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SUBJECT Results of the official entries, competition
UPDATE: system, and draw procedure for the U20 Men
EWPC Elite and Division I 2026

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Technical Water Polo Committee, we would like to inform you that Team Sweden has withdrawn from the U20 Men Division I EWPC 26.

Consequently, the competition system will be adjusted depending on the draw results. The updated draw procedure can be found below.

U20 MEN EWPC 2026

DIVISION I: Oeiras (POR): 10-16 August 2026

a) Participating Teams:

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| 1. Georgia (12) | 7. Great Britain (24) |
| 2. Israel (17) | 8. Finland (26) |
| 3. Poland (18) | 9. Portugal (29) |
| 4. Ukraine (19) | 10. Belgium (30) |
| 5. Switzerland (21) | 11. Sweden (33) |
| 6. Lithuania (22) | 11. Russia |

b) Draw procedure

For groups A and B, the draw shall be held according to the following system.

Teams shall be allocated into six (6) batches, following the Men's National Ranking of participating teams.

- 1st Batch - the 1st and 2nd highest ranked teams: **GEO, ISR**
- 2nd Batch - the 3rd and 4th ranked teams: **POL, UKR**
- 3rd Batch - the 5th and 6th ranked teams: **SUI, LTU**
- 4th Batch - the 7th and 8th ranked teams: **GBR, FIN**
- 5th Batch - the 9th and 10th ranked teams: **POR, BEL**
- 6th Batch – the 11th non-ranked team: **RUS**



- 7th Batch – letters A or B to define the group of 6

Each drawn team will fill the first empty line/place in the group. For the last team in Batch 6, an additional letter from Batch 7 will be drawn, which will define the group of 6 teams.

c) Competition system

***NOTE: The previously presented Competition system will be adjusted according to the draw results when knowing which group will have 6 or 5 teams.**

According to the JU-WP 3.5.12 The system of playing in the First division EWPC may be decided differently by the TWPC according to the number of participating teams.

JU-WP 3.1 The Championships shall have three stages:

- a) Preliminary Round
- b) Cross Matches and Semi-Finals
- c) Ranking Matches

JU-WP 3.5. Preliminary Round

The Preliminary Round of the Elite EWPC shall be held with eleven (11) teams:

The 11 teams shall be drawn into two (2) groups, one with six teams and one with 5 teams (Group A and B). In each group, each team shall play against each of the other teams as follows:

***The competition system for the Preliminary round will be adjusted after the draw results, and in coordination with the championship host, having in mind also the matches involving higher-ranked teams, in accordance with the valid National Ranking.**

Day 1	A1 : A6	A2 : A5	A3 : A4	B1 : B6	B2 : B5	B3 : B4
Day 2	A1 : A5	A6 : A4	A2 : A3	B1 : B5	B6 : B4	B2 : B3
Day 3	A1 : A4	A5 : A3	A6 : A2	B1 : B4	B5 : B3	B6 : B2
Day 4	A1 : A3	A4 : A2	A5 : A6	B1 : B3	B4 : B2	B5 : B6
Day 5	A1 : A2	A3 : A6	A4 : A5	B1 : B2	B3 : B6	B4 : B5

***Day 6: Cross Matches and Semi-Finals**

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| 31. | 6A : 5B | (9th – 12th place) |
| 32. | 5A : 6B | (9th – 12th place) |
| 33. | 4A : 3B | (5th – 8th place) |
| 34. | 3A : 4B | (5th – 8th place) |
| 35. | 1A : 2B | Semi-Final 1 |
| 36. | 1B : 2A | Semi-Final 2 |

***Day 7: Ranking Matches:**



- 37. Looser 31 : Looser 32 (11th – 12th place)
- 38. Winner 31 : Winner 32 (9th – 10th place)
- 39. Looser 33 : Looser 34 (7th – 8th place)
- 40. Winner 33 : Winner 34 (5th – 6th place)
- 41. Looser 35 : Looser 36 Bronze medal game
- 42. Winner 35 : Winner 36 Gold medal game

With best regards,
European Aquatics Office