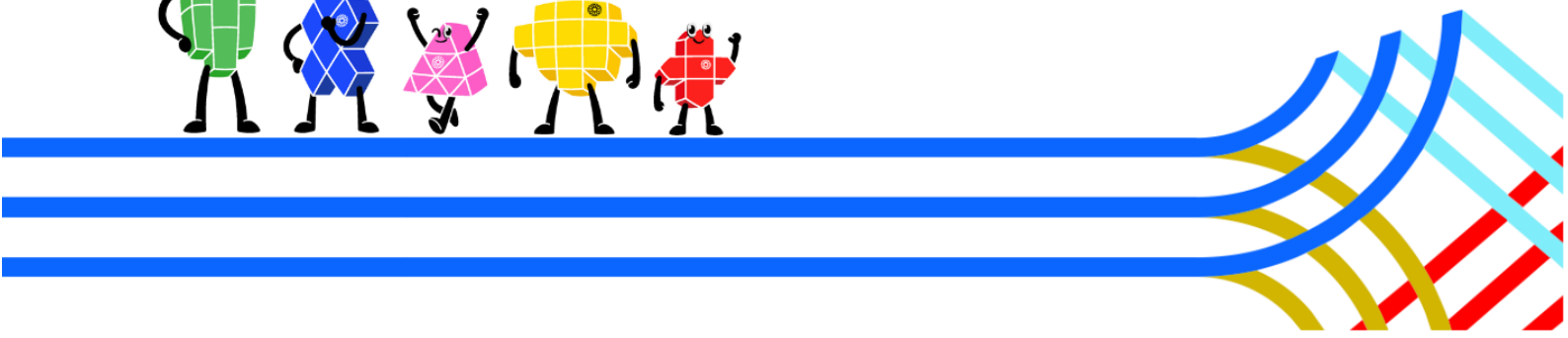
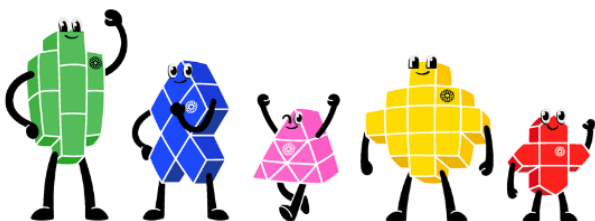


# Technical Handbook

The 33rd SEA Games Thailand 2025



## AQUATICS (WATER POLO)



# General Information



# Technical Part



## Sport Information

### I. Sports Federation

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## 1. Dates

The Water Polo (WPO) competition for the **33rd SEA Games Thailand 2025** will be held from **15 to 19 December 2025**

**Competition Dates: 15 to 19 December 2025**

**Training Dates: 13 to 14 December 2025**

## 2. Venues

Water Polo competition will be held in Bangkok, Thailand at **Thammasat University Rangsit Campus** which serves two (2) purposes:

- The competition field-of-play (FOP)
- The training – warm up field.

## 3. Event

The Water Polo competition will consist of two (02) events consist of

- **One (1) Men's events**
- **One (1) Women's events**

Two (02) Events			
Events	MEN	WOMEN	Mixed
Team	1	1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	

**Note:**

- Each NOC may enter a maximum of one (1) Men's team and one (1) Women's team.
- Each team shall comprise a maximum of fifteen (15) athletes and three (3) officials, as well as up to two (2) medical staves.

## 4. Competition Schedule

The detailed competition schedule will be confirmed after the Draw is conducted

## 5. Entries

### 5.1 Eligibility

- 5.1.1 Only SEAGF member NOCs are entitled to send athletes to participate in the Water Polo competition of the 33<sup>rd</sup> SEA Games Thailand 2025.
- 5.1.2 Only athletes who comply with the World Aquatics Competition Rules and SEAGF constitution and rules and its by-laws are entitled to participate in the Water Polo competition.
- 5.1.3 For eligibility matters, in the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the South East Asian Games Federation (SEAGF) Charter, THASOC, Asia Aquatics (AA), South East Asia Aquatics and World Aquatics, the latter shall prevail.
- 5.1.4 Only nationals of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) shall be qualified to represent the NOC in the Games. All disputes relating to the determination of the country, which an athlete may represent in the SEA Games shall be resolved in accordance with the South East Asian Games Federation

(SEAGF) Charter and Rules as well as Rule 41 and By- Law to Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter (Nationality of competitors).

## 5.2 Entry Policies

- 5.2.1 Each NOC may enter a maximum of one (1) Men's team and one (1) Women's team.
- 5.2.2 Each team shall comprise a maximum of fifteen (15) athletes and three (3) officials as well as up to 2 medical staffs.

## 5.3 Submission of Entries

- Entry Form by Sport: Deadline 8 May 2025 at 24.00 (Bangkok time)
- Entry Form by Number: Deadline 8 May 2025 at 24.00 (Bangkok time)
- Entry Form by Name: Deadline 1 September 2025 at 24.00 (Bangkok time)

All Entry Form by Sport, Entry Form by Number and Entry by Name may be sent via email and subsequently confirmed with stamped original by email to the following address:  
 THASOC Sports Technical Department: sport.thasoc@gmail.com

## The 33rd SEA Games Thailand 2025 Organizing Committee

Address: THASOC OFFICE Coordination Center, Sports Authority of Thailand  
 286 Ramkhamhaeng Road, Huamark, Bangkok, Bangkok 10240 THAILAND  
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 Tel: +66 92 509 5644

## 6. Pre-Competition: Team Managers and Tournament Officials Meetings

### 6.1 Technical Official's Meeting (Referee & Officials Workshop)

Date: 14 December 2025  
 Time: 10:00 am  
 Venue: Thammasart University Rangsit Campus

### 6.2 Team Managers' Meeting (Technical)

Date: 14 December 2025  
 Time: 02:00 pm  
 Venue: Thammasart University Rangsit Campus

### 6.3 Drawing

Date: TBD  
 Time: TBD  
 Venue: Online

## 7. General Rules and Regulations

### 7.1 Rules

#### 7.1.1 Eligibility Code (SEAGF 30)

To be eligible for participation in the SEA Games, a competitor must comply with the Federation's rules, regulations and by-laws, including this Charter and

Rules, in particular in relation to eligibility and nationality, as well as the related provisions in the Olympic Charter, and the rules, regulations and by-laws for participation in the Olympic Games.”

### **7.1.2 Nationality of Competitor (SEAGF 31)**

Only nationals of the country of the NOC who are holding current valid national passports of the country of that Member-NOC shall be qualified and eligible to represent the Member-NOC in the SEA Games. All disputes relating to the determination of the country which a competitor may represent in the SEA Games shall be decided by the Arbitration Panel established under this Charter and Rules, in accordance with the Federation’s rules, regulations and by-laws, including this Charter and Rules, relating to eligibility and nationality.”

### **7.1.3 Number of Entries (SEAGF 34.3, 37)**

- a) A minimum of four (4) NOCs must register to participate by the respective closing date of both the Entry by Number and the Entry by Name registration in a sport or discipline or team event and in the case of an individual event, a minimum of three (3) NOCs must register to participate by the closing date of both the Entry by Number and Entry by Name registration, for it to be included in the SEA Games program. For the avoidance of doubt:
  - A doubles event shall be considered an individual event.
  - There shall be no waiver of this Rule on minimum entry.”
- b) The maximum number of entries from each nation in each event is fixed by the Federation in consultation with the Host NOC. However, the following numbers cannot be exceeded:
  - For individual events, including singles and doubles events, there shall only be two (2) entries from each NOC (without reserves) EXCEPT for the sports with weight category, such as all martial arts and combat sports, Body-building, Weightlifting, etc., where there shall only be one (1) entry per weight category or per event from each NOC; and for the sport of Sailing, where there shall only be one (1) entry per event from each NOC.
  - For team events, there shall be one (1) team per genre per NOC, and the number of reserves shall not exceed the number of players allowed by the International Federation.
  - For all events where individual competitions are conducted, the competitors for any one (1) NOC cannot win more than two (2) medals in the respective individual events.
  - No Federation Member-NOC, including the Host NOC or the Organizing Committee of any SEA Games, is allowed to limit the



participation of any other Federation Member-NOC or any athlete from participating in any sport, discipline or event solely on the ground or for any reason of limitation of participation.”

#### **7.1.4 International Sport Federation**

World Aquatics (AQUA)

#### **7.1.5 Asia Continental Sport Federation**

Asia Aquatics (AA)

#### **7.1.6 South East Asia Sport Federation**

South East Asia Aquatics (SEAA)

#### **7.1.7 Technical Officials and Jury of Appeal (SEAGF 41)**

- a) The necessary technical officials, referees, judges, umpires, timekeepers, inspectors and other technical officials (collectively “International Technical Officials” or ITOs”) and a Jury of Appeal for each sport in such number as shall be determined by the Host NOC or the Organizing Committee under consultation with the Technical Delegate (TD) , shall be appointed by the Host NOC or Organizing Committee in consultation with the appropriate IF/AF and in cooperation with the respective National Federation of the Host NOC or local sport official/representative. All such ITOs and Jury of Appeal officials approved and appointed by the Host NOC or Organizing Committee shall be referred collectively as “IF/AF International Technical Officials” or IF/AF ITOs” and “Jury of Appeal” accordingly.
- b) The Organizing Committee shall pay for the air or international travel (based on best economy fare to the host city), accommodation (equivalent to a hotel of at least a 3-star internationally accepted rating, based on twin-share basis except for single rooms for Technical Delegates, Chief Umpires and Chief Scorer), meals, official local transport expenses and a per diem only of the IF/AF ITOs and Jury of Appeal officials at the established rates of the Organizing Committee starting from within than two (2) days before the start of the first event of the sport or discipline concerned until one (1) day after the end of the competition of the last event of that sport or discipline.
- c) In approving and appointments of ITOs and Jury of Appeal members, all IF and or AF concerned must give priority, first to the appointment of qualified ITOs and Jury of Appeal members who reside within the South East Asian (SEA) region, and second, to those who reside within the Asian continent, before appointing any ITOs or Jury of Appeal members from outside the SEA region or Asia continent.
- d) No official who has participated in a decision may serve in the Jury of Appeal that reviews it. The findings of the Jury of Appeal shall be

- communicated as soon as possible to the Federation Office, Host NOC, Organizing Committee and Executive Committee.
- e) Technical officials and members of the Jury of Appeal may not live in the Games Villages, but the Organizing Committee shall ensure and bear the cost of their accommodation, including board and local transport facilities at such established rates of the Organizing Committee.
  - f) The Jury of Appeal's decision(s) on all technical questions concerning its respective sport or of disciplinary nature is/are final. Such decision shall, however, be without prejudice to any further penalty and or sanction, which may be imposed by the Executive Committee.
  - g) The Jury of Appeal shall be composed of a Chairperson (who shall be the Technical Delegate) and not more than two (2) other representatives as Jury of Appeal members, who shall be appointed by the IF/AF from amongst the IF/AF ITOS and or IF/AF representative(s) present at the Games.
  - h) In the event of a dispute relating to technical questions concerning its respective sport, discipline and or event, or competition or any matter that is disciplinary in nature, that is referred to a relevant Jury of Appeal, representatives of countries in the Jury of Appeal whose countries are involved in the dispute or protest must NOT participate in the deliberations and or decision making and cannot vote in the resolution of the dispute.
  - i) Any NOC dissatisfied with any decision of any Jury of Appeal (except decisions concerning matters of fact and judgment calls where no appeal is allowed) may refer his/her appeal to the Panel of Arbitrators

#### **7.1.8 Arbitration Panel (SEAGF 42)**

The Arbitration Panel shall deliberate and decide finally on all questions concerning the SEA Games or appeals (including on any violation of anti-doping code, rules or regulations) from any sport, discipline or event or any disputes arising from or related to the SEA Games. NOCs or the Organizing Committee may also submit question or any matter related to the SEA Games to the Arbitration Panel for determination. Further, the Arbitration Panel may intervene in and determine all questions of non-technical nature outside the jurisdiction of the Jury of Appeal set up for each sport, discipline or event in the Games program.

#### **7.1.9 Penalty in case of Fraud (SEAGF 44)**

A competitor proved to have fraudulently transgressed or breached any provisions of the Charter, Rules, Regulations or By-laws of the Federation shall be disqualified and lose any position or medal he/she may have gained. If this competitor's NOC is proved to have been a party to the fraud, his/her country shall be disqualified in the sport concerned.

## 8. Competition Procedures, Rules and Regulations

### 8.1 Competition Rules

The Water Polo competition of the 33<sup>rd</sup> SEA Games Thailand 2025 will be held in accordance with the World Aquatics (AQUA) Competition Regulations under the guidance of the Technical Delegate (TD).

In case of any disagreement in the language interpretation of the AQUA Rules and Regulations, the English version shall prevail. Any unforeseen cases not covered by the Rules and Regulations shall be resolved as follows:

- 8.1.1** General Issues: To be resolved in accordance with the SEAGF Charter and Rules.
- 8.1.2** Technical Issues: To be resolved in accordance with the AQUA Rules and Regulations and AQUA Norms.

### 8.2 Competition Format

- 8.2.1** If there are up to seven (7) teams participating, they shall play in one (1) group with teams playing in a single round-robin league format. Three (3) points will be awarded for a win in the regular time, two (2) for a win through penalty shoot-out, one (1) for a loss through penalty shoot-out, and zero (0) for a loss in the regular time.
- 8.2.2** At the end of the competition, the team ranked first with the highest points will be awarded the gold medal, the team ranked second awarded the silver medal and the team ranked third awarded the bronze medal.
- 8.2.3** If there are eight (8) or more teams participating, they shall be divided into two (2) or three (3) groups, with each team playing each other in a single round-robin league format within their own group. Three (3) points will be awarded for a win in regular time, two (2) points for a win through penalty shoot-out, one (1) for a loss through penalty shoot-out, and zero (0) for a loss in regular time.
  - The winner of one group shall play the last ranked team of the other group in quarter-final 1 and the winner of the other group shall play the last ranked team the first group in the quarter-final 2. The second and third team in each group will likewise play the quarter-final games. In case there are there or more groups in the preliminary round, the best competition schedule shall be determined.
  - Winners of the quarter-finals will play semi-final games. Loser of the quarter-finals will play 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> round games.
  - The winners of the semi-finals will compete in a play-off and the winner will be awarded the gold medal and the loser awarded the silver medal.
  - The losers of the semi-finals will compete in a play-off and the winner will be awarded the bronze medal.

- If more than 8 teams turn out to participate and the above-mentioned tournament system does not work, an alternative tournament format shall be determined.

### **8.3 Seeding**

If the two (2)-group system for the Preliminary Round of competition is adopted, the gold medal team from the last tournament shall be seeded in Group A and the second-placed team seeded in Group B. At the same time, the third and the fourth - placed teams shall be placed in different groups in the Preliminary Round.

### **8.4 Official Draw**

The official Draw for Water Polo will take place no later than two (2) months prior to the start of the Water Polo competition in accordance with the AQUA Rules and Regulations. (AQUA Water Polo Rules 2025).

### **8.5 Tie-Break Procedures**

If two (2) teams obtain equal number of points by the end of any part of the group competition, classification will be established as follows:

- 8.5.1** The team winning the game between the two (2) teams shall be placed higher.
- 8.5.2** If there is more than one (1) tie in a group, or three (3) or more teams shall have equal points, AQUA Rules on tie-breaking (Competition Regulations VI 20.9.1.11.1.1.2) will be applied.

### **8.6 Technical Officials and Jury of Appeal**

The appointments of Technical Officials and Jury of Appeal members will be in accordance with Article 41 of the SEAGF Charter and Rules.

#### **8.6.1 International Technical Officials (ITOs)**

Each participating NOC may nominate one (1) AQUA-qualified Water Polo Referee who is on the List of Certified Water Polo Referees to officials in the competition in accordance with the SEAGF Charter and Rules subject to the following condition

- The nominated ITO must be on the List of AQUA- qualified referees.
- Only NOCs participating in the Water Polo competition may nominate their respective qualified Technical Official to help/assist in officiating the competition
- The appointment of NOC nominees shall be subject to the approval of the TD.



Participating NOCs shall bear the international transportation cost for its nominated Technical Officials while THASOC will bear cost related to local transport, accommodation, per diem for these Referees.

#### **8.6.2 National Technical Officials (NTOs)**

Thailand Aquatics Association (TAA) will appoint such number of National Technical Officials (NTOs) to assist the International Technical Officials.

#### **8.6.3 Jury of Appeal**

The Jury of Appeal shall consist of the Technical Delegate as the Chairman, as well as two (2) members who will be appointed from the participating teams during the Team Managers' Meeting.

### **8.7 Delays, Postponements, Cancellations**

The Technical Delegate must consult the THASOC Secretariate if there is any delay, postponement or cancellation of any competition that affects the scheduled times for "live broadcast" or victory ceremonies.

## **9. Official Equipment and Competition Attire**

### **9.1 Sports Equipment**

All sports equipment used by athletes in competition must comply with the SEAGF Charter and Rules and AQUA Rules and Regulations.

### **9.2 Competition Attire**

All clothing worn by athletes in competition must comply with the SEAGF Charter and Rules and AQUA Rules and Regulations GR 5 on Swimwear.

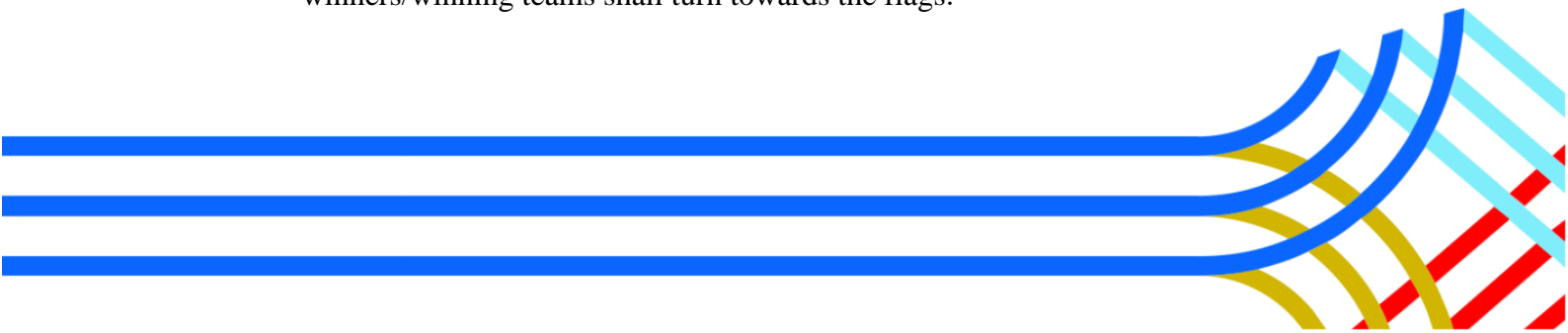
## **10. Media Interview**

10.1 All athletes should pass through the Mixed Zone as directed by the Media Officer.

10.2 Athletes and/or coaches should attend press conference and interview requests for them.

## **11. Prizes and Commendations**

- Medals to the winners of the SEAGF Games shall be presented by the SEAGF President. The President may delegate this privilege to other members of the SEAGF, accompanied by the President of the IF and/or AF concerned (or their deputy), if possible, immediately after the event and where the competition took place in the following manner.
- The competitors who have been judged first, second and third shall take their places, in their sports uniforms, on a stand on the field facing the Tribune of Honour, with the winner slightly above the second who is on their right and the third who is on their left. The flag of the delegates of the winner shall be hoisted on the central flag-pole and those of the second and third on adjoining flagpoles on the right and on the left, as they face the arena. Meanwhile, the abbreviated National Anthem of the winner is played. The three winners/winning teams shall turn towards the flags.



- The medal presentations shall be as per the following order:
  - Gold Medal – to the first-place winner.
  - Silver Medal – to the second-place winner.
  - Bronze Medal – to the third-place winner.
- All medalists must wear their respective NOC official uniform.
- No equipment or accessories may be taken by the athlete to the medal award ceremony or media interview areas, unless it is worn, e.g., shoes and clothing which must be in accordance with the SEAGF commercial guidelines.
- No kind of demonstration or commercial, political, religious or racial propaganda is permitted during the Victory Ceremony of the Games. Any action of such kind will be subject to penalization by the Executive Board EB including disqualification, withdrawal of medals, certificates, accreditation, rankings and the like.
- Any disrespect shown to the Games, Medals, Flags, Mascot or Certificates or any other material. by any athlete during the Victory Ceremony or during the Games will be subject to penalization by the EB, including but not limited to disqualification, withdrawal of medals, certificates, accreditation, rankings as decided by the EB.
- Victory, medals and diploma certificates, shall be in strict compliance with the SEAGF Protocol Guidelines. The design and format of the medals and diplomas shall be submitted to the SEAGF for its approval.

## 12. Victory Ceremonies

The medals may be presented by the board members of the Member-NOCs participating in the particular sport, discipline or event (with priority being given to those with medal winners) and or Guests of Honor of the Federation, and such victory ceremonies, if possible, shall take place immediately after the event at a place where the competition took place and in the following manner:

- The competitors who have been judged first, second and third shall take their places, in their sport attire or NOC designated attire, on a stand facing the Tribune of Honor, with the winner slightly above the second who is on his/her right, and the third who is on his/her left.
- The flag of the country of the winner shall be hoisted on the central flagpole or screen and those of the second and third on adjoining flagpoles or screen on the right and left as they face the arena. Meanwhile, the National Anthem of the country of the winner is played and the competitors and spectators shall face the flags.

## 13. Medical Code (SEAGF 33)

- The Host NOC and Organizing Committee of the SEA Games will ensure the health of all athletes and other participants during the SEA Games.





- Anti-Doping Rule Violations as defined by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code is forbidden.
- All competitors shall be subject, during the Games, to doping control initiated by the Federation at any time or place, carried out in conformity with the WADA Code and its respective International Standards, as elaborated in the SEA Games Anti-Doping Rules.
- Competitors in sports restricted to women must comply with the prescribed tests for disorders of sexual determination when so needed.
- Any competitor refusing to submit to doping control or who is found guilty of any Anti-Doping Rule violation shall be excluded from the SEA Games.
- The principles of exclusion for teams and individuals shall be in accordance with the WADA Code.
- A medal may be withdrawn by order of the Executive Committee or the Council on the recommendation of the Chairperson of the Anti-Doping Committee when an athlete is found guilty of a violation under the SEA Games Anti-Doping Rules and or the WADA Code.
- The Anti-Doping Committee shall manage and implement the doping test programme for the SEA Games to which it was appointed for in accordance with WADA requirements, and implement the SEA Games Anti-Doping Rules and WADA Code.
- The SEA Games Anti-Doping Rules and Regulations shall in no way affect further and or other sanctions by the relevant International Federation, WADA and or any other relevant national, regional, continental, international or world organizations or bodies.
- All competitors and officials are also subject to, and shall comply with the respective anti-gaming and manipulation, and harassment and abuse, and safeguarding rules, regulations, codes and guidelines of the respective Federation Member-NOC, IOC, OCA, SEAGF, the respective IF and or AF of the sport concerned.
  - a) Any competitor or team official refusing to submit thereto or found guilty of any violation or offence thereunder shall be excluded from the SEA GAMES.
  - b) A medal may be withdrawn by order of the Executive Committee or the Council on the recommendation of the Arbitration Panel when an athlete is found guilty of any violation or offence thereunder.”

#### **14. Doping Control**

The 33<sup>rd</sup> SEA Games Thailand 2025 Organizing Committee, shall establish the SEAGF Anti-Doping Committee, which shall, under the guidance of the SEAGF and working with the SEAGF Office, be responsible for the Anti-Doping program for the 33<sup>rd</sup> SEA Games Thailand 2025. The Anti-Doping program will be run in accordance with the SEAGF Anti-Doping Rules and the WADA International Standard for Testing and Investigation. Sample analysis will be performed at a WADA-accredited laboratory or as otherwise approved by WADA. Both urine and blood tests will be conducted before and during the competition to ensure compliance.

Athletes requiring the use of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method during the event must apply for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) through the SEAGF Anti-Doping Committee by the specified deadline (TBC). If an athlete has already been granted a TUE by their National Anti-Doping Organization or International Federation, the SEAGF Anti-Doping Committee will recognize it.

**15. Approval of the Technical Handbook**

This Technical Handbook was approved by the **South East Asian Aquatics (SEAA)** on **30 June 2025**

Any further amendments to the Technical Handbook shall be circulated via e-mail to the NOCs.

