

EXPLANATIONS

to the new version of the AQUATHLON Rules 2023/01

KEY AMENDMENTS TO THE AQUATHLON CODE OF RULES

1. The section “COMPETITION AREA AND EQUIPMENT” has been updated:
 - 1.1. Diagrams depicting competition areas have been added.
 - 1.2. The requirements for ankle bands and ribbons have been detailed/clarified; explanatory diagrams have been added.
2. The section “COMPETITION PARTICIPANTS” has been updated:
 - 2.1. The following age categories have been joined together: juniors aged 18–20 years and seniors; juniors aged 14–15 years and juniors aged 16–17 years.
 - 2.2. The division into weight categories has been altered.
 - 2.3. A detailed description of the weigh-in procedure has been added.
3. The section “COMPETITION SYSTEMS” has been updated:
 - 3.1. A detailed description of the pairing procedure at the initial stage of the competition has been added.
 - 3.2. Standings are provided in the Appendices.
4. The section “COMBATS” has been amended.
 - 4.1. Requirements for the athletes’ starting position and the starting procedures have been specified.
 - 4.2. The following amendments have been introduced to the score calculation rules:
 - the athlete that fails to enter the hoop within the specified time limit loses with the score of 0:2 (previously 0:3).
 - if the athletes display ribbons simultaneously, the score shall be drawn 2:2 (previously 3:3).
5. The GOLD COMBAT has been introduced, which is held if needed to establish the winner in combats for the prize places.
6. The section “FOULS” has been updated:
 - 6.1. More detailed descriptions of the principal fouls have been provided.
7. The section “PENALTIES” has been updated:
 - 7.1. The athlete that intentionally obstructs the opponent entering the ring shall lose with the score of 0:2 (previously 0:3).

8. The section “SCORE CALCULATION AND INDIVIDUAL RANKING”:
 - 8.1. Ranking procedures for competitions based on elimination systems have been detailed.
9. The section “TEAM REPRESENTATIVES AND COACHES” detailing the duties and authorities of team representatives and coaches has been added.
10. A section “PROTESTS” with details of the protest submission procedure has been added.
11. The section “JUDGES” has been updated:
 - 11.1. The functions performed by the judges have been detailed.
 - 11.2. New judge positions have been added (Electronic Timing Expert and Video Control Judge).
12. The section “JUDGE GESTURES” has been updated:
 - 12.1. The list of gestures has been expanded.
 - 12.2. The explanatory drawings have been updated.
13. The section “APPENDICES” has been added, including:
 - 13.1. Standings for competitions based on the round robin system.
 - 13.2. Standings for competitions based on the double elimination system.
 - 13.3. Sample Scorecard.