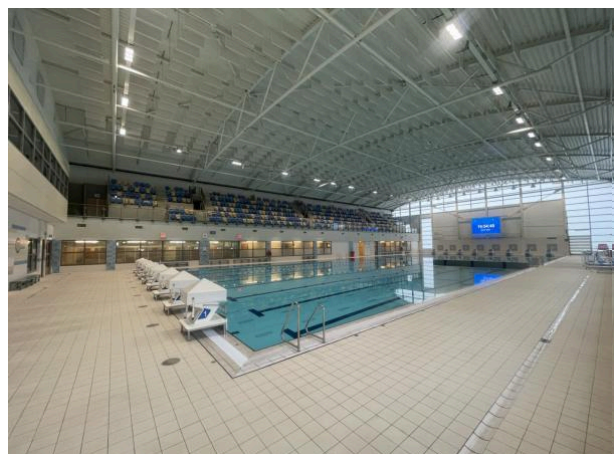


Courts

3m (Depth) x 15m (Width) x 21m (Length)



View from Grandstands



Overview of Pool



Underwater Hockey Setup



Underwater Hockey Setup



Underwater Hockey Setup



Underwater Hockey Setup



2.5 Visa Requirements

Most European Union (EU) and Schengen Area countries do **not** require a visa to enter the Netherlands for short stays (up to 90 days within a 180-day period).

For more information, visit the [Travel to the Netherlands website](#)

2.6 Insurance

The following insurance is advised or compulsory

- Travel Insurance
Covers medical expenses, repatriation, and sports-related activities.
- Schengen Visa Insurance (for non european)
Required with a minimum coverage of €30,000 for medical expenses and repatriation

Tip: Europeans can use their EHIC for medical care, but it does not replace travel insurance.

2.7 Additional Information

The official currency of the Netherlands is the Euro (EUR), with common exchange rates around €1 = USD1.07, €1 = GBP 0.83 and €1 = ZAR21.50 for South African Rand. The Netherlands uses the metric measurement system and drives on the right-hand side of the road.

The electrical current in the Netherlands is 230V, 50Hz, with plug types C and F, which both use two round pins.

In August, the average temperature is around 18°C, with relative humidity averaging about 80%.

UV levels typically range from 3-7 but may fluctuate due to frequent cloud cover. Sunscreen is advisable on sunny days if you'll be outside for long periods.

Dordrecht is approximately 1 meter above sea level.

3. Tournament Details

3.1 Programme

Table 1 **Tournament Programme**

Week 33			Week 34							
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
15-08-2025	16-08-2025	17-08-2025	18-08-2025	19-08-2025	20-08-2025	21-08-2025	22-08-2025	23-08-2025	24-08-2025	
Paid Practice	Paid Practice	Registration	Round Robin	Round Robin	Round Robin	Round Robin	Quarter & Semi-Finals Playoffs	Finals & Playoffs	Depature	
		Referees Fitness Test								
		Team Training sessions						Closing ceremony & Party		
		Opening Ceremony								
1.	2.									

Notes

1. Referee Captains Arrival (9) plus RSA referees.
2. Referee arrival (23)

3.2 Rules

The event is organised under the following rules and guidelines:

- Tournament Regulations for Underwater Hockey
- Rules of Play
 - o Rules Determination Teams Tied on Points Table Jan 2023
 - o Rules Determination Delay of Game (The Corner Rule)
- UWH CONCUSSION POLICY
- CMAS Procedures and Obligations
- 2024 06 30 V2 General Protocol Cat A

The above documents are available on the CMAS website in the [Underwater Hockey regulations subpage](#).



3.3 Intercontinental Championship Puck

The Sims Puck is the selected puck for the championship.

3.4 Tournament Divisions

Each national federation can enter a maximum of 4 teams, one per division. The divisions are as follows:

Men	Women
Elite(over 18)	Elite(over 18)
Masters (over 34)	Masters (over 34)

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



3.5 Playing Cap and Swimsuit approvals

These requests must be submitted to the CMAS UWH Events Directors by email before 31st March 2025 via uwH-approvals@sport.cmas.org.

Please use **Cap and Swimsuit Approval Request** in your email request subject line.

As per Clause 3.2.1 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 approval prior to arrival at the competition.

- Swimsuits
 - o Light Colours: White, Yellow, Light Blue, Light Grey, Orange.
 - o Dark Colours: Black, Blue, Royal Blue, Navy Blue, Grey, Brown, Green, Red
- Playing Caps:
 - o White Caps: - Must be White with white ear protection and Black/Blue numbers
 - o Dark Caps: - Must be Blue/Black with Blue/Black ear protection and White numbers
 - o Cap Numbers: Cap numbers are limited to numbers between 1 and 15.

3.6 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 1st July 2025. Players may be replaced between the 1st July and tournament registration on medical grounds only. This provision is to limit the increased work load on volunteer organisers.

3.7 Additional Training Space

Teams that wish to arrive earlier than the allocated orientation and training days are welcome to do so on the 15th to 16th of August 2025. Charges to be paid by the teams are:

Court price is Euro €125 for 30minutes per court. Slots are available from 7am to 9pm.

In 2025 you can book the courts on the website www.europeafricauwH2025.com.

The day before the start of the tournament, August 17th, is allocated training time. The Technical Delegate will give slots to teams based on the alphabetic order of the IOC Country code.

3.8 Registration 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 Sportboulevard.



3.9 **Opening Ceremony**

Opening ceremony of CMAS 1st Intercontinental Underwater Hockey Championship (Europe/Africa) will be held on the 17th August 2025 at Sportboulevard.

3.10 **Awards and Closing Ceremony**

Awards and closing ceremony of the CMAS 1st Intercontinental Underwater Hockey Championship (Europe/Africa) will be held on the 23rd August at 18:00 pm. at the Pool at the conclusion of the finals.

3.11 **Post Event Celebration**

The post event party will commence at on Saturday 23rd August 2025 at the sports Hall next to the entrance of the Sportboulevard. 14 tickets per team entry is provided with the registration. Extra entry tickets will cost 40 Euro which can be paid at time of entry



4. Officials

4.1 Tournament Officials

Local organizing Committee:	Anna Boon, The Netherlands
CMAS UWH Director:	Tristan Reynard, New Zealand
Technical Delegate:	Andrew Stillwell, Great Britain
Tournament Referee:	Lisa Westoby, The Netherlands

4.2 Referees

Each team must supply one Level 3 water referee. The tournament needs 28-32 suitable water referees to successfully officiate 2 matches at once.

Penalty fee for non-supply of referee is 1st referee €3000, 2nd referee €2000 and 3rd referee €1000 i.e. A country sending 2 teams and no referees then the non- supply of referee levy is €5000
All Referees must pass the referee in water beep test to be considered for assessment on the 19th August during the referee fitness test.

4.3 Referee Accommodation and Transfers

The cost of Accommodation, food and transport for referees will be covered by the Event Budget during the length of the event, 17th – 23th August 2025. Referees arriving earlier than the allotted schedule will bare the cost of accommodation.



5. Team Entry Fees

5.1 Team Registration and payments to the LOC

On the tournament website www.europeafricaauwh2025.com you will find all the links you need to complete the registration of teams and make payment of entry fees, paid training and extra function tickets.

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

5.2 CMAS Athlete Licenses and Enrollment

All athletes must register for the CMAS championship via the online CMAS Portal <https://portal.cmas.org/>. Your Underwater Federation has the login codes and passwords and will undertake this registration process for you.

The first step is for athletes to create their individual profile (including their profile picture) and request acceptance from the Federation.

Cost is approximately €14 per athlete license.

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

Federations will need to enroll all athletes and team officials

5.3 Tournament Entry Fee

The entry fee is set at €4500 per team. The due date for entry fees is before 1st March 2025.

The late entry fee is set at €500 per team ie €5000 per team for payments received between 1st of December 2024 and 31st January 2025. No late entry will be accepted after the 31st of March 2025.

Direct Bank Transfer Details

Bank:	Rabobank
IBAN:	NL35 RABO 0394 2511 72
SWIFT code:	RABONL2U
Name:	Nederlandse Onderwatersport Bond
Address:	Landjuweel 62, 3905 PH, Veenendaal, The Netherlands
Reference:	<Country> <Team Detail> (example: Belgium Elite Men)



The team entry fee covers the following costs:

- opening ceremony
- pool for one training days (17th August 2025) and 6 competition days (18th to 23rd August 2025)
- server for the online transmission, broad band high speed internet connections brought to the pool sides for the online transmission (high speed board band 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
- participation at the opening, closing ceremonies
- Post event party for 14 people per team. Additional persons cost € 40/person

5.4 Summary of Fees

Tournament Organiser Forms and Details	Fee	Deadline
	Euro	
Team Entry Fee (per team)	€4500	31st January 2025
Late entry fee (per team)	€5000	Paid after 1st February 2025
Post Tournament Party (Per person)	€40	
Paid Practice Time (30minutes per court)	€125	First come first served
Referee Non-Supply-(1st referee 3000, 2nd referee 2000 or 3rd referee 1000)	€6000	



6. Transport and Accommodation

6.1 Transportation

Transport is not only convenient within the Netherlands but there is also a variety of options to get to the Netherlands.

By air

Amsterdam Airport Schiphol is a modern, efficient and user-friendly airport. As Schiphol is one of Europe's largest transfer hubs, flights from all over come into Schiphol. Schiphol Station is located directly below the airport and by train, you can travel to various locations within the Netherlands.

By train

The train from Schiphol Airport to Amsterdam Central Station takes about 15 minutes. The train ride from Schiphol station to Dordrecht Central station takes about 1:10 hours and costs €18,00 per person. The additional train ride from Dordrecht Central Station to Dordrecht Zuid station takes about 3 minutes and costs €2,60 per person. From Dordrecht Zuid it is an 8-minute walk to the pool.

Trains also connect the Netherlands with the UK, France, Belgium and Germany.

By boat

Most travellers go overland through Belgium and France to catch a boat to England. Ferries also run between the Hoek van Holland (Hook of Holland) and Harwich, UK; Europoort (near Rotterdam) and Hull, UK; IJmuiden (near Amsterdam) and Newcastle, UK; and IJmuiden and Kristiansand, Norway.

By road

Teams from closer by might opt for driving to Dordrecht. For countries in West Europe, this might be an attractive option. From Nice the driving time is 13 hours, from Paris 5 hours, from Milan 11 hours, from Zurich 8 hours, from Munich 8 hours, from Prague 10 hours, from Warsaw 13 hours and from Brussels 1.5 hours.



6.2 Accommodation

During the championship, about 600 people are expected to come to Dordrecht. To ensure that there is enough space for people to stay, a list of the largest hotels and hostels is given below. In the hostels groups of people can be accommodated per room.

Van der Valk Hotel Dordrecht

Address: Laan van Europa 1600, 3317 DB Dordrecht, Nederland

Time to pool: 34 min by bus, 10 min by bicycle, 7 min by car

Room price: ~€116-504 per night

Number of rooms: 213

Stayokay Hostel Dordrecht

Address: Baanhoekweg 25, 3313 LA Dordrecht, Nederland

Time to pool: 36 min by bus, 29 min by bicycle, 11 min by car

Room price: ~€71-171 per night

Number of rooms: 35

Postillion Hotel Dordrecht

Address: Rijksstraatweg 30, 3316 EH Dordrecht, Nederland

Time to pool: 47 min by bus, 14 min by bicycle, 9 min by car

Room price: ~€116-219 per night

Number of rooms: 98

Bastion Hotel Dordrecht / Papendrecht

Address: Laan de Verenigde Naties 363, 3318 LA Dordrecht, Nederland

Time to pool: 13 min walking, 5 min by bicycle, 4 min by car

Room price: ~€91-141 per night

Number of rooms: 102

Stadsklooster Dordt Hotel&Hostel

Address: 117 Vriesestraat, 3311 NP Dordrecht, Nederland

Time to pool: 23 min by bus, 31 min by bicycle, 10 min by car

Room price: ~€40-215 per night

Number of rooms: 36

7. Deadlines & Conditions of Entry

All forms and payment confirmations must be completed on our website. They will get to the Organisers in the Netherlands, LOC. Further info : info@europeafricauwh2025.com or www.europeafricauwh2025.com

Tournament Organiser Forms and Details	Deadline	
Registration closes, after this date an additional late fee of 500 euros has to be paid	31st January 2025	Via www.europeafricauwh2025.com
No team registrations are accepted after this date and the registraion fee must be paid.	31st March 2025	Via www.europeafricauwh2025.com
All athletes must have purchased the CMAS athlete sports licence	31st March 2025	Via https://portal.cmas.org/ website.
Final Participants' List indicating players, referees, coaches, managers, officials, accompanying family members etc., has to be sent to the Organizing Committee	30th June 2025	Via www.europeafricauwh2025.com and https://portal.cmas.org/
Anti-doping acknowledgement. One acknowledgement per player must be submitted to the Organizing Committee	Start of championship	Via www.europeafricauwh2025.com



Appendix A

CMAS Players Anti-doping Acknowledgement



Appendix 2



C.M.A.S. Anti-Doping Rules.

1. I consent and agree to comply with and be bound by all of the provisions of the C.M.A.S. Anti-Doping Rules, including but not limited to, all amendment to the Anti-Doping Rules and all International Standards incorporated in the Anti-Doping Rules.
2. I acknowledge and agree that NOB and C.M.A.S.] have jurisdiction to impose sanctions as provided in the C.M.A.S. Anti-Doping Rules.
3. I also acknowledge and agree that any dispute arising out of a decision made pursuant to the C.M.A.S. Anti-Doping Rules, after exhaustion of the process expressly provided for in the C.M.A.S. Anti-Doping Rules, may be appealed exclusively as provided in Article 14 of the C.M.A.S. Anti-Doping Rules to an appellate body for final and binding arbitration, which in the case of C.M.A.S. International-Level Athletes and National-Level Athletes of C.M.A.S. member National Federations, is the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne.
4. I acknowledge and agree that the decisions of the arbitral appellate body referenced above shall be final and enforceable, and that I will not bring any claim, arbitration, lawsuit or litigation in any other court or tribunal.
5. I have read and understand this Acknowledgement and Agreement.

Signature

Print Name (Last Name, First Name)

Date

CMAS Licence No:

Date of Birth

Signature (if a minor, signature of legal guardian)

Date

Name of my NF

Country