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# WELCOME MESSAGES



## CMAS WELCOME



The Confédération Mondiale des Activités Subaquatiques (CMAS) is pleased to welcome athletes, officials and partners to the 2027 CMAS World Championship of Underwater Hockey Elite, taking place in Clermont-Ferrand (France) from 14<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> April 2027.

Bringing together competitors from across the world, this Championship represents the highest level of international competition within the CMAS calendar, and reflects the core principles of CMAS sport: high standards of performance, respect for rules and officials, and the spirit of fair and friendly competition between nations.

This event is made possible through the close collaboration between CMAS, the host Federation and the Local Organising Committee, whose dedication and professionalism ensure the conditions for a safe, fair and successful Championship.

CMAS wishes all participants a successful competition and hopes that this Championship will offer not only high-level sporting performances, but also lasting memories and positive exchanges for everyone involved.

**Anna Arzhanova**  
*President of the CMAS*



## FFESSM WELCOME



Welcome to France.

The 2027 CMAS World Championship of Underwater Hockey Elite is a historic moment for the French Underwater Federation. It marks the return of the event to France after 30 years. For this new global competition, the city of Clermont-Ferrand will host up to 20 elite

nations and nearly 800 participants over 12 days.

This breath-hold team sport has conquered tens of thousands of practitioners around the World. Behind its rather confidential image lies a highly tactical sport where breath control is as important as the intelligence of the game.

May the strength of the teams in the competition reflects the energy of the local organization committee.

**Dr Frederic Di Meglio**  
*President of the FFESSM*

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## PRESENTATION OF THE HOST CITY

### FRANCE

Coming to France means having the chance to discover a variety of destinations and themed offers. Whether you are an urban tourist, a hiking or cycling enthusiast, an art lover, a wine and food lover or a beach lover, France is for you!

France also hosts many international sporting events. Some are regular fixtures, such as the French Open tennis tournament, the Tour de France or the 24-hour race in Le Mans. Others are exceptional events such as the Rugby World Cup in 2023 and the Olympic Games in 2024...

With more than 90 million foreign visitors recorded, including overseas destinations, France remains the world's leading tourist destination. This continued success can be explained by the richness and diversity of France's tourism offer.

### CLERMONT-FERRAND, FRANCE



- Capital of the Auvergne region, rings by the chain of extinct volcanoes including the famous Puy-de-Dôme.
- Hosts the Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival (Festival du Court-Métrage de Clermont-Ferrand), one of the world's leading festivals for short films.
- Home to the corporate headquarters of Michelin, the global tyre company founded in the city more than 100 years ago.
- Host of major international sports events, including the FIBA EuroBasket 1999, start of the 2023 Women's Tour de France.
- Home to a rugby union club competing at international level, ASM Clermont Auvergne, as well as Clermont Foot Auvergne football club.

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## CITY MAP

### TRAVELLING TO CLERMONT-FERRAND

Clermont-Ferrand benefits from a strategic geographical location in the heart of France, offering easy accessibility for participants and spectators.

**Clermont-Ferrand Auvergne Airport** (CFE) provides national and international connections, with regular connections to Paris and other major European cities. 8km / 15 min from the pool.

**Lyon international airport** (LYS), a two-hour drive from Clermont-Ferrand, offers direct connections to more than 100 international airports.

**Clermont-Ferrand's train station** is located just on the eastern edge of the city centre. Direct connection to Paris in 3,5 hours.



### CITY TRANSPORTS

- **Intra-urban tramway** providing access to key points in the city
- Extensive bus network connecting the downtown to the outlying suburbs.
- Public transportation website: <https://www.t2c.fr>
- Around 80 kilometers (50 miles) of bicycle lanes that run alongside the tram. City bikes are available to rent at over 40 locations.



### ACCOMODATION

Clermont-Ferrand has very good hotel capacity to accommodate all the teams less than 15 minutes from the competition site, some accessible on foot.

50+ hotels spread across the city, 3,000+ rooms available. All types of accommodation: economical, high-end, sports hotels, half-board and full-board options.

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) has partnered with Spartner Event & Consulting to offer delegations a dedicated accommodation booking platform, providing preferential hotel rates and specific support for participating teams.

Booking process:

1. Check all information in the [accommodation document](#).
2. Send your accommodation requests by email to Roxann DEL COL at [accomodation-uwh2027@spartner-ec.com](mailto:accomodation-uwh2027@spartner-ec.com), specifying your stay dates, your preferred hotel, the type of rooms required, and the number of rooms you would like to reserve.
3. We will send you a proforma invoice.
4. Booking will be definitively confirmed when we receive full payment.
5. Enjoy your stay and focus on the most important: the competition!

A transfer service between the arrival airport and the official hotel may also be available to delegations upon request.

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## PRESENTATION OF THE COMPETITION VENUE

The Championship will take place at **Stade Nautique Pierre-de-Coubertin:**  
[Rue Pierre de Coubertin 63000 Clermont-Ferrand, France.](#)

A large swimming pool (an Olympic 50 m pool, as well as a 25 m pool) in the heart of the city of Clermont-Ferrand, at the center of the metropolitan public transport network, for exceptional performances.

To host underwater hockey competitions, the olympic pool is divided in two, thanks to the rotating wall, allowing the installation of two courts with their substitutes area. This allows for two 25 m long play areas, one with a depth of 2.5 m and the other with a depth of 2 m.



### SWIMMING POOL SIZE:

	POOL	COURT 1	COURT 2
<b>Length</b>	50 m	25 m	25 m
<b>Width</b>	25 m	15 m	15 m
<b>Number of lanes</b>	10	-	-
<b>Depth</b>	2.0 to 2.5m	2.5 m	2.0 m
<b>Temperature</b>	27,5°C to 29.5°C	-	-
<b>Number of spectators</b>	400	-	-

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### CLIMATE

- **Altitude of the city:** 380 m
- **Climate:** continental
- **Weather in April:** moderate temperatures and moderate rainfall, approx. temperature. 15°C

### VISA REQUIREMENTS

Depending on your nationality, a visa is required when intending to travel to France. All visas must be applied for prior to departure at the nearest French Embassy or French Consulate in the applicant's country of residence.

If the duration of your stay does not exceed 90 days per 180-day period, you will be issued a [short-stay uniform Schengen visa](#) or national visa depending on your destination.



Do I need a visa? Use French visa wizard: <https://france-visas.gouv.fr/en/assistant-visa>.

Whether or not you need a visa, entry into the Schengen area of third-country nationals must comply with a certain number of conditions, as provided for by the European and national regulations in force.

The following supporting documents must be presented at the request of the border police upon your arrival in France:

- A valid passport issued less than 10 years before and valid for at least 3 months after the envisaged departure date;
- A valid visa, if required;
- Proof of accommodation covering the whole duration of the stay (hotel reservation and/or certificate of staying with a relative validated in the town hall);
- Sufficient financial means. The means of subsistence shall be assessed according to the duration and purpose of the stay and by reference to the average prices for accommodation and food in the Member States;
- Your return ticket or the financial means to acquire one at the envisaged return date;
- You must have an insurance certificate covering all medical and hospital expenses for which you may be liable for the duration of your stay in France, as well as medical repatriation costs and expenses in the event of death.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

<b>Official Currency</b>	Euro (EUR) - Most shops accept credit card / debit card, notably Visa or Mastercard, and contactless payment by card or by digital wallet (Apple pay, Google pay, etc.). ATMs (cashpoints) are widespread, and can be found outside all banks, in many shopping centres, in main train stations, airports...
<b>Sales Tax</b>	VAT - Value Added Tax (TVA in French): standard rate 20%, reduced rates 10 or 5,5%; Retail prices posted in shops, hotels and other outlets always include TVA at the appropriate rate: the price you see is the price you pay, and there is no more tax to be added at the checkout
<b>Measurement system</b>	Metric
<b>Drive</b>	Right-hand side of the road
<b>Electrical current</b>	220-240V, 50Hz
<b>Plug</b>	Plug types C (ungrounded)  and E (grounded) 
<b>Mobile operators</b>	<a href="#">Orange</a> , Free Mobile, <a href="#">Bouygues Telecom</a> ; offer prepaid SIM cards for short-term use which can be a great option for foreign visitors
<b>Emergency number</b>	112

## USEFUL ADDRESSES

<b>Hospital</b> <i>Closest to the pool</i>	CHU Clermont-Ferrand Gabriel-Montpied 58 rue Montalembert 63000 Clermont-Ferrand Phone: 112 (mobile), or 15, or +33 473 750 750
<b>Chemist</b> <i>Closest to the pool</i>	Pharmacie du Jardin 76 boulevard François Mitterrand 63000 Clermont-Ferrand Mon-Fri 8:30am-7:30pm, Sat 9:30am-6:30pm, Sun closed.
<b>Shopping Center</b> <i>Inc. sport shop, restaurants...</i>	Centre Jaude 18 rue d'Allagnat 63000 Clermont-Ferrand Mon-Sat 10am-7pm. Sun closed.
<b>Supermarket</b>	Carrefour Market Jaude Rue de la barrière de Jaude 63000 Clermont-Ferrand Mon-Sat 8:30am-8pm. Sun 8:30am-12:30am.
<b>Supermarket</b>	Auchan Clermont Blatin 57 boulevard Cote Blatin 63000 Clermont-Ferrand Mon-Sat 8:30am-8:30pm. Sun 9am-12:30am 1pm-8:30pm



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# COMPETITION

## INFORMATION ABOUT PARTICIPATION

National federation elite teams are invited to participate at this World Championship if they are affiliated to CMAS.

Each national team must comply with the championship rules, safety requirements set by the organizers and CMAS rules and regulations.

## CHAMPIONSHIPS RULES

Each national federation can enter a maximum of two teams, one in elite men division and one in elite women division.

The final Championship structure, seedings and format will be revealed once we have confirmed numbers.

The event will be organised under the following rules and guidelines:

- CMAS Tournament Regulations for UWH competitions, version 1, February 2025.
- CMAS International Rules for Underwater Hockey Rules of Play, version 13.0, February 2025.
- CMAS UWH Player Eligibility, Citizenship, Residency, March 2025.
- CMAS UWH Concussion Policy
- CMAS UWH Equipment Guide

All official documents are available on the CMAS website in the Underwater Hockey regulations subpage at <https://www.cmas.org/hockey/how-to-regulations.html>.

## PLAYER SELECTION AND REPLACEMENT

Teams are limited to 12 players. Listing of players, player photos and profiles, coaches and managers must be submitted online no later than 19<sup>th</sup> February 2027.

Players may be replaced only with the UWH Commission's written consent and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

All athletes must possess a valid CMAS license available from [CMAS Portal](#).

## PLAYING CAP AND SWIMSUIT APPROVALS

Players caps and swimsuit design must be submitted to the CMAS UWH Events Directors by email before 1<sup>st</sup> November 2026 via [uw-h-approvals@sport.cmas.org](mailto:uw-h-approvals@sport.cmas.org) email address, with subject UWH World 2027 Cap and Swimsuit Approval for <Country> (example: UWH World 2027 Cap and Swimsuit Approval for Belgium).

As per rule 3.2.1:

- All players of a team must wear identical bathing attire (cap, suit and/or rash vest and/or shirt), which may have an imprint of their flag or country.
- Each team must have two sets of identical bathing attire, one light in colour (when the team is using white sticks) and one dark in colour (when the team is using black sticks), and
- Both sets need approval by the Championship Director prior to arrival at the competition.
- Light Colours: White, Yellow, Light Blue, Light Grey, Orange.

Numbers: to assist referees, cap numbers are limited to numbers between 1 and 15. Ear protection pieces on the caps must be white (when light colour) or black / navy (when dark colour).

## CHAMPIONSHIP PUCK

The puck selected for the championship is "simms" puck or equivalent.

## **COUNTRY FLAGS AND NATIONAL ANTHEM**

National teams should bring two (2) national flags (2,00 m x 1,00 m).

Each country is required to send a digital copy of their national anthem, music only no lyrics, for use in ceremonies and awards. Anthem should be emailed to the LOC by email with subject UWH World 2027 Anthem for <Country> (example: UWH World 2027 Anthem for Belgium).

## **TEAM ARRIVAL, CHECKS AND MEETINGS**

Teams and players registration, documents check and delivery of accreditation will be undertaken at the swimming pool venue for all teams.

The referee and team's captains meeting will take place at the Jean et Honoré Fleury gymnasium, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, next to the pool.

## **OPENING CEREMONY**

The opening ceremony will be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2027 at the Jean et Honoré Fleury gymnasium, next to the pool.

Two national team representatives are to be available for rehearsal at 7pm (19:00) on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2027.

## **AWARDS AND CLOSING CEREMONY**

The awards and closing ceremony will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2027 at the Jean et Honoré Fleury gymnasium, next to the pool.

## **POST EVENT CELEBRATION**

The post event party will take place on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2027; the exact time is yet to be determined.

14 tickets per team entry are provided with the registration. Extra entry tickets can be purchased before the party at the stand located at the swimming pool.



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# COMPETITION SCHEDULE

<b>Day -3</b>	12 April 2027	Arrival of delegations Team paid practice – Court A and B
<b>Day -2</b>	13 April 2027	Arrival of Delegations Team allocated practice – Court A and B
<b>Day -1</b>	14 April 2027	Team allocated practice – Court A and B Opening Ceremony
<b>Day 1-2</b>	15 April 2027 16 April 2027	Group Playoffs
<b>Day 3-7</b>	17 April 2027 21 April 2027	Round Robin
<b>Day 8-9</b>	22 April 2027 23 April 2027	Playoff
<b>Day 10</b>	24 April 2027	Final day Medal and closing ceremony
<b>Day 11</b>	25 April 2027	Departure of Delegations

Day-3: TD, TR, ATR, Referee Captains arrival

Day-2: Referees arrival

Day-1: Referees beep-test



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## FINANCIAL MODALITIES

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### CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY FEE

The entry fee is set at €4200 per team. The due date for entry fees is before 30<sup>th</sup> November 2026. A non-refundable deposit of €500 is due on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026.

Any late payment does not guarantee entry into the World Championship. We encourage and recommend that countries pay the full entry fee before the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2026.

Entry fee include post event party for 14 people per team. Extra entry tickets can be ordered during team registration process or purchased before the party at the stand located at the swimming pool.

### ADDITIONAL TRAINING SLOTS

The day before the start of the Championship, April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 2027 is allocated training time. The CMAS Technical Delegate will allocate between 30 and 45 minutes slots to teams based on the alphabetic order of the IOC country code.

Teams that wish to arrive earlier than the allocated training days are welcome to do so on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April 2027. Charges to be paid by the teams are € 125 per court per 30 minutes. Slots are available from 8am to 8pm.

Booking of time slots will open at a later date, to be announced on the competition website.

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## PAYMENT

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All fees must be paid by bank transfer.

Bank details are confidential and will be sent in response to your email expressing your preliminary declaration of participating.

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## DEADLINES CONDITIONS FOR ENTRY & PARTICIPATION

### TEAM DECLARATION

The preliminary declaration of participating teams, their estimated delegation numbers and the country point of contact (mail and phone) to be submitted by email to LOC [contact@uwhworlds2027.com](mailto:contact@uwhworlds2027.com) with subject UWH World 2027 Interest for <Country> (example: UWH World 2027 Interest for Belgium)

### REGISTRATION DEADLINES

#### DEADLINES

<b>1<sup>st</sup> August 2026</b>	Declaration of interest from countries
<b>1<sup>st</sup> September 2026</b>	Formal entry teams Entry fees deposit (non-refundable), € 500 / team
<b>From 1<sup>st</sup> October 2026</b>	Booking and paying extra training time. Can only be booked when entry fee deposit has been paid.
<b>1<sup>st</sup> November 2026</b>	Caps and swimsuit sent for approval
<b>1<sup>st</sup> February 2027</b>	Sports Licenses purchased. We recommend that any reserve players have licenses bought on this deadline as well.
<b>19<sup>th</sup> February 2027</b>	Team list and player profiles submitted



## CONTACTS

CONTACT / DESCRIPTION	ADDRESS
<b>Local Organisation Committee</b> Competition general contact address	<a href="mailto:contact@uweworlds2027.com">contact@uweworlds2027.com</a>
<b>CMAS UWH Caps and swimsuit approval</b>	<a href="mailto:uweworld-approvals@sport.cmas.org">uweworld-approvals@sport.cmas.org</a>
<b>Championship webpage</b>	<a href="http://hockeysub.ffessm.fr/2027-cmas-world-uwh-elite">hockeysub.ffessm.fr/2027-cmas-world-uwh-elite</a>
<b>Championship social networks</b>	Coming soon!
<b>CMAS UWH website</b>	<a href="https://www.cmas.org/hockey/commission">https://www.cmas.org/hockey/commission</a>
<b>CMAS Portal</b> Sports licences	<a href="https://portal.cmas.org/">https://portal.cmas.org/</a>
<b>CMAS TV</b> Ceremonies and games streaming	<a href="https://tv.cmas.org/">https://tv.cmas.org/</a>

LOCAL ORGANISATION COMMITTEE	ADDRESS
<b>Head of Local Organisation Committee</b>	<a href="mailto:contact@uweworlds2027.com">contact@uweworlds2027.com</a>
<b>LOC competition focal point</b>	<a href="mailto:competition@uweworlds2027.com">competition@uweworlds2027.com</a>
<b>LOC accommodations &amp; transports focal point</b>	<a href="mailto:accomodation@uweworlds2027.com">accomodation@uweworlds2027.com</a>

CHAMPIONSHIP VENUES	ADDRESS
<b>Swimming Pool</b>	Stade Nautique Pierre de Coubertin <a href="#">Rue Pierre de Coubertin</a> <a href="#">63000 Clermont-Ferrand</a>
<b>Ceremonies</b> Opening, closing, teams/referee meetings	Jean et Honoré Fleury gymnasium <a href="#">Rue Pierre de Coubertin</a> <a href="#">63000 Clermont-Ferrand</a>
<b>Party</b>	Coming soon!



## CHAMPIONSHIP OFFICIALS

CHAMPIONSHIP OFFICIALS	ADDRESS
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<b>CMAS Events director</b>	Patrick Kraak, The Netherlands <a href="mailto:patrick.kraak@sport.cmas.org">patrick.kraak@sport.cmas.org</a>
<b>Competition director</b>	Sébastien Dotte, France <a href="mailto:competition@uweworlds2027.com">competition@uweworlds2027.com</a>
<b>CMAS Technical Delegate (TD)</b>	Andrew Stillwell, Great Britain <a href="mailto:andrew.stillwell@sport.cmas.org">andrew.stillwell@sport.cmas.org</a>
<b>CMAS Championship Referee</b>	To be defined
<b>CMAS Head of ITO</b>	Don Mathews, USA <a href="mailto:don.mathews@sport.cmas.org">don.mathews@sport.cmas.org</a>

## REFEREES

The chiefs and waters referees for the Championship will be nominated by the CMAS UWH ITOs Working Group. An interest survey will be sent to all L3's (inactive or active) and Level 3 candidates. All technicals officials interested in officiating at this Championship will also be asked to provide an indication of expected flight costs so that the LOC in conjunction with Head of Events can determine a unilateral referee fee per team.

Referee selection timeline (to be confirmed)

TECHNICALS OFFICIALS SELECTION TIMELINE	
<b>Technical Officials interest survey</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> September 2026
<b>Technical Officials interest survey closes</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> October 2026
<b>Technical Officials Management Team Selected</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> October 2026
<b>Technical Officials verification with Federations</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> November 2026
<b>CMAS UWH Event and LOC Technical Officials reviews selection</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> November 2026
<b>Technical Officials fee per team determined</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> November 2026
<b>Technical Officials fee collected</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> November 2026
<b>Technical Officials fee collected ticket purchase</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2026
<b>Technical Officials fee collected meet CMAS requirements (ITO training, Sport/ITO License, ADEL certificates, etc)</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> January 2027

All referees must pass the referee in water beep test to be considered for assessment on April 14<sup>th</sup> 2027 during the referee fitness test.

## TECHNICAL OFFICIALS ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSFERS

The cost of accommodation and food for referees will be covered by the event budget during the event duration, from 13<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> April 2027.

Technical Officials arriving earlier and/or leaving later than the scheduled time will be responsible for their own accommodation, food and transport costs.



