



The 9th CMAS Underwater Rugby World Championships coming to Helsinki in August

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Championships to be televised by live stream over the Internet for the first time.

The upcoming Underwater Rugby World Championships will be streamed live over the internet from the swimming pool at Pirkkola Sports Park in Helsinki.

The stream will be available on the official website of the Championships. Highlights of the action will also be transmitted via the newly established YouTube channel of the World Underwater Federation (CMAS).

“Live coverage is good news to fans everywhere, and especially those in South Africa, Colombia and Turkey,” said Hannu Ahonen, General Secretary of Helsinki World Championships, “the use of digital media will promote even faster growth of our sport.”

Beginning 15 August, 14 nations will compete on the men’s side. Teams are seed in four groups, based on the results from the last World Championships in Bari, Italy in 2007. South Africa will compete for the first time.

Finland, gold medal winner in 2007, competes against Colombia, Austria and South Africa in Group A. In Group B, Sweden, silver medallists in the last games, must contend with Switzerland, Turkey and Spain. Bronze-medal holders Norway meet Italy and the Czech Republic. Denmark, fourth in the last World Championships, takes on Germany and Russia in Group D.

On the women’s side there are 7 nations in total. In Group E, Sweden, Silver medallists in the last games, faces Norway, Denmark and Spain while in Group F, defending champions Germany meet Colombia and Finland. Upon conclusion of Group play, on Day 3, competition in the medal qualifying round commences. The finals and award ceremony of both the men’s and women’s draws will take place on 20 August.



Hannu Ahonen,
General Secretary

The 9th World Championships were originally to have taken place in Colombia. Finland became the host when the

Colombian plans were cancelled.



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