

SUMMONS

SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS **IBAGUE 2026**

July 8 – 12, 2026

QUALIFYING EVENT FOR:

World Aquatics Championships - Budapest 2027

Pan American Games Lima 2027

World Aquatics Junior Swimming Championships 2027



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PANAM AQUATICS WELCOME

It is my pleasure to invite you to the **5th PanAm Aquatics Swimming Championships**, to be held in **Ibague, Colombia**, a city celebrated for its vibrant culture, warm hospitality, and proud tradition of sporting excellence.

Nestled in the heart of Tolima, Ibague is not only the musical capital of Colombia but also a city gaining recognition for successfully hosting major sporting events, such as the **2024 PanAm Aquatics Water Polo Championships**.

This important championship will bring together the **best age group swimmers from across the continent**, showcasing emerging talent and the future of aquatic sports in the Americas. The passion and determination these young athletes bring to the pool are truly inspiring, and we are proud to provide them with a platform to compete, grow, and connect.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the **Colombian Swimming Federation (FECNA)** for their outstanding leadership as host. With their proven track record of organizing exceptional events, we are confident that they will once again deliver a world-class experience for athletes, coaches, officials, and fans alike.

We look forward to welcoming you to Ibague for what promises to be an unforgettable celebration of swimming and continental unity.

See you at the poolside.



Maureen Croes
PanAm Aquatics President

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE WELCOME

On behalf of the **Colombian Swimming Federation**, we extend a warm and enthusiastic welcome to all participants of the **2026 Panamerican Swimming Championships**, to be held in the city of Ibagué, the capital of the Tolima Department.

This remarkable city, renowned both nationally and internationally for its cultural richness, artistic heritage, and strong commitment to sports, is establishing itself as one of Colombia's main sporting hubs. Ibagué offers modern, high-quality facilities for major events, including the Hernando Arbeláez Jiménez Olympic Pools at the 42nd Street Sports Unit, the Mayor's Coliseum, and the Sports Park. These venues foster athletic development and community participation, supporting both high-performance athletes and the wider public.

This championship is much more than a competition. It is an opportunity to pursue new goals, create lasting memories, exchange knowledge, and strengthen the bonds that unite us as a continental aquatic community. In Ibagué, you will find an atmosphere of hospitality, respect, and fair play, where each of you will be warmly welcomed.

We express our sincere gratitude to the **Ibagué City Hall** and the **Tolima Government** for their trust and support in hosting this major aquatic event in the Americas.

Ibagué is ready to welcome you with open arms for four unforgettable days of competition, dedication, and celebration at the most important swimming event in our region.

Welcome to the Panamerican Swimming Championships – Ibagué 2026!



Jorge E. Soto Roldan
Colombian Swimming Federation President

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (LOC)

President	Jorge Soto Roldan	presidente@fecna.com.co
Executive Director	To be confirmed	
Technical General Manager	Andres Erazo	gestor@fecna.com.co
Venue Manager	To be confirmed	
Accreditations	To be confirmed	
Protocol & Awards	To be confirmed	
Accommodations	To be confirmed	
Transport	To be confirmed	
Broadcasting & Media	Milton Alegria	comunicaciones@fecna.com.co
Logistics	To be confirmed	
Finances & Payments	Miller Alexander Paez	adminfinanciero@fecna.com.co

KEY DATES

Preliminary entry form (At the end of this document)	April 30, 2026
"Long list" entry in the GMS (all athletes possible to participate)	May 22, 2026
Hotel booking form Final confirmation entry	May 26, 2026
50% Down payment on lodging and meals	May 29, 2026
"Short list" and final entries (maximums per each event)	June 12, 2026
Team Arrival/Departure form	June 17, 2026
Full payment of lodging and meals	June 22, 2026
Late replacements	July 7, 2026*

* *Subject for approval (medical reasons).*

JULY 2026

Ibague 2026		S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M
		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Opening			OC							
Swimming	SW	A	T	TM	★	★	★	★	★	D

OC: Opening Ceremony

A: Arrival Day

T: Training Day

TM: Technical Meeting (also T)

★: Competition & Awards Day

D: Departure Day

VENUE

“Hernando Arbeláez Jiménez” Olympic Pools.

Address: Cra. 4C #41-61, Ibagué, Tolima, Colombia.

GENERAL ENTRY RULES

The PanAm Aquatics Championships are open to athletes in good standing with their National Federations (NFs) and who are members of PanAm Aquatics (PAQ) or World Aquatics (AQUA). Preliminary entry forms must be submitted by April 30, 2026.

All participants in the Championships must be members of a club, regional team, or national team affiliated with a NF that is duly constituted, in good standing, and recognized by World Aquatics and PanAm Aquatics. Clubs and regional teams must secure permission from their NF to participate in the competition.

The registrations of athletes and/or teams from each country will be accepted only through their respective national federations, which will receive the GMS credentials once the preliminary entry form has been submitted. Registrations sent directly by clubs or regional teams will not be accepted under any circumstances.

Naturalized citizens may be registered, provided they submit official documentation proving their affiliation with the National Federation (NF). Accepted documents include, but are not limited to, a national ID card issued by the NF's country, a birth certificate confirming citizenship status, or other official documents demonstrating national affiliation, even in cases where a passport has not yet been issued, according to [AQUA Regulations](#).

Substitutions or alternates are not permitted after final entries are submitted, except for relays. All relay participants must be officially entered in the meet.

To correctly follow the registration procedures, please consider the following definitions:

- **Long List:** all individuals who may potentially participate in the event must be added to the GMS, including athletes, team officials, and technical officials.
- **Short List:** only the individuals who will actually participate in their respective roles should be selected. In the case of athletes, the maximum number allowed per event and per category must be respected.

COMPETITIONS

SW Age Groups

Each National Federation (NF) may register up to 14 athletes per age group and gender (male and female), for a total of 84 athletes overall (28 per age group). Club or regional athletes may be included within this total and within the maximum limits per age group and gender.

There is no restriction on the number of events in which an athlete or relay team may participate. However, **each NF may enter a maximum of four (4) athletes per individual event and one (1) team per relay event.**

Athletes must only participate in events within their designated age group:

- A. **13-15 (2013 - 2011)**, both genders.
- B. **16-18 (2010 - 2008)**, both genders.
- C. **19 and over (2007 and before)**, both genders.

Age is determined as of December 31, 2026.

SW Competition Format

The competition will be conducted in accordance with the World Aquatics Rules in effect at the start of the event. The structure of the competition is outlined below:

1. The competition will utilize eight lanes, with the option to expand to ten lanes in the event of ties for the eighth position during qualification for the finals.

2. Preliminary heats and finals will be held for all events, except for the 400 m freestyle, 400 m individual medley, 800 m freestyle, and 1500 m freestyle for both genders.
3. In the preliminary heats, relays will be seeded with all age categories combined, provided that two or more categories each have more than eight entries.
4. The 400 m freestyle, 400 m individual medley, 800 m freestyle, and 1500 m freestyle will be conducted as timed finals, with the fastest eight seeded athletes competing in the evening finals session for both genders. While all categories will be seeded together, awards will be presented separately.
5. A maximum of two athletes per NF per event can advance to finals or can be seeded in the fastest timed finals: 400 m freestyle, 400 m individual medley, 800 m freestyle and 1500 m freestyle.
6. Mixed relay events will include teams of two men and two women.

Call Rooms

Athletes are required to report to the respective Call Room and remain in the athletes' waiting area at least three heats prior to their scheduled heat or event.

Relay Event Requirements

Each NF must register four athletes per relay event. The relay order must be submitted to the PAQ Swimming Commission at least one hour before the start of each session.

Championship Recognition Criteria

Individual and relay events will be officially recognized as a “Championship” only if athletes from at least two NFs participate. If fewer than two countries are represented in an event, the Swimming Committee will notify the PAQ COO of the event’s cancellation no later than June 30, 2026.

Withdrawals

Withdrawals from the preliminary heats must be submitted by completing and delivering the official withdrawal form no later than the end of the Technical Meeting. Any unjustified withdrawal after the Technical Meeting will be subject to a **penalty of USD 100 (one hundred US dollars)**.

Similarly, any unjustified withdrawal from the finals, made after 30 minutes from the publication of the preliminary results, will be subject to a **penalty of USD 100 (one hundred US dollars)**, applicable to both starting athletes and reserves.

SW Technical Meeting

The Technical Meeting is scheduled for July 7 at 9:00 at the competition venue and is open to all individuals with proper accreditation. Attendance is mandatory for the Team Leader and Coaches from each delegation, maximum 2 per NF. The meeting will be led by the Chairperson of the PAQ Swimming Committee and conducted in English, with Spanish interpretation provided if needed.

Immediately following the Technical Meeting, the **Technical Officials' Meeting** will take place.

SW Training Schedule

On July 6 and 7, the facility will be available from 09:00 to 12:00 and from 16:00 to 19:00. The PanAm Aquatics Swimming Committee may organize training groups based on the number of entries.

IMPORTANT: For all those teams arriving earlier than July 6, the LOC can provide training options under previous request. Therefore, if your team is planning to arrive earlier than July 6, please contact the LOC with your training plans so they can organize the training accordingly. Additional charges might apply.

SW Competition Schedule

Warm-Up Protocol. The pool will be open 90 minutes before each session for warm-ups and will close 15 minutes before each session. Warm-up sessions will follow an open lane format with sprinting lanes 1 and 8 (starting 30 minutes before the end of warm-ups) and pacing lanes 0 and 9.

COMPETITION SCHEDULE				
DATE	TIME	GENDER	AGE GROUPS	EVENTS
July 8	Starts 09:00 Preliminaries	Both	All	200 m Backstroke
		Both	All	100 m Breaststroke
		Both	Open	1,500 m Freestyle
		Both	Open	4 x 100 m Freestyle Relay
	Starts 17:00 Finals	Both	All	All
July 9	Starts 09:00 Preliminaries	Both	All	100 m Butterfly
		Both	Open	400 m Individual Medley
		Both	All	50 m Backstroke
		Both	All	200 m Freestyle
		Mixed	Open	4 x 100 m Medley Relay
	Starts 17:00 Finals	Both & Mixed	All	All
July 10	Starts 09:00 Preliminaries	Both	All	100 m Freestyle
		Both	All	200 m Butterfly
		Both	All	50 m Breaststroke
		Both	Open	4 x 200 m Freestyle Relay
	Starts 17:00 Finals	Both	All	All
July 11	Starts 09:00 Preliminaries	Both	All	100 m Backstroke
		Both	All	50 m Butterfly
		Both	All	200 m Breaststroke
		Both	Open	400 m Freestyle
		Mixed	Open	4 x 100 m Freestyle Relay
	Starts 17:00 Finals	Both & Mixed	All	All
July 12	Starts 09:00 Preliminaries	Both	All	50 m Freestyle
		Both	All	200 m Individual Medley
		Both	Open	800 m Freestyle
		Both	Open	4 x 100 m Medley Relay
	Starts 17:00 Finals	Both	All	All

SW Awards

Medals will be awarded to the first three athletes in each age group event.

Points will be awarded to the top 16 positions in each individual event as follows: **20-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1**. Relays will score double the points of individual events. In each individual event, only up to two athletes per NF may place within the top eight positions.

Individual High Point Award. A High Point Award will be presented to one athlete in each age group, per gender, based on the total number of points earned in their individual events. The presentation will take place at the conclusion of the competition.

NF Points Award. An award will be presented to the NF that achieves first place overall in each category, by gender, based on the total points accumulated. The award presentation will take place at the conclusion of the competition.

PanAm Aquatics Swimming Cup Award. The championship cup will be awarded to the NF that achieves first place overall, based on the total points accumulated across all age groups, including the female, male, and mixed relay. Cups will also be presented to the NFs that place second and third in the overall standings. The awards ceremony will take place at the conclusion of the competition.

All athletes will receive a certificate recognizing their participation.

SW Timing and Scoring System

Hy-Tek Meet Manager will be used for registration and competition results. Timing will be done using the Daktronics Timing System.

SW Qualification

The results of the Swimming competitions held in Ibague 2026 will be recognized as valid for qualification to the Lima 2027 Pan American Games.

SW Technical Officials

Qualified officials may apply to PanAm Aquatics to act as Technical Officials in Swimming. **All candidates are expected to cover their travel and accommodation expenses.** An application form is available in the last pages of this document, that should be completed and sent to the email addresses of the PanAm Aquatics Swimming Committee as listed below: swimming@panamaquatics.com.

APPEALS

Appeals are made in accordance with “Part One: Rules Applicable to All Aquatic Sports, Chapters 13 and 14,” except as detailed below.

Appeals must be submitted to a representative of PanAm Aquatics within 30 minutes after the conclusion of the event and/or the publication of the results, accompanied by a deposit of USD 300 or its equivalent in local currency.

The Discipline Commission Members may give recommendations to the Jury of Appeal, whose decision will be final.

JURY OF APPEAL

The Jury of Appeal shall be composed of a minimum of three members, one of whom will be designated as Chair. The jury will be formed by members of the Executive Committee and the COO of PanAm Aquatics who are present at the time the appeal is received.

To complete the minimum required quorum or to add additional members to the jury, members of the PAQ commission corresponding to the discipline may be included.

The members of the jury must be free of any conflict of interest prior to their appointment. They are also required to disclose any potential conflict of interest that may arise. In such cases, the COO of PanAm Aquatics shall determine whether a conflict exists.

LATE ATHLETE REPLACEMENT POLICY

After the entry deadlines, NFs may request the replacement or withdrawal of an athlete. Such requests will only be considered in cases of emergency or for medical reasons. To submit a request, NFs must email office@panamaquatics.com and provide the following details: the name of the athlete being withdrawn, the name of the replacement athlete (if applicable), and any changes to team numbers or rosters. All requests must be accompanied by the original medical records supporting the case. If the records are not in English, a translation provided by the NF must also be included.

ACCOMMODATION

Team's Accommodation

The hotels will be announced in the next update of the summons. The rates are as follows:

Occupancy	Rate (USD per night per person)
Single	\$190
Double	\$165
Triple	\$145

Check in: 15:00

Early check in: 10:00

Check out: 12:00

Late check out: 17:00

Early check in and late check out costs 50% of the accommodation rate and includes one additional meal.

All accommodation requests must be submitted via the official accommodation form. **Requests will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.**

Technical Officials' Accommodation

The hotel will be announced in the next update of the summons.

Technical officials include referees, assistant referees, starters, turn judges, and any other position within the officiating structure.

Occupancy	Rate (USD per night per person)
Single	\$190
Double	\$165

Check in: 15:00

Early Check-in: 10:00

Check out: 12:00

Late Check-out: 17:00

Early check in and late check out costs 50% of the accommodation rate and includes one additional meal.

Each NF may contact the LOC to check if any other NF is willing to pair its Technical Official with someone from another NF.

Forms

1. [Accommodation Form. You must download the file before editing.](#)
2. [Arrivals and Departures Form. You must download the file before editing.](#)

Accommodations rates

The special accommodation daily fee includes:

1. Transportation to and from the airport and host hotels upon arrival and departure.
2. Daily transportation between the venues (training and competition) and the hotel, if applicable.
3. Hotel accommodations.
4. Three daily meals starting with lunch on July 5, 2026, and ending with breakfast on July 13, 2026.
5. The daily fees listed before are limited to the official delegations and are dependent **upon the down payment deadline and final payment deadline. After those dates, the LOC will not be able to guarantee availability of rooms, and the rates might increase by 30%.**

A fee of **US \$400.00 american dollars** per accredited person will be applied to those who do not wish to use an official hotel of the event, and transportation to and from the airport, and to and from the competition and training venues will **not** be provided.

Host NF Bank Information for the Accommodation's Payments

Intermediate Bank	Beneficiary Bank	Beneficiary Customer
CITIBANK N.A. - NEW YORK	BANCO DE OCCIDENTE	FEDERACION COLOMBIANA DE NATACIÓN
111 WALL STREET, NEW YORK	CARRERA. 4 No. 7 - 61	ACCOUNT No. 001-51436-3
N.Y. 10043 USA	CALI - COLOMBIA	CALLE 9B # 27 - 49
SWIFT CODE (CITIUS33)	SWIFT CODE (OCCICOBC)	PHONE No.: (+572) 889 0366
ABA No. 021000089	ACCOUNT No. 10950229	EMAIL: adminfinanciero@fecna.com.co
CHIPS No. 0008		

All payment receipts must be sent to adminfinanciero@fecna.com.co and presidente@fecna.com.co before the start of the Technical Meeting.

Information Desk

Each official hotel will have an information desk where all the information will be provided, and where the accreditations will be delivered

Information Desk Schedule: 07:00 to 19:00.

DELEGATIONS

Accreditation

The Local Organizing Committee will provide all athletes, team officials and technical officials with an official accreditation. Only accredited people will be allowed to access certain venue areas. All accredited people are requested to always carry their accreditation with them and to show them upon request. Delegates will be required to present photographic identification for all team members to collect the accreditations.

The cost for replacing a lost accreditation is USD \$30.00 american dollars.

Airport

Perales National Airport – Ibagué (IBE) is located approximately 10 km (6.5 miles) from the official hotels. Ibagué is about four hours from Bogotá by bus. Depending on arrival times, a shuttle bus service may be arranged for teams upon request. The cost of this service will be confirmed directly with the LOC.

Anti – Doping

During the competitions, anti-doping control tests will be conducted in accordance with AQUA's established regulations, and in stretch coordination with the *Organización Nacional de Antidopaje de Colombia*.

For medalists selected for testing, the awards ceremony will take precedence. A chaperone will remain with the athlete at all times until the sample collection is completed.

Uniform, Clothing and Equipment

Clothing and equipment used by athletes and other participants in the Championships must comply with the documents listed in the World Aquatics Competition-Regulations, Part I, Numbers 7-8, *Rules Applicable to all Aquatic Sports - Swimwear and Wearables and Advertising Identification*.

During award ceremonies, athletes must wear their NF's official uniform, including long pants and sneakers. The use of hats, sunglasses, **flags**, cell phones, or other items is **strictly prohibited**.

Entry Fees

US\$ 50.00	registration and accreditation fee per athlete
US\$ 30.00	accreditation fee per team official
US\$ 5.00	per individual event
US\$ 10.00	per relay event

Registration

All NF registrations and sport entries must be done through the General Management System (GMS). Each NF is responsible for submitting registrations, including those for their Clubs or Regional Teams (if applicable), before the specified deadlines. To allow the LOC sufficient time to coordinate meals, accommodations, transportation, and other logistical arrangements, early submission of registrations is strongly encouraged.

The registration process will open on April 30, 2026. NFs must access the GMS using their username and password, which will be provided by PAQ after receiving the preliminary registration form.

Team Officials

Chief of Delegation (1): The Chief of Delegation (CD) is appointed by the NF to lead the delegation and represent the NF at all official functions with PAQ and the Local Organizing Committee (LOC).

Other team officials:

Delegations with 12 athletes or fewer: one Head Coach, three Coaches, and two Medical Staff, totaling six (6) team officials, in addition to the CD.

For 13 to 24 athletes: 2 additional Assistants, totaling eight (8) team officials.

For 25 to 36 athletes: 2 additional Assistants, totaling ten (10) team officials.

For 37 to 84 athletes: 2 additional Assistants, totaling twelve (12) team officials.

Note: Additional accreditations are available at a cost of USD \$30 each and are subject to PAQ approval.

Visa Support

If any of your team requires a visa for entry in Colombia, please notify the LOC and copy office@panamaquatics.com. The LOC will work to create an invitation letter to be presented to your Embassy/Consulate to assist in the visa process. Please send a list of all travelers with Full Name, Passport Number, Date of Birth, Gender, Nationality, and Role within the delegation.

Medical Care

As a reminder, all National Federations (NFs) **MUST** carry their own travel and health insurance. The LOC will provide First Aid Personnel at the competition pools. All NFs must take full responsibility for any other needed medical expenses.

The physician designated for the venue or discipline has the authority to make medical decisions concerning athletes in matters related to the competition, including, but not limited to, withdrawal from participation due to injury or illness.

Weather

The weather in Ibague is warm, humid, and overcast. Over the course of the year, the temperature typically varies from 17°C to 28°C (63°F to 83°F) and is rarely below 16 °C (61°F) or above 31 °C (88°F).

Electric Current

The power outlets are type A and B, and the standard voltage is 110 V. The frequency is 60 Hz.

Type A



Type B



TECHNICAL OFFICIALS FORM

Referees, Judges, Technical Controllers, Evaluators

Please submit it to the discipline and copy to office@panamaquatics.com by May 26, 2026

National Federation:	
Technical Official Full Name:	
Full address (including country):	
Technical Official Email Address:	
WhatsApp # (incl. country code):	

Have you served as a technical official during the past four years? YES / NO

If your answer is YES, list meets/events:

Event name	Date	Location	National or International event

English Proficiency (mark with an **X**): Basic () Intermediate () or Advanced ().

Technical Official Certification (if applicable):

National: _____ PAQ List #: _____ AQUA List #: _____

Technical Official Signature: _____

Must be signed by the President or Secretary of the NF:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

NOTE: Team officials may not serve as technical officials, and the expenses of each technical official must be covered by each National Federation (NF).

PRELIMINARY ENTRY FORM

Please complete and send to: office@panamaquatics.com before April 30, 2026

National Federation:	
Authorized person:	
Position of authorized person:	
E-mail address:	
WhatsApp (w / country code):	

NUMERICAL DELEGATION ENTRY

	Athletes		Team Officials		Technical Officials	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Total number						
Total in delegation						

Team Officials: Chief of delegation, Delegates, Coaches, Doctors, Staff of the NF.

Technical Officials: Referees, Judges, Assistant referees, Starters, or others.

National Federation President or General Secretary:

Name: _____ Position: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____