

## World Aquatics Development Department

World Aquatics Members in the Americas

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### **Re: World Aquatics Discover Water Country Leads' Course 20 - 25 February 2026 in Oranjestad, Aruba**

Dear Friends,

We have the pleasure to send you the following information concerning the organisation of the World Aquatics Discover Water Country Leads' Training Course scheduled to be held in Oranjestad, Aruba (ARU), from 20 - 25 February 2026. Please note the following information related to the World Aquatics Discover Water Country Leads' Training Course.

#### **Course description:**

The objectives of the course are as follows:

- Provide a comprehensive understanding of the Discover Water concept and the responsibilities of a Country Lead.
- Guide the development of a structured national Discover Water curriculum aligned with programme principles.
- Equip participants with the skills to train and support local educators effectively.
- Facilitate the creation of a strategic national implementation plan for Discover Water programme.
- The course will be delivered in English.

#### **Eligibility:**

- The World Aquatics Discover Water Country Leads' Training Course is open to all the National Federations interested in training their Country Leads and implementing Discover Water programme on a national level.
- This course is designed for those candidates with prior knowledge of coaching and programme development experience.
- Candidates must be nominated by their National Federation to lead the Discover Water programme in their country.
- Participants must be at least 18 years old at the start of the World Aquatics Discover Water course.
- Participants should have an intermediate level of English.

#### **Registration:**

- Each National Member Federation may nominate one representative for this training course. All participants must be registered by **24 December 2025** in the GMS using your federation login details.

- Each profile must include the following information: personal data, photo, passport copy and the candidate's personal email address. Any application without all the above-mentioned information will be rejected.
- If you require any assistance with the registration, please contact [gms@worldaquatics.com](mailto:gms@worldaquatics.com)
- By registering for the Country Leads' course, the National Federation confirms its commitment to develop and deliver Discover Water programme on a national level.
- Once the National Federation nominates its representative to attend the Country Leads' course, World Aquatics will share a situation analysis survey to be completed by the National Federation within 2 weeks from the registration.
- In addition, World Aquatics will arrange an online meeting with the National Federation before the course to coordinate the goals and objectives for the national Discover Water programme.

**Approval:**

World Aquatics will approve the participants on a first come first served basis.

**Assessment:**

- In order to pass the course and become the Country Lead for Discover Water programme, a participant must attend the full training course, meet the criteria to complete the roles of the Country Lead, develop the national Discover Water curriculum and programme implementation plan.

**Course information:**

Please find below the details related to the organisation of this course:

**Arrival:** 19 February 2026

**Course dates:** 20-25 February 2026

**Departure:** 26 February 2026

**Important note:**

World Aquatics makes a reasonable effort to plan and conduct the courses as described in the present document. However, please note that changes, including postponing or cancellation of the World Aquatics courses might take place.

**Insurance:**

Please ensure that your participants' health/travel insurance covers the country of the Course. The partners of the course will provide logistical support to any individuals with on-site illnesses. Any pre-entry, arrival and departure will be at the cost of each participant.

**Course venue:**

Community Pool San Nicolas, Otaheitistraat 21, San Nicolas, Aruba

**Arrival airport:**

Reina Beatrix International Airport (AUA), Oranjestad, Aruba (ARU).

Each National Federation is responsible for the travel expenses of the nominated participants.

Due to the limited number of spots, we kindly ask you to not book any flight tickets until your participants have been approved.

**Visa support:**

Please contact Aruba Aquatics Federation, if you require visa assistance.

**Accommodation:**

Hyatt Place Aruba Airport Hotel, Wayaca 6B, Oranjestad, Aruba. World Aquatics will cover full board accommodation costs for approved participants from 19 to 26 February 2026.

Participants will be accommodated in twin rooms. If a participant would like to be accommodated in a single room, he/she will have to cover the additional costs.

**Local transportation:**

The hotel is walking distance from the airport, no transfer will therefore be organised. Please provide World Aquatics with participants' arrival and departure details by **1 February 2026**.

**Programme:**

Detailed programme of the course will be distributed to selected participants.

**Material:**

The course will include theoretical and practical sessions; therefore, all participants are required to bring swimsuits, caps and goggles and non-slip poolside shoes.

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We strongly believe that the World Aquatics Discover Water programme will powerfully contribute to the development of our sport.

Respectfully yours,



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