



# III World Age Group Underwater Hockey Championship

6<sup>th</sup> August – 15<sup>th</sup> August 2015  
Castellón de la Plana -Spain

## Information Pack





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# 1. Invitation

## 1.1 Championship Host Invitation

La Federación Española de Actividades Subacuáticas FEDAS and the Asociación Española de Hockey AEHS are pleased and proud to invite all the countries in the world to participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Age Group Championship that will be celebrated in Castellón de la Plana from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> of August 2015. We will be happy to share this Championship with all of you.

Welcome to Spain!

Joan Llonch

President of Spanish UWH commission

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> World Underwater Hockey Championships in Spain in August 2015.

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 beautiful and friendly city of Castellón de la Plana.

**Tristan Reynard**

Tournament Director, CMAS UWH Commission

## 1.3 Eligibility

National Federation Teams are invited to participate at this World 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	<a href="mailto:info@agegroupsuwhworlds2015.es">info@agegroupsuwhworlds2015.es</a>	Distribution of email to host organising committee and CMAS UWH Commission members
Championship Website	<a href="http://www.agegroupsuwhworlds2015.es">www.agegroupsuwhworlds2015.es</a>	Tournament information
CMAS Website	<a href="http://www.cmas.org/hockey">http://www.cmas.org/hockey</a>	CMAS Commission information
CMAS Office website	<a href="http://www.cmasoffice.org">www.cmasoffice.org</a>	CMAS Sports Licences and Division Registration.
Facebook Event Page	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/agegroupsuwhworldchampionship?ref_type=bookmark">https://www.facebook.com/agegroupsuwhworldchampionship?ref_type=bookmark</a>	Social Media Page and General Photos.

## 2. General Information

### 2.1 Background on Castellón De La Plana, España



The city of Castellón de la Plana was built in the middle of the XIII century between the Mediterranean sea and orchards of orange and lemon trees. In the beginning it was surrounded by a big wall but soon the population increased quickly and by the end of XVIII century the walls were demolished. Castellón is today an open and luminous city where you can find beautiful churches and buildings built during the XVIII century when its demographic and financial development had an important growth thanks to the trade of hemp.

The city keeps today its provincial charm and nobility with its lovable traditions, its legends closely transmitted generation after generation and even its family and mythology..

Castellón de la Plana today, with 170,000 inhabitants, is at the same time a city of today keeping its yesterday traditions and all its hopes for tomorrow.

On the 23d of June the beaches on Castellón shore get plenty of light during the most important feast: San Juan's night. The beaches get plenty of bonfires lighted by the people to celebrate the summer solstice. There fireworks, balls, music and beasts of fire get together creating a magic atmosphere in the open air



The maritime neighborhood of Castellon is called El Grao. It is the seaport of the city and it is situated only 4 kms away from the center of the city. There you can find the fishing port as well as the yacht club..

From this point you can hire excursions to one of the best places to dive in the Mediterranean sea, the Islas Columbretes National Park as well as other routes to get to know our coast.

### 2.2 Host City Location

#### Getting around the city

Castellón de la Plana is an easy city to get around on foot, small and well communicated..

The city offers many historical and cultural elements yet is booming, modern and dynamic. However, if you do want to hop on a bus, there are a number of bus routes running throughout the city and at regular times also. Moreover, a new mode of transport has been introduced which is called Ecologic Car and it is a bus which runs through determined areas of the city's historic centre powered by electricity. This new clever way of transport decreases pollution, improves urban mobility and alleviates traffic problems

There is also a service of bike hire with many "borrowing points". A nice and easy way to move around the city as it is situated on a large plain.





## Getting to Championship By Air

Castellón de la Plana does not have its own airport operating but the closest major airports are Valencia and Barcelona.

Valencia is the nearest, only 74 kms away, and receive and offer an enormous number of national and international flights. From here, you can take a bus or underground to Valencia and then go to Castellón de la Plana either by bus or train.

Underground ticket from Airport to Valencia is 2.90 Eur (return)

Train ticket from Valencia to Castellon (return) is 15 Eur (Depending on de date or the hour the fares may vary)

The organizers will also offer the possibility to hire a coach to get from the airport straight to the hotel at reasonable fares.

Barcelona is located 280 kms away from Castellón de la Plana and Madrid is 430 kms away. Both cities are connected to Castellon by highway

## 2.3 Piscina Olimpica Municipal (Olympic Municipal Swimming Pool)

The championship pool is situated in Carretera Ribesalbes s/n. Castelló de la Plana –Spain.

The pool hosted the National swimming championship 2013 and 4 different championships of Sincro swimming this year

[http://www.elperiodicomediterraneo.com/noticias/deportes/castellon-capital-sincronizada\\_856842.html](http://www.elperiodicomediterraneo.com/noticias/deportes/castellon-capital-sincronizada_856842.html)

It has a large pool 50 X 25 X 2m. which allows us to have 2 playing fields 25 X 15m. plus a warming area in the middle. There is another pool with 3 lanes 25m long for warming up and down.

The temperature of the water is  $28^{\circ} \text{C} \pm 1^{\circ} \text{C}$ , with electronic scoreboard and has spectator seats.

The facility has a cafeteria, gym and MD service.



Location Map and Coordinates	25m Training Setup
	
25m Short Course Setup	50m Long Course Setup

There is a modern mall next to the pool where you can find a large variety of cafeterias and restaurants for lunch or dinner.

## 2.4 Visa Requirements

If you require visas please contact the nearest Spanish Embassy or Consular Office to your country of residence. In order to facilitate the visa process please send a list of participants with names, birth dates and passport numbers to the tournament e-mail address. This should be completed as soon as you would know your teams' player names and accompanying persons so that we can supply you with the necessary invitation letters. Visa arrangements should start not later than three months prior to entry into Spain.

## 2.5 Additional Information

The official currency of Spain is the Euro

Spain follows the left hand drive system.

The metrical measure system is used in Spain

Electrical current in Spain is 220V, 50Hz, plug is two-pin round European shape.

The average temperature in August is 28 C° with a relative humidity of 29%

The sun UV is 8, very high. You will need sun screen in your walks!!

## 2.6 Web Links

<http://www.castellonturismo.com/>

<http://www.metrovalencia.es/>

<http://www.renfe.com/>



## 3. Tournament Details

### 3.1 Programme

	Tournament Day											
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Wed 5th Aug.	Thur 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Thur 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug	
<b>Organization Logistics</b> <b>Paid Team Training if requested</b>	Registration of Participants		Round Robin	Round Robin	Round Robin	Round Robin	Round Robin	Round Robin	Round Robin	Round Robin	Round Robin	Round Robin
	Referees meeting & beep test	Team Training Sessions										
	Team Training Sessions											
	Opening Ceremony	Captain, Coaches and Referees Meeting										
								Round Robin & Playoffs	Semi Finals & Playoffs	Finals & Playoffs Medal and Closing Ceremony “Gulyas Party “ – Wine Tasting	Departure	

- Note: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August may become Round Robin Day.

### 3.2 Rules

The event is organised under the following rules and guidelines:

- ▶ CMAS Procedures And Obligations For The Organisation Of CMAS Championships World – Zone – Continental Version 2007/02 BD 155 2007
- ▶ CMAS Anti-doping Rules Version 08/2004
- ▶ <http://www.cmas.org/hockey/anti-doping>
- ▶ CMAS Rules Of Discipline Version 2010
- ▶ CMAS International Rules for Underwater Hockey. Tenth Edition.
- ▶ <http://www.cmas.org/hockey/>

### 3.3 World Championship Puck

The Great British ‘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	Age Cut Off
Under 19	Under 19	as at 1st January 2015
Under 23	Under 23	as at 1st January 2015

All athletes must possess a valid CMAS license.

### 3.5 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 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 via the tournament website. Players may be replaced between the 30 June and tournament registration on medical grounds only. This provision is to limit the increased work load on volunteer organisers that swapping players causes.

### 3.6 Playing Cap and Swimsuit approvals

These requests must be submitted to the Tournament Director by email before 31st April 2015, to: [Tristan.reynard56@gmail.com](mailto:Tristan.reynard56@gmail.com) 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 Tournament 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.

### 3.7 Additional Training Space

Teams that wish to arrive earlier than the allocated orientation and training days are welcome to do so from the 5<sup>th</sup> August 2015. Charges to be paid by the teams are:

- ▶ Court price is Euro 50/hour per court on 5<sup>th</sup> August, each day from 8am to 10pm.

### 3.8 Registration and Meetings

Registration, documents check and delivery of accreditation will be undertaken at the swimming pool for all teams. The various meeting venues are to be confirmed.

### 3.9 Opening Ceremony

Opening ceremony of the CMAS Age Group Underwater Hockey World Championship will be held on the 6th August at 19.00 PM. The location will be announced soon..



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

Awards and closing ceremony of the World Championship will be held on the 15th 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 8Pm on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August. Fourteen tickets per team entry fee have been provided.



## 4. Officials

### 4.1 Tournament Officials

<b>International Chief Judge:</b>	Tristan Reynard, New Zealand
<b>Tournament Referees:</b>	Appointed once referees attendance is confirmed. Two to be appointed.
<b>Tournament Jury:</b>	Appointed once referees attending is confirmed. Number of members as according to CMAS Rules
<b>Grading of Referees:</b>	This will be undertaken by no less than 5 Senior International Referees from separate federations by peer review.

### 4.2 Referees

Each team must supply one qualified water referee. The tournament needs 24 suitable water referees to successfully officiate 2 matches at once. Teams not providing referees at all will forfeit the referees bond of Euro 800. (See Section 5.3)

All Referees must pass the referee in water beep test to be considered for assessment at the start of the tournament in Castellón de la Plana.

Deck only referees are welcome to attend however Deck Referees will not be graded but feedback will be given.

The referees bond or proportion of it will be refunded after the 4<sup>th</sup> day of the Round Robin is completed and the assessment is confirmed.

### 4.3 Referee Accommodation and Transfers

The cost of Accommodation and Transfers for the Referees is 350€ This covers accommodation for 11 nights and includes meals.

If Referees chose to stay with their teams their costs are covered by their own federation.

### 4.4 Volunteer Referees

The following Referees may be approached to be your be one of your Federation nominated referees.

Name	Country	Email Address
Jenny Kennedy	Australia	<a href="mailto:jennedy712@gmail.com">jennedy712@gmail.com</a>
Tim Helm	Australia	<a href="mailto:twhelm@gmail.com">twhelm@gmail.com</a>
Jaime Andrés Parra Ospina	Colombia	<a href="mailto:jaimeandres2@gmail.com">jaimeandres2@gmail.com</a>
Rob Feist	New Zealand	<a href="mailto:Rob@unifone.net.nz">Rob@unifone.net.nz</a>



Chris Meek	New Zealand	<a href="mailto:ChrismEEK63@hotmail.com">ChrismEEK63@hotmail.com</a>
David Teiga	Portugal	<a href="mailto:davidteiga@hotmail.com">davidteiga@hotmail.com</a>
Rui Couto	Portugal	<a href="mailto:rcouto@creativethinkers.eu">rcouto@creativethinkers.eu</a>
Wayne Rathbone	South Africa	<a href="mailto:w.rathbone@kingswoodcollege.com">w.rathbone@kingswoodcollege.com</a>
Konrad Weinert	South Africa	<a href="mailto:konrad.weinert@gmail.com">konrad.weinert@gmail.com</a>
Steven Kars	USA	<a href="mailto:Steven@canamuwhgear.com">Steven@canamuwhgear.com</a>



## 5. Team Entry Fees

### 5.1 Registration and Participant Profiles

On the tournament website [www.agegroupsuwhworlds2015.es](http://www.agegroupsuwhworlds2015.es) you will find all the forms you need to complete the registration of teams and player profiles. A confirmation e-mail will be sent to the e-mail address provided by the team manager.

Participants will need to upload a photo and profile details via the tournament website.

### 5.2 CMAS Licenses and CMAS Division Registration

All teams must register for the CMAS championship via the online CMAS administration system. [www.cmasoffice.org](http://www.cmasoffice.org) . Your Underwater Federation has the login codes and passwords.

Cost is 115 € per division ie U19 or U23.

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.

Cost is 8€ per participant.

### 5.3 Tournament Entry Fee

Teams participating at the World Championship are required to bring a Federation endorsed water referee and pay Euro 3100 per team\*. This fee included the Euro 800 referees bond.

Note: \* Refunds of the Referees Bond will be made at the completion of the referee's assessment of star rating (1 to 4 star). The grading will be completed before Day 4 of the round robin. Federations that supply referees that meet 3 or 4 star grading at the event will have the referees bond refunded.

Teams bringing a 2 star graded water referee will receive a euro 300 refund from the bond. For teams with a 1 star referee or teams not bringing referees will receive no refund.

The team entry fee covers the following costs:

Organising Committee's 16 months expenses, (transport, telecommunication, volunteers' maintenance costs etc.), related exclusively to the preparation of the World Championship

- ▶ opening ceremony
- ▶ pool for two training days (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> August) and 8 competition days (8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> August)
- ▶ 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





- ▶ security service
- ▶ bottles and bottles filling for the judges
- ▶ participation at the opening, closing ceremonies
- ▶ Post event party for 14 people per team. Additional persons cost Euro 50/person



## 6. Transport and Accommodation

### 6.1 Transfers from Airport

Organisers are negotiating a transfer rate via bus from either Valencia Airport to your accommodation in Castellón de la Plana.

The bus costs are as follows: 55 seater bus from Valencia Airport (Manises) to the hotel and return 396 Eur. VAT included. One way only is 198 euros

25 seater bus from Valencia airport (Manises) to the Hotel and return 352 Euros VAT included. One way is 176 euros.

Please note that the boot for the luggage is not big enough for 55 cases with fins etc-and some of the seats should be use to place them.

For Contact and bookings please fill in the form on our website

### 6.2 Rental Car Transport

The organising committee suggest to teams that rental cars may not required during the championships for those who secure the accommodation located within walking distance of the pool and the shopping centre located opposite.

### 6.3 Accommodation

Organisers have negotiated competitive accommodation and board rates with the different hotels and the residence. Residence for the Championship with Board, Half Board and no board options

We have negotiated the following rates:

For the closest 4star hotels these are rates **(Per person/night in double room)**:

- Full board: 51 euro (3<sup>rd</sup> person with extra bed will be 40,50 euro)
- Half board: 38,25 euro (3<sup>rd</sup> person in double room 28,05 euro)
- A+Breakfast 25.50 euro. (The 3<sup>rd</sup> person in a double room will cost 15,30 euro)

For the closest 3 star hotel these are the prices **(Per person/night in double room)**

- Full Board 45,90 euro (3<sup>rd</sup> person 37,06)
- Half Board 34.00 euro (3<sup>rd</sup> person. 25,16 eur)
- A+ Breakfast 22,10 euro. (The 3<sup>rd</sup> person in a double room with Breakfast 13,26 euro)

All prices VAT included



Visit our Facebook page to see more photos.

The Students-Residence offered the highest prices: We could only get 33 euros/person/night with continental breakfast. There is not a common kitchen. Only single room are available. And it seemed too far from the pool to the organisers.

It is located within the **Campus of the Universitat Jaume I de Castellón (UJI)**, 2.5 km from the **city centre** and some 5 – 10 minutes' walk from any faculty.

There are no restaurants or cafeterias nearby.

The residence is –connected to the city centre by **bus** (lines 3, 10, 11 and 12) and the Tram (L T-1). But as it is holidays season the frequency of the buses is low.

It takes around 50 minutes walk from the residence to the **Municipal Pool** and the **Gaeta-Huguet Sports Complex**. Most of the services at the Universitat Jaume I: are closed as it is holiday season and there are not students but there is a supermarket next to it.

<http://www.residencias-estudiantes.com/en/res5/ubicacion-residencias-estudiantes-castellon>



Services in hotels	Cost	Condition
Accommodation Full board	Euro 51/day 3 <sup>rd</sup> person 40.80 €	Double room in 4star hotel
Accommodation half board (Breakfast and Dinner)	Euro 38.25/day 3 <sup>rd</sup> person 28.05€	Double room in 4 star hotel
Accommodation and buffet breakfast	Eur 25.50/day 3 <sup>rd</sup> person 15.30€	Double room in 4 star hotel.
Accommodation full board	45.90€/day 3 <sup>rd</sup> person 37.06€	Double room in 3 star hotel
Accommodation half board	34€/day 3 <sup>rd</sup> person 25.16€	Double room in 3 star hotel
Accommodation buffet breakfast	22.10 €/day 3 <sup>rd</sup> person 13.26	Double room in 3 star hotel

**The hotels managers have requested us not to publish the special prices for the championship so please contact us by sending us the accommodation form on our website so that we can send you the contact details to contact them personally.**

#### 6.4 Indicative Cost of Other Services

Should they still need some services, prices are the following:

Services	Cost	Condition
Average menu lunch	Euro 10/12day	



## 7. Deadlines & Conditions of Entry

All forms and payment confirmations must be completed on our website. They will get to the Organisers in Spain, the Hockey Commission. Further info : [info@agegroupsuwhworlds2015.es](mailto:info@agegroupsuwhworlds2015.es)

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 Spain and Tournament Director.	No later than 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2014	Via tournament website <a href="http://www.agegroupsuwhworlds2015.es">www.agegroupsuwhworlds2015.es</a>
Team Entry Form- Payment calculation form for Teams, additional party tickets and referees accommodation. Note 250 euro if paid after 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2015. Allows organisers to reconcile your payments.	Due 31st March 2015	Via tournament website <a href="http://www.agegroupsuwhworlds2015.es">www.agegroupsuwhworlds2015.es</a>
CMAS Registration per Grade (U19 or U23) and purchase of athlete sports licences.	May 2014	Via <a href="http://www.cmasoffice.org">www.cmasoffice.org</a> website.
Final Participants' List, - indicating players, referees, coaches, managers, officials, accompanying family members etc., has to be sent to the Organizing Committee	No later than the 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2015	Via tournament website <a href="http://www.agegroupsuwhworlds2015.es">www.agegroupsuwhworlds2015.es</a>
Appendix 2 Anti-doping acknowledgement. One acknowledgement per player must be submitted to the Organizing Committee.	No later than the 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2015	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 Division Registration as per section 5.2 of the event pack.



Appendix A  
CMAS Players Anti-doping  
Acknowledgement

**Team List Forms Due 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015**  
**Via website [www.agegroupsworlds2015.es](http://www.agegroupsworlds2015.es)**

**Appendix 2**

1. C.M.A.S. Anti-Doping Rules.
2. 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.
3. I acknowledge and agree that [National Federation] and C.M.A.S.] have jurisdiction to impose sanctions as provided in the C.M.A.S. Anti-Doping Rules.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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