



Information Pack

15th CMAS Underwater Hockey Open European Championships 21st – 29th August 2017 Eger-Hungary



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1. Invitation

1.1 Championship Host Invitation

To the National Underwater Federation
Member of CMAS

Budapest, 25th October 2016

Dear Ms/Mr President,

Re: CMAS Underwater Hockey Open European Championship 2017 - Eger

The Hungarian Divers Federation has submitted its official bid to host the 15th CMAS Underwater Hockey Open European Championships 21st - 29th August 2017 in Eger.

Following the CMAS BoD's favourable decision an organising team was set up immediately and started working on the preparation of the next important tournament of the underwater hockey sport.

Our team, which was responsible for the organisation of the 2013 World Championships will be at the disposal of every participant right until the end of the tournament. Experienced staff and dedicated volunteers are looking forward to making the upcoming Open European Championships another great event which ultimately satisfies the underwater hockey fraternity.

As Chairman of the Organising Committee I trust we can repeat the success of the 2013 Worlds and hope that you all will be part of it.



Yours truly,

Dr. Nyíri Iván
President
Hungarian Divers Federation
Chairman of the Organising Committee



1.2 CMAS Underwater Hockey Commission Invitation

Underwater hockey has a proud tradition of friendliness and camaraderie, which has grown even more prevalent since our first World Championship in 1980.

In 2013, the underwater hockey fraternity gathered again, that time in Eger, Hungary to take part in the biggest event of this fantastic sport has ever seen. This World Championships with 928 participating athletes from 18 countries from across the world became the largest single event in the history of underwater hockey sport.

Due to the great success of this tournament the organiser in Hungary and the city of Eger is keen to welcome underwater hockey again.

The preparation has started, the organising team is doing their best to provide you with another memorable event and hope you will have a great time in the beautiful city of Eger, Hungary.

On behalf of the CMAS Underwater Hockey Commission, I would like to invite you all to attend the 15th CMAS Open Underwater Hockey European Championships.

This event will serve as a proposed qualification event to attend the CMAS World Championship in 2023.

Nathan Peall
Tournament Director, CMAS UWH Commission

1.3 Eligibility

National Federation Teams are invited to participate at this European Championships if they are affiliated to CMAS. Each National team must comply with the Championship Rules, Safety Requirements set by the Organizers and all other CMAS Rules and Regulations, including the possession of valid CMAS sport licenses.

1.4 Contact Details

Communication medium	Address	Description
Championship email address	uwheuro2017@buvar.hu	Distribution of email to host organising committee and CMAS UWH Commission members
CMAS Website	http://www.cmas.org/hockey	Tournament information
Tournament Website (available from January 2017)		Online registration, latest news & updates
Facebook page	uwheuro2017	Latest news & updates



2. General Information

2.1 Background on Eger, Hungary

The Underwater Hockey European Championships will take place from 21st to 29th August 2017 in the pool of Eger, Heves County - Hungary.

To get an idea of the whereabouts of this 60 000+ inhabitants town in North-Eastern Hungary, - 130 kilometres away from Budapest airport, - please refer to the map below.



Eger with its one thousand-year history, heroic past, rich monuments, good food and unique spa is the second most visited sight of Hungary. The town is a historic place, yet it is also noted for its splendid Baroque architecture, wine, thermal and medicinal waters and lively student population. It became an Episcopal seat as early as the 11th century during the reign of St. Stephen, the state-founding king of Hungary. Disaster struck the town many times. It was practically destroyed during the invasion of the Tatars, but its fortress, built in the 13th century played a major role in the defence during the wars with the Othman Empire when in 1552 Captain István Dobó and a handful of his soldiers withstood the attack of the huge Turkish army. History does not remember that, but the early October snowfall helped the defenders greatly.



The centre of Eger is dominated by its magnificent Baroque palaces, public buildings and of course by the Lyceum. It became an important cultural and education centre in the 18th century. Close to 200 outstanding examples of the architecture of the past few centuries have been preserved in their original forms. The Eger Castle and fortification, castle museum, casemate, Gothic Palace, gallery, the Basilica from 1836, the Archbishop's Palace, Lyceum and its magnificent Library, Observatory and periscope, "Minor" Provost's Palace, Santa Clara Grammar School, Franciscan Church, County Hall from 1756, wrought iron gate by Henrik Fazola from 1778, the unique Sports Museum, "Major" Provost's Palace, County Library from 1722, or the Minorite Church from 1773, the unique in Central Europe Minaret from 1624 the Servite Church from 1752, the Greek-Orthodox Church and Orthodox parsonage are just a few of the cultural highlights of the town. The Kepes Museum, the István Dobó Grammar School, Cistercian Church and Grammar School, the Telekessy Pharmacy Museum with crockery, and Centre for Archbishop's Collection are also among the "must be seen" of the place.

Town and its surroundings are well-known for its wines. For over 1,000 years the population of the region produced grapes and excellent wines, such as Egri Bikavér (Bull's Blood) and Egri Leányka (Maiden of Eger, or the Rizling). The oldest wine-cellars are more than 400 years old (Szépasszonyvölgy), but new ones are carved into the volcanic ash mountains to this day.

Thermal springs were discovered in the 15th century. Since those times Eger is a frequented spa for visitors from neighbouring countries and from faraway places as well. Many public baths were in operation already during the Turkish era. The rebuilt Bath of Pasha Arnaut, or the Turkish Bath, is still open for those seeking treatment.

2.2 "Bitskey Aladár" Indoor Pool

The Underwater Hockey European Championships will be held in a state-of-art swimming pool. The



Bitskey Aladár indoor swimming pool is a 50 meters long pool, with width of 21 meters, depth 2,20m., temperature of the water is 28° C ± 1° C, with electronic scoreboard and has 1 700 spectators' seats.

It was built in 2003 and is the most spectacular pool of the country, hosting international swimming competitions, water polo tournaments, as well as many international underwater activities' training camps.

Since 2012 the CMAS Finswimming World Cup has taken place every year in this magnificent pool of Eger.

<http://www.360cities.net/image/swimming-pool-eger-2#0.00,0.00,70.0>





All accommodations available during the Championships are situated in a radius of 500 meters from the swimming pool.



2.3 Visa Requirements

If you require visas please contact the nearest Hungarian Embassy or Consular Office to your country of residence. In order to facilitate the visa process please send list of participants with names, birth dates and passport numbers to the tournament e-mail address to uwheuro2017@buvar.hu, as soon as you would know your teams' player names and accompanying persons, we can supply you with the necessary invitation letters. Visa arrangements should start not later than three months prior to entry into Hungary.

2.4 Additional Information

The official currency of Hungary is the Hungarian Forint (HUF). At the moment the ongoing exchange rate is 1 €=310HUF and 1 USD=280HUF

Hungary follows the left hand drive system.

The metrical measure system is used in Hungary.

Electrical current in Hungary is 220V, 50Hz, plug is two-pin round shape.



3. Tournament Details

3.1 Programme (DRAFT)

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21 st Mon	22 th Tue	23 th Wed	24 th Thu	25 th Fri	26 th Sat	27 th Sun	28 th Mon	29 th Tue
Registration	Round Robin	Round Robin	Round Robin	Round Robin	Round Robin	Round Robin & Playoffs	Finals & Playoffs Medal and Closing Ceremony Closing Party	Departure
Referees meeting & beep test								
Captain, Coaches and Referees Briefing								
Opening Ceremony								
Team Training Sessions								

3.2 Rules

The event is organised under the following rules and guidelines:

- ▶ Procedures and Obligations for the organisation of CMAS Competitions & Championships World-Zone-Continental World Cup Version 2014/01 BOD 185 25/01/2014
- ▶ CMAS Anti-doping Rules Version 08/2004
- ▶ CMAS Rules Of Discipline Version 2010
- ▶ CMAS International Rules for Underwater Hockey. Tenth Edition



3.3 Tournament Divisions

Each national federation can enter up to 2 women and 2 men teams. The divisions are as follows:

Men	Women	Age Cut Off
Elite	Elite	
Master (35 and over)	Master (32 and over)	as at 21st August 2017

All athletes, referees and team officials must possess a valid CMAS license.

3.4 Player Selection and Replacement

Teams are limited to 12 players and must be selected before the online registration of the team and player until the 30th June 2017. Players may be replaced between the 30th June 2017 and tournament registration on medical grounds only. This provision is to limit the increased workload on volunteer organisers that swapping players.

3.5 Playing Cap and Swimsuit approvals

These requests must be submitted to the Tournament Director by email before 30th April 2017 to nathanpeall@gmail.com. Please use **Cap and Swimsuit Approval Request** in your email request subject line.

As per Clause 11.2.1 All players of a team must wear identical bathing attire (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 Tournament Director approval prior to arrival at the competition.

Light Colours: White, Yellow, Light Blue, Light Grey, Orange.

Dark Colours: Black, Blue, Royal Blue, Navy Blue, Grey, Brown, Green, Red

Cap Numbers: To assist referees, cap numbers are limited to numbers between 1 and 15.

3.6 Registration and Meetings

Registration, documents check and delivery of accreditation will be undertaken at the indoor swimming pool for all teams. The various meetings will be held at the indoor pool conference room.

3.7 Opening Ceremony

Opening ceremony of the CMAS Underwater Hockey European Championships will be held on the 21st August at 18:00 at Dobó tér, the central square of Eger after which the Mayor's reception will be hosted at Town Hall for the team leaders of the European Championships.



3.8 Awards and Closing Ceremony

Awards and closing ceremony of the European Championships will be held on the 28th August at 19:00 at the Indoor Pool at the conclusion of the finals.

3.9 Post Event Celebration

Closing Party will be held at the gardens of Hotel Eger & Park 28th August 2017 20:00. Ticket price is 40 Euro/person.

3.10 Departure

29th August 2017 - Departure of the delegations, transfer to Liszt Ferenc international airport in Budapest.

3.11 European Championship Puck

The Championship Puck will be the SIMS puck from Great Britain as assessed in 2013

4. Officials

4.1 Tournament Officials

Tournament Director: Nathan Peall

Tournament Referee: To be appointed

Assistant Tournament Referees: To be appointed

Tournament Jury: Appointed once referees attending is confirmed.

Number of members as according to CMAS Rules

Grading of Referees: This will be undertaken by no less than 5 Senior International Referees from separate federations by peer review.

4.2 Referees

The tournament needs 24 suitable water referees to successfully officiate 2 matches at once.

All Referees must pass the referee in water beep test in Eger, at the start of the tournament to be graded as Level 1, 2 or 3.

4.3 Referee Accommodation

Full board for the referees staying at the referee accommodation will be provided. If Referees chose to stay with their teams they will have their boarding covered by their own team.



5. Team Entry Fees

5.1 CMAS Registration

A team registration form must be submitted via email to CMAS Headquarters to spo@cmas.org and to the Organising Committee to uwheuro2017@buvar.hu

5.2 CMAS Licences

All officials, coaches, athletes, referees, medical staff etc. are required to have their valid CMAS licences in order to be able to enter with their teams to the competition area.

CMAS licences can be checked and obtained by logging on to the CMAS Website located here:

http://www.cmas.org/members-area/athletes-s-licences?state=active&country=&federation=&gender=&commission=3&query=search+for...&search_clicked=0&oi=0&page=1

Sports Licences requests must be submitted to CMAS Headquarters via email to spo@cmas.org and to uwheuro2017@buvar.hu using the form supplied.

5.3 Tournament Entry Fee

The team entry fee for the tournament is €1 500.

All teams are expected to bring a suitably qualified referee. All referees need approval of the Tournament Director. Only 24 referees will be selected. Teams that do not bring a referee need to pay the required non-supply payment. The payment levels are set below.

Note: The non-supply of qualified referees payments must be paid prior to arrival at the Championship. Teams that fail to pay the supplementary payment will be disqualified.

- 1 team Euro 1000 if you do not supply one referee
- 2 teams Euro 750 if you only supply one referee
- 3 teams Euro 500 if you only supply 2 referees
- 4 teams 0 if you only supply 3 referees



The team entry fee covers the following costs:

- ▶ organising Committee's 14 months expenses, (transport, telecommunication, volunteers' maintenance costs etc.), related exclusively to the preparation of the European Championships.
- ▶ team-leaders' opening welcome reception at town hall
- ▶ pool for 7 competition days
- ▶ pool for 1 training day
- ▶ LED panels at the pools
- ▶ volunteers' assistance throughout the European Championships
- ▶ underwater cameras, underwater sound system, time/scoring system
- ▶ first aid, medical service presence
- ▶ anti doping tests' costs
- ▶ security service
- ▶ bottles and bottles filling for the judges
- ▶ internet connection at the pools sides for the athletes (high speed, broad band WIFI)
- ▶ participation at the opening, closing ceremonies

Annex A3 serve the purpose of facilitating the transfer of the Tournament Entry Fee for the above mentioned services.



6. Accommodation

Eger is a major tourist destination. Just like in other countries and tourist destinations in Europe and elsewhere in the world during high season, hotel prices in Eger at this time are higher than published prices, due to the high demand. According to preliminary figures, the European Championships will see around 500 athletes, plus the accompanying fans and family members.

To secure sufficient accommodation options and quality, the Underwater Hockey European Championships organisers have been required to book at least 50% of all the qualifying hotel space. This has been done and hoteliers gave the Championship a most favourable pricing structure, so all teams would have secured, pre-booked, good quality accommodation and superb food. The goal is to satisfy all participants' needs and budgets.

Organisers discourage teams to resorting to direct booking as quality will not be assured, availability in the very last moment could easily be changed and prices would definitely not be as competitive as prices achieved by the Organising Committee of the Hungarian Divers Federation one year before the tournament. For accommodation not obtained through the Hungarian Divers Federation, organisers cannot and will not assume any responsibility. Organisers reserve the right of any change of the conditions and scheduled programme.

2 packages are available for all budgets and needs:

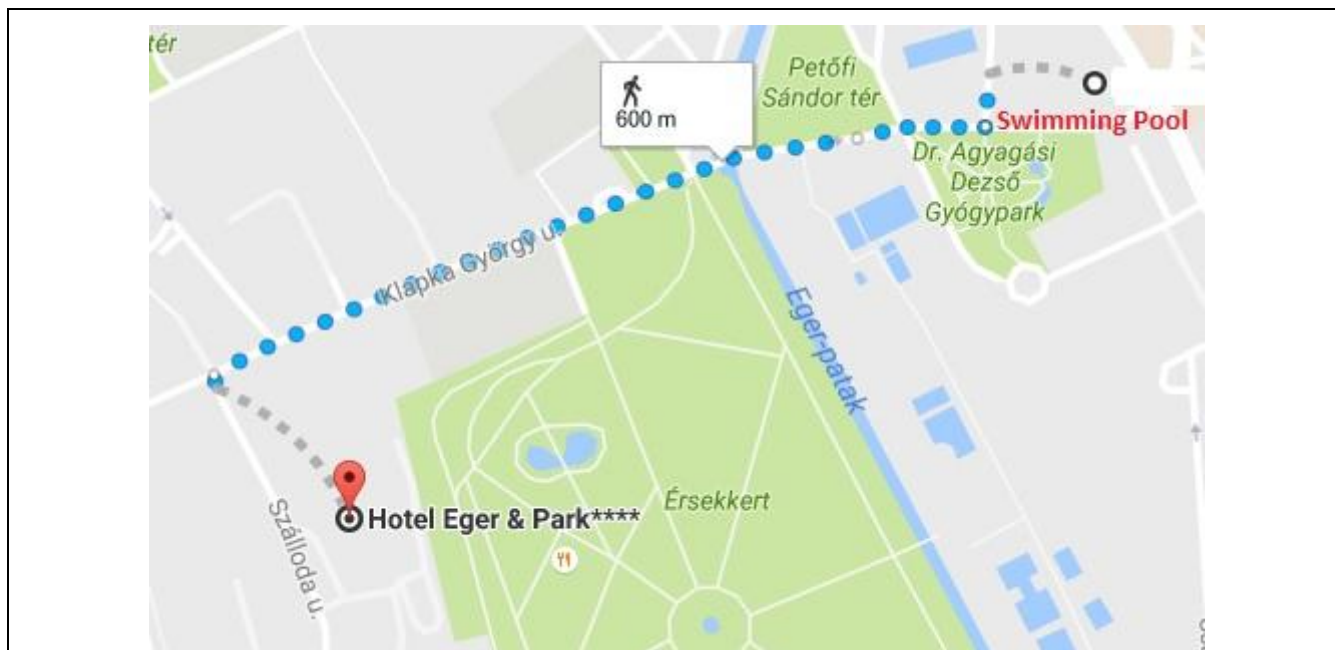
Hotel Eger **** Accommodation package	Student Hostel package
Accommodation fee for each participant is 590 Euro	Accommodation fee for each participant is 230 Euro
Includes accommodation Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner	Includes only accommodation Excludes meals
Includes Closing Party Ticket	Includes Closing Party Ticket
Excludes transport	Excludes transport

Details on each package are contained in sections 6.1, 6.2 below.



6.1 Hotel Eger**** accommodation package

see below the location of Hotel Eger and the swimming pool



Full board accommodation cost is **590 Euro/person**

Package price includes:

- ▶ accommodation for 8 nights, 9 days in three and four star hotels with double-, triple-, four bed, and twin rooms, on first come first served basis
- ▶ hotels located not more than 8 minutes' walk from pool
- ▶ breakfast, lunch and dinner, beginning with dinner on the 21st August , ending with breakfast of the 29th August
- ▶ to accommodate players' needs, extended lunch times from 12:00 to 15:00. so players could have lunch at a time suitable for them
- ▶ city tax, sales tax and tourist tax
- ▶ ticket for Closing Party
- ▶ Websites of the Hotel Eger **** Package

www.hotelegerpark.hu

6.2 Student Hostel Package

see below the location of Hostel and the swimming pool



Accommodation cost is **230 Euro/person**

Package price includes:

- ▶ accommodation for 8 nights, 9 days in hostels with double and triple bed rooms
- ▶ accommodation will be located less than 15 minutes light walk from pool
- ▶ city tax, sales tax and tourist tax
- ▶ ticket for Closing Party

6.3 Indicative Cost of Other Services

Should they still need extra services, prices are the following:

Services	Cost	Condition
Transportation charge from airport to Eger and back, each way 130 km	65 Euro/person	provided min. 10 persons travel together in case of less than 10 persons specialised price will be applied
Extra night charge expense on full board basis in 3-4 star accommodation	85 Euro/day	provided all 8 package nights are used in the same accommodation
Single room charge on full board basis in 3-4 star accommodation	35 Euro/day	provided all 8 package nights are used in the same accommodation
Extra night charge expense in hostel	19 Euro/day	provided all 8 package nights are used in the same accommodation
Single room charge in hostel	8 Euro/day	provided all 8 package nights are used in the same accommodation
Closing Party Ticket	40 Euro/person	if you not book accommodation package



7. Deadlines & Conditions of Entry

All forms and payment confirmations must be emailed to the Organisers in Hungary, the Hockey Commission via email to uwheuro2017@buvar.hu as well as to CMAS HQ spo@cmas.org

Appendix	Form and Details	Deadline
A1	<p>Team Registration Form</p> <p>The preliminary declaration of participating teams and their estimated numbers submitted to the Organizing Committee in Hungary at uwheuro2017@buvar.hu</p>	No later than 20 th December 2016
A2	<p>Accommodation Deposit Form</p> <p>Return of form indicating the type of accommodation your teams require along with 10% booking deposit payable to the Organizing Committee in Hungary by direct bank transfer. A letter proving the bank transfer should be sent to the Organizing Committee at uwheuro2017@buvar.hu</p>	Not later than 20 th December 2016
A3	<p>Team Entry Fee Calculation Form</p> <p>Payment of the "Team Participation Fee" should be as well transferred to the Organisers' bank account. A letter proving the bank transfer should be sent to the Organizing Committee at uwheuro2017@buvar.hu</p>	No later than 31 st March 2017
	Out of CMAS Games Team Registration provided to spo@cmas.org	No later than 30 th April 2017
	CMAS Sports Licences provided to spo@cmas.org	No later than 30 th April 2017
Online	<p>Final Participants' List - players, referees, coaches, managers, officials, accompanying family members etc., have to be registered online</p> <p>(website will be available from January 2017)</p>	No later than 30 th June 2017
A4	Anti-doping acknowledgement. One acknowledgement per player must be submitted to spo@cmas.org	No later than 30 th June 2017
Online	<p>Hotel Booking period is closed, Full accommodation fee is to be paid and Final Booking has to be conducted online</p> <p>(website will be available from January 2017)</p>	No later than 30 th June 2017



A1 - Team Registration Form- Due 20th December 2016 via email

Appendix A1-A2-A3

Championship Forms - Due 20th December 2016

A1 Team Registration Form

A2 Accommodation Deposit Calculation Form

Championship Forms - Due 31st March 2017

A3 Team Entry Fee Calculation Form



A1 - Team Registration Form- Due 20th December 2016 via email

Team Registration Form

Email this form before 20th December 2016 to uwheuro2017@buvar.hu

FEDERATION	
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email:	
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Division	Participants in team (estimated)	Name Of Manager	Contact E-Mail:
<input type="checkbox"/> Elite Women			
<input type="checkbox"/> Elite Men			
<input type="checkbox"/> Masters Women			
<input type="checkbox"/> Masters Men			



A2 - Accommodation Fee Form- Due 20th December 2016
via email to uwheuro2017@buvar.hu

Accommodation Deposit Form

FEDERATION	
Contact Name and Email	

Accommodation Package Costs

Option 1		Option 2		
Hotel Eger**** Package		Student Hostel Package		
580 Euro per person		230 Euro per person		
Entry Items	Accommodation Option 1 or 2 Cost	Deposit Amount 10%	Estimated number of people	Deposit Sub Total
Example Team 1	590 Euro	59 Euro	14	826 Euro
Example Team 2	230 Euro	23 Euro	12	276 Euro
Elite Women				
Elite Men				
Masters Women				
Masters Men				
Total Deposit Payment				

Terms of entry

1. This form must arrive before 20th December 2016, final payment by 30 Jun 2017.
2. E-mail all forms and payment confirmation to uwheuro2017@buvar.hu
3. The Federation, through its fully owned body, **Hungarian Divers Federation Nonprofit Ltd.**, specialized to organise championships will do the operational work of the European Championships. Payments are due to be addressed to its bank account (see details below)
4. Bank transfer to Hungarian Divers Federation Nonprofit Ltd account.
5. After we receive your confirmation of participation we will email you a proforma invoice including the bank details. You could check it, still make amendment to it and then conduct the payment.



A3 - Team Entry Fee Calculation Form- Due 31st March 2017
via email to uwheuro2017@buvar.hu

Team Entry Fee Calculation Form

FEDERATION	
Contact Name and Email	

Entry Items	Cost	Number	Sub Total
Team entry fee	1500 €		
Closing Party Tickets	40 €		
Payment after 31 st March 2017	250 €		
	TOTAL		

Terms of Entry

1. This form must arrive before 31st March 2017
2. E-mail forms and payment confirmation to uwheuro2017@buvar.hu
3. The Federation, through its fully owned body, **Hungarian Divers Federation Nonprofit Ltd.**, specialized to organise championships will do the operational work of the European Championships. Payments are due to be addressed to its bank account (see details below)
4. Bank transfer to Hungarian Divers Federation Nonprofit Ltd. account.
5. After we receive your confirmation of participation we will email you a proforma invoice including the bank details. You could check it, still make amendment and then conduct the payment.



A4 - Anti Doping acknowledgement and agreement Due 30th June 2017 via e-mail to spo@cmas.org

Note: Team Managers need to submit one form per player

APPENDIX A4 - ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT

1. I, the undersigned as a member of Hungarian Divers Federation and a participant in 2017 CMAS Open Underwater Hockey European Championships, hereby acknowledge and agree as follows:
2. I have received and had an opportunity to review the C.M.A.S. Anti-Doping Rules.
3. I consent and agree to comply with and be bound by all of the provisions of the C.M.A.S. Anti-Doping Rules, including but not limited to, all amendment to the Anti-Doping Rules and all International Standards incorporated in the Anti-Doping Rules.
4. I acknowledge and agree that Hungarian Divers Federation and C.M.A.S. have jurisdiction to impose sanctions as provided in the C.M.A.S. Anti-Doping Rules.
5. I also acknowledge and agree that any dispute arising out of a decision made pursuant to the C.M.A.S. Anti-Doping Rules, after exhaustion of the process expressly provided for in the C.M.A.S. Anti-Doping Rules, may be appealed exclusively as provided in Article 14 of the C.M.A.S. Anti-Doping Rules to an appellate body for final and binding arbitration, which in the case of C.M.A.S. International-Level Athletes and National-Level Athletes of C.M.A.S. member National Federations, is the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne.
6. I acknowledge and agree that the decisions of the arbitral appellate body referenced above shall be final and enforceable, and that I will not bring any claim, arbitration, lawsuit or litigation in any other court or tribunal.
7. I have read and understand this Acknowledgement and Agreement.

Date

Print Name (Last Name, First Name)

CMAS Licence No:

**Date of Birth
(Day/Month/Year)**

Signature (or, if a minor, signature of legal guardian)

Name of my NF and Country

