

Athletes and Team Officials

World Aquatics (AQUA) and the Aquatics Integrity Unit (AQIU) are committed to ensuring safe, abuse-free and respectful environments across all aquatic events.

Anyone registered as an athlete or a team official—including coach, head coach, chef de mission, team leader, support staff, media liaison—for World Aquatics Events must, prior to participation, have successfully completed the eLearning safeguarding course [Safeguarding Essentials \(Course 1\)](#) or a course recognised by the AQIU (Aquatics Integrity Unit)*, prior to participation at the Event. Anyone who has not met this requirement will not be eligible to participate and thus will not have their accreditation activated.

AQIU Recognised Safeguarding Courses*

Please refer to the list of safeguarding education courses recognised by the AQIU [here](#). These certifications are accepted to fulfill the mandatory safeguarding education requirements for all World Aquatics competitions.

The AQIU recognises safeguarding courses offered at national level, provided that the course covers, at a minimum, the core areas included within Safeguarding Essentials (Course 1) and that a nominal certificate of completion is delivered afterwards. Member Federations are invited to reach out to the AQIU should they wish to have a safeguarding course reviewed and recognised. For any questions regarding safeguarding education requirements please contact the AQIU at info@aquaticsintegrity.com.

Steps to Complete the Safeguarding Certification

Please follow these instructions in order to complete the course:

Step 1:

Access the eLearning course webpage [here](#).

Step 2:

Follow the steps outlined in the [Registration Guide](#) to access and complete the course. In case of any queries, please refer to the [frequently asked questions \(FAQs\)](#) for guidance. If you face any other technical issues, contact OpenLearn at openlearncreate@open.ac.uk or submit a report using the online form [here](#). The 90-minute course is divided into three 30-minute sessions for you to complete at your own pace. To receive the certificate, complete the course in full.

Step 3:

Once the course has been successfully completed, download the certificate of completion, and send it to your World Aquatics Member.

Step 4:

The World Aquatics Member must upload the certificate of completion of each athlete on their respective GMS profile [here](#) (in the Sport tab).

General
Travel Documents
Contact
Sport
Uniform
Certification
Companions
Emails
History
Documents

Scoreboard Photo

Club

Club Country
Select Country
Coach

Biography

Certificates

Anti-Doping Education Certificate (ADEL)

Certificate image or PDF

Choose...

Safeguarding Certificate

Certificate PDF only

Choose...

Note: In order to avoid any issues, Members should not wait until their teams are finalised to inform their athletes and team officials about this requirement. Rather, they should ask all athletes and team officials who could potentially participate in the event to complete the course immediately.

For any questions regarding this requirement, please contact info@aquaticsintegrity.com