

Office of the Executive Director

National Federations of World Aquatics

Lausanne, 23 June 2026

Re: Important Notice Regarding Athlete Health Monitoring and Reporting

Dear World Aquatics National Member Federations,

We have recently been made aware of a health-related matter affecting certain athletes who competed at the World Aquatics Open Water Swimming World Cup 2026 – Stop 4, held in Setúbal, Portugal, on 20–21 June 2026. We would like to assure all National Federations that we are treating this situation with the utmost seriousness and diligence.

In the interest of full transparency, we are sharing this update regarding the process undertaken following the event to date. The health, safety, and well-being of athletes remain our highest priority, and all actions have been guided by this principle. We respectfully request the cooperation of all National Federations in monitoring the health status of their athletes. While we fully respect the rights and privacy of individual athletes, the seriousness of the situation requires clear and timely communication.

Accordingly, we ask that any athlete experiencing symptoms, health concerns, or other related issues communicate these matters through their National Federation. National Federations should then promptly inform World Aquatics so that we can:

- Monitor athlete health effectively;
- Maintain accurate records and reporting;
- Provide appropriate support where required;
- Identify and address any emerging concerns in a timely manner; and
- Ensure that all necessary follow-up actions are undertaken.

Your cooperation is essential to safeguarding the health of all participants and enabling us to manage this situation responsibly and effectively.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and continued commitment to athlete welfare.

Respectfully yours,



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