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## WORLD AQUATICS ARTISTIC SWIMMING WORLD CUP

MARKHAM 2025

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MAY 1-3, 2025

Markham Pan Am Centre

Markham, Ontario - CANADA

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## Welcome Message

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the ninth season of the World Aquatics Artistic Swimming World Cup!

This year, we are thrilled to see a truly global competition across four continents, offering a stage for extraordinary performances and a pathway to the World Aquatics Championships – Singapore 2025.

The Artistic Swimming World Cup 2025 series will begin in Paris, France (28 February – 2 March), continue in Hurghada, Egypt (11-13 April), and Markham, Canada (1-3 May), before culminating in the Super Final in Xi'an, China (13-15 June).

It is fitting to start this season in Paris, a city that recently celebrated the triumphant Olympic Games Paris 2024. With artistic swimming capturing the world's attention this summer, including China's historic first-ever Olympic golds and medallists from three continents, we look forward to witnessing the sport's continued global growth. The competition will take place at the iconic Piscine Georges Vallerey, a venue steeped in history and carefully renovated for the centenary of the 1924 Olympics.

The series then travels to the stunning resort city of Hurghada, Egypt. Following the success of the Egypt Aquatics Festival and several other competitions for our aquatic sports, we are thrilled that we can return to Hurghada, which promises to bring a truly vibrant atmosphere.

Next, the competition will head to Markham, Canada, where the artistic swimming community will be welcomed for a third consecutive year. Markham has quickly established itself as a trusted and enthusiastic host. I look forward to seeing athletes and fans enjoy a brilliant few days in the city.

Finally, the competitors will meet in Xi'an, China, for the Super Final. It will no doubt be a fitting finale to a spectacular celebration of the world's best artistic swimmers.

As ever, none of this would be possible without the dedication and hard work of our Local Organising Committees, local authorities, volunteers, and the international media. Your support ensures that artistic swimming, and our global community, continue to strengthen. Thank you for your invaluable contributions.

To all our athletes, I wish you the very best in your preparations and performances and to our community around the world, I hope you enjoy a fantastic few weeks of competition where we are once again 'United by Water'!

Sincerely,

**Captain Husain Al-Musallam**  
*President, World Aquatics*







# 01 Competition Information & Venue

Venue	<b>Markham Pan Am Centre</b> <a href="#">Find on Google Maps</a> 16 Main St Unionville, Unionville, ON L3R 2E4
Venue website	<a href="#">Visit website</a>
Pool Dimensions (indoor pool)	Competition Pool 50m x 25m (10 lanes) x 3m to 2.5m deep
Seating Capacity	1000 spectators
Distance to Airport	39 km





## 02 Contact Information

Host Federation	Aquatics Canada & Canada Artistic Swimming
Competition Manager	Stéphane Côté - Chief Operating Officer <a href="mailto:stephane@artisticswimming.ca">stephane@artisticswimming.ca</a> +1 418 420 2125 (phone & whatsapp)
Welcome Desk	There will be a welcome desk located at the front entrance of the venue.

## 03 Event Officials

AQUA Delegate	Lisa SCHOTT
AQUA Evaluator	TBD
Referee	TBD
AQUA Scorers	Microplus
Music Coordinator	Jamie SIMPSON

## 04 Tentative Schedule

Day	Date	Event
MON	April 28	Arrival Day (no training)
TUE	April 29	TRAINING DAY
WED	April 30	TRAINING DAY Officials Meeting / Team Leader Meeting & Draw
THU	May 1	WOMEN SOLO TECHNICAL MEN SOLO TECHNICAL MIXED DUET TECHNICAL OPEN TEAM TECHNICAL
FRI	May 2	WOMEN SOLO FREE MEN SOLO FREE WOMEN DUET TECHNICAL OPEN TEAM FREE
SAT	May 3	MIXED DUET FREE WOMEN DUET FREE ACROBATIC ROUTINE  GALA
SUN	May 4	Departure Day

## 05 Officials

### JUDGES

Every participating Federation must propose a judge to every meet they enter. A second judge per Federation may be considered on a case-by-case basis. All judges must be part of the World Aquatics database and in the Bronze, Silver or Gold category.

National Federations must apply to World Aquatics ([artisticswimming@worldaquatics.com](mailto:artisticswimming@worldaquatics.com)) for the registration and approval of their judge(s).

**The registration and approval must be done prior to March 7, 2025.**

In addition to the above, all judges must complete and submit a Conflict of Interest form at the time of their application.

The maximum number of judges for a World Cup stop is twenty (20). Only applications that are received within the deadline will be considered.





## 05 (cont'd) Officials

### NEUTRAL JUDGES

Federations may apply to send one (1) neutral judge per ASWC event at their own expense.

### PRACTICE JUDGES

Each National Federation is allowed to send one (1) practice judge per stop and the Host Federation is permitted to have a maximum of two (2) Practice Judges. To be eligible to be a Practice Judge, judges must be in Bronze category. Silver and Gold category judges cannot apply for practice judge positions. A maximum of six (6) practice judges will be accepted per competition on a first come first served basis.

### DIFFICULTY TECHNICAL CONTROLLERS:

Every participating Federation may nominate a Difficulty Technical Controller to every meet they enter. All DTC must be part of the World Aquatics database and in the Bronze, Silver or Gold category.

## 06 Key Dates

WHAT	DEADLINE	HOW
<a href="#">Preliminary Entries &amp; Accommodation Form</a>	<b>March 1, 2024</b> 50% deposit to be paid by bank transfer by <b>March 8, 2025</b>	<a href="#">Fill online form now!</a>
<a href="#">Final Accommodation Entry &amp; Rooming List</a>	<b>March 24, 2025</b> Final payment to be paid by bank transfer by <b>March 31, 2025</b>	Accommodation Final Entry & Rooming List Forms will be available on event website (coming soon)
<a href="#">Final Officials Registration (judges &amp; technical controllers)</a>	<b>March 7, 2025</b>	Write directly to World Aquatics to nominate your officials <a href="mailto:artisticswimming@worldaquatics.com">artisticswimming@worldaquatics.com</a>
<a href="#">Final Participant Registration</a>	<b>April 11, 2025</b> Note that those countries who need Visas to enter Canada will need to finalize participant registration much earlier to be able to receive invitation letter on time.	<a href="#">FINA GMS</a>
<a href="#">Final Sport Entries</a>		
<a href="#">Gala Information Sheet</a>	<b>April 17, 2025</b>	Fill out <a href="#">Online Form</a>
<a href="#">Music Information Sheets</a>	<b>April 17, 2025</b>	
<a href="#">Music Files Submission</a>	<b>April 17, 2025</b>	<a href="#">ClicknClear Platform</a>
<a href="#">Coach Cards Submission</a>	<b>April 17, 2025</b>	Microplus System



## 07 Visa Information

Upon request through the FINA GMS, Canada Artistic Swimming will provide Visa assistance by issuing an invitation letter.

Please note that we have been told by the Government of Canada that there might be significant delays to issue visas, so we urge you to begin this process as early as possible to avoid possible travel problems due to delays.

**We therefore invite you to complete your GMS registration, request your invitation letter and begin the visa request process before February 1, 2025.**

Please contact [stephane@artisticswimming.ca](mailto:stephane@artisticswimming.ca) if you have any questions.

## 08 Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)

An Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) is an entry requirement for visa-exempt foreign nationals travelling to Canada by air. An eTA is electronically linked to a traveller's passport. It is valid for up to five years or until the passport expires, whichever comes first.

More information and application form [are available here](#).

## 09 Exhibition Gala

On Saturday, May 3, we will present an Exhibition Gala. ALL delegations must be prepared to participate in this final gala as it is one of the main ways to develop and promote our sport. Solo, duet, trio, accessories, improvisations, make up - everything is allowed to make this Exhibition Gala a spectacular show to finish our week together.

Each federation attending the event should plan and come prepared with one Exhibition Gala Show routine which is different from the competition routines.

We ask that all federations fill out the [Gala Routine Information Form](#) before **April 17, 2025**, to help us plan the event.

## 10 Transportation

All teams and persons accommodated at the official hotel will be provided with all necessary transportation free of charge, including airport pickup and dropoffs as well as regular daily shuttles.

Arrival airport is Toronto's Pearson International Airport (YYZ).

## 11 Music

All music files are to be uploaded to the **ClicknClear platform** in accordance with the World Aquatics Competition Regulations before the deadline:

<https://verification.clicknclear.com/my-seasons/season/41/invite?token=a05189a989dbca7af830ff2dffafbc9e&lp=aqua>

## 12 Accommodation Payment Terms

### Booking Confirmation

A booking is only confirmed once a 50% deposit has been received and the signed Rules Agreement has been submitted.

### Deposit Requirement

A non-refundable deposit of 50% is required to secure the booking and must be paid by **March 3rd, 2025**. The remaining balance is due by **March 31, 2025**.

### Payment Methods

Payments can be made via bank transfer. Bank details will be provided on the proforma invoice. Please email payment confirmation once the transfer has been completed.

### Refund Policy

- Cancellations before **March 3rd, 2025**: Fully refundable.
- Cancellations between **March 3rd** and **March 31st, 2025**: 50% refundable.
- Cancellations after **March 31st, 2025**: Non-refundable; full payment (100%) will be due.

### Changes to Booking

Any changes to the booking are subject to additional charges and can be requested up until **March 3rd, 2025**.



## 12 Accommodation

Prices include hotel accommodations, event entry fees, transportation and meals during the teams stay.

Hotel accommodations will offer two double/queen beds or one king. Three meals a day beginning with dinner on your check-in day (pending arrival time) and ending with breakfast on your check-out day (pending your departure time). Extra meals will be charged separately. **All fees are USD.**

EXAMPLE: Check-in on May 28 and check-out on June 3 reserving one double room with two people. **Total cost would be 2 (people) X \$250 USD (per person/ per night) X 5 (nights) = \$2,500 USD.**

**Please note that rooms in triple and quad occupancy only have two double beds, which have to be shared by occupants. There is also a pull-out couch.**

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Breakfast and dinner served at hotel, lunch served at the pool.

Distance from Airport	38 km
Distance from Pool	3 km
RATE - Single Occupancy	<b>\$315 USD</b> / per person / per night
RATE - Double Occupancy	<b>\$250 USD</b> / per person / per night
RATE - Triple Occupancy	<b>\$220 USD</b> / per person / per night
RATE - Quad Occupancy	<b>\$205 USD</b> / per person / per night

