



# INFORMATION BULLETIN

## LEN EUROPEAN OPEN WATER SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

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Dear friends,

### Welcome to the LEN European Open Water Championship.

In 2016 Hoorn will be the host of the LEN European Open Water Championship. Hoorn is known as the open water capital of the Netherlands. It is the host of the annual European Open Water Swimming Cup and in the past also was the venue of the European Junior Open Water Championship.

Hans van Goor, Edith van Dijk and of course Maarten van der Weijden are well known regional athletes and all have done their laps in Hoorn.

In the Olympic Season the European Championships are the most important showcase for the athletes to test their form on the way to Rio. European Champions Sharon van Rouwendaal and Ferry Weertman will defend their titles in home water.

Of course we will support our Dutch athletes, but we are keen to offer all Europe's finest athletes the best competition possible in their chase for gold.





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### Hoorn: city of monuments



Hoorn is buzzing! This historic city with its unique waterside location is a living monument. Over the years Hoorn has retained its international character. Hoorn's 72,000 inhabitants, representing around 80 different nationalities, live in the old city centre and the districts built around it.

In Hoorn, young and old coexist happily. This goes for both the people and the buildings. Modern architecture is carefully blended into the historical townscape. Hoorn is a compact, complete town with a good location. Next to the A7 and with a direct rail connection to Amsterdam and Schiphol, Hoorn is practically on the doorstep of the Netherlands Randstad area. Set in rural surroundings on the shore of the IJsselmeer, Hoorn is a great place to live and work and spend your leisure time. The beating heart of West Friesland.

Hoorn has a rich past. In the Golden Age, Hoorn was as one of the six bases of the Dutch East India Company, a prosperous and powerful trading town. This prosperity can still be seen in the historical town centre with its atmosphere of bygone eras. Listed buildings are an integral part of everyday life, providing space for shops, offices, museums and homes. The former Oostereiland prison complex is an extraordinary site, with future plans for a mix of housing, workplaces, culture and bars and restaurants. Beyond the town itself, the former villages of Westerblokker and Zwaag boast many historical treasures. After Amsterdam and Haarlem, Hoorn is the third monument city in the province Noord-Holland.

### Hoorn: harbour city

Over the course of the centuries Hoorn harbour has played a major role in the nature and development of the city. Once the harbour was the departure point of the Dutch East India Company, later the fishing fleet found a home port there and, at present, Hoorn harbour is a favourite port of call for water sports.



Many old sailing ships also frequently call into Hoorn for sailing excursions and water holidays. For many of the water tourists who come to the town each year, the cosy old harbour, with its characteristic Hoofdtoren tower is the landmark of Hoorn.

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### Course information

It is in this beautiful harbour and in front of the Hoofdtoren tower where the course will be set out. Athletes will both swim in the harbour, as well as 'out' on the Markermeer lake, which will provide varying and therefore challenging conditions for the Championships.

Below a course that will be used for the competitions. Which course is used may depend on the distance and the weather conditions. Of course this will be made exactly clear in due time.



### Competition and entry information

The competition for the LEN European Open Water Championship will start on July 10<sup>th</sup> 2016 and end on July 14<sup>th</sup> 2016. The competition schedule can be found below.

The final times will be published by mid-June 2016. On July 8<sup>th</sup>, a Team Leaders Meeting will take place in the Van der Valk hotel Hoorn, time to be determined.

Please advised that on July 7 and 8 a FINA school for officials will be organized, aimed to enable LEN federations to educate their officials.



Competition regulations are as published on the LEN website (most recent version): 07 European (Open Water) Championships.

Federations may submit entries for:

- Individual events - three (3) entries per federation per event.
- Team event – one (1) entry per federation.

Minimum age for participants is 15 years old (born 2001).

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	Saturday 09 July	Sunday 10 July	Monday 11 July	Tuesday 12 July	Wednesday 13 July	Thursday 14 July
AM		10 k Women <i>Mass start</i>		5 k Women <i>Time trial</i>	5k Team Event <i>Time trial</i>	25k Women 25k Men <i>Mass start</i>
PM		10 k Men <i>Mass start</i>		5 k Men <i>Time trial</i>		
Evening	Athlete presentation					

\* Victory ceremonies foreseen in the early evening at medal plaza

### Training facilities

Training opportunities will be available as of July 8<sup>th</sup>. Training will be partly on the course, partly in the 50m outdoor pool 'the Wijzend' in Hoorn.

A transfer service between the pool and the suggested hotels is provided. The training schedule will be made available after the entries are finalized.

### Prizemoney

LEN is happy to announce that prizemoney will awarded, as follows:

Rank	Prize Money
5 KM – 10 KM – 25 KM	
First (1 <sup>st</sup> )	2'000€
Second (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	1'500€
Third (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	1'000€
5 KM Team Event	
First (1 <sup>st</sup> )	3'000€
Second (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	2'500€
Third (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	2'000€

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### Championships Trophy Open Water Swimming

EURO 6.7.1 The Trophy shall be awarded to the Federation obtaining the highest number of points in all events according to the following system:

- - 1st: 20 points;
- - 2nd: 17 points;
- - 3rd: 15 points;
- - 4th: 14 points;
- and so on until 16th place which receives 2 points.
- All other swimmers finishing the race shall receive one (1) point.

EURO 6.7.2 Only two (2) swimmers per Federation and event shall score points

### Entries



When you wish to compete at the LEN European Open Water Championship 2016 in Hoorn, please return your Preliminary Entry Form to the LOC and to LEN by no later than May 31<sup>th</sup>, 2016. You will find the procedure and form at the end of this information booklet.

- Deadline for Preliminary Entry is May 31<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- Deadline for Final Entry is June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

### Officials

#### EURO 6.5 Officials

EURO 6.5.1 The LEN TOWSC shall appoint the Technical Delegate, the Referee, the judges and the other officials for each event.

EURO 6.5.2 Federations may nominate up to three (3) judges qualified on the current LEN and/or FINA List(s).

Nominations shall be submitted to the LEN Office no later than the date announced by the LEN Office.

Officials approved by the LEN TOWSC are on the costs of the nominating Federation.

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### Accessibility

#### Airport

Schiphol Amsterdam Airport is quite close to Hoorn. It is 40-minute drive from the airport to the city. Schiphol Amsterdam Airport is one of the biggest airports in Europe and offers a wide variety of services, such as a nice shopping area, many restaurants, meeting rooms, banking facilities, car hire and an international train station. Schiphol Airport has a direct train connection to Hoorn.



#### Transport

The public transport system in the Netherlands is excellent. Almost any area in the country can be reached either by train, tram or bus. Our team will be there to welcome you upon your arrival by plane or train at Schiphol Amsterdam Airport, from where you will be taken to your hotel by a shuttle bus service.

#### Hotel information

The official Open Water Hoorn 2016 accommodation agency has developed hotel packages especially for all Federations. The main hotels are on this website, spare capacity is available, at same level, but not as close to the city.

For reservations, we refer you to the booking form on our web site [www.hoorn2016.nl](http://www.hoorn2016.nl). All bookings will be handled on a first come, first serve basis. For more information, contact us via email [hotels@hoorn2016.nl](mailto:hotels@hoorn2016.nl)

We are pleased to be at your service!

#### Accommodation for athletes and support staff

All prices mentioned below are including free use of the bus shuttle between the airport, hotels and training and competition venues.

Please note:

- City tax (3,50 pppn, subject to change) is not included
- All prices mentioned below are applicable until June 1st 2016
- All extra costs, such as internet, telephone and (mini)bar have to be paid upon checkout

A Team Travel Contribution from € 200 to € 400 / athlete for two athletes will be granted to the participating Federation, depending of the trave distance from the Competition venue.



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### Van der Valk Hotel Hoorn \*\*\*\*

The brand new Van der Valk hotel Hoorn will be the main hotel for the Championships. The service for athletes of the Dutch Van der Valk hotels has an excellent reputation in European Aquatics, and the Van der Valk hotel in Hoorn is no exception to that standard.



Please make your reservations for this hotel through our online booking system:

[bookingform Van der Valk Hoorn](#)

- Standard room, single € 124,50,-\* Bed and Breakfast
- Standard room, single € 169,50,-\* Full Board
- Standard room, double € 82,50,-\* Per person. Bed and Breakfast
- Standard room, double € 127,50,-\* Per person. Full Board

Surcharge superior room € 10,- per person per night

\* excluding tourist tax

### Oostereiland Hoorn \*\*\*

The Oostereiland hotel is situated in an old prison. It has 11 actual cells that are in use as hotel rooms, and on the first floor there are some bigger rooms. Please be advised capacity in this hotel is very limited. The hotel has an excellent location next to the venue.



Please make your reservations for this hotel through our online booking system:

[Bookingform Hotel Oostereiland / Gevangenisshotel](#)

- Cell room, single € 95,00\* Bed and Breakfast
- Cell room, single € 140,00\* Full Board
- Cell room, double € 70,00\* Per person. Bed and Breakfast
- Cell room, double € 115,00\* Per person. Full Board

Surcharge attic room € 15,- per room per night.

\* excluding city tax.



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### Accommodation for LEN delegates and officials

All prices mentioned below are including:

- Bed and breakfast
- Free use of the bus shuttle between the airport, hotels and training and competition venues

Please note:

- City tax (3,50 pppn, subject to change) is not included
- All prices mentioned below are applicable until June 1st 2016
- All extra costs, such as internet, telephone and (mini)bar have to be paid upon checkout

### Hotel de Magneet \*\*\*

The cosy family Hotel de Magneet has been the headquarters for LEN during the European Open Water Cups. It is located close to the competition venue, and at walking distance from the historical city center and the harbours of Hoorn.



We invite you to make your reservations for this hotel through our online booking system: [booking form hotel de Magneet](#)

This hotel is available bed and breakfast only.

- Standard room, single € 95,-\* Per person. Bed and breakfast.
- Standard room, double € 70,-\* Per person. Bed and breakfast

\* excluding city tax.

### Booking information

By making your reservations through our web site you agree with the rules and regulations of the accommodation agency and you will be billed for the amount due.

### Rules and regulations:

- Reservations will be handled on a first come, first serve basis
- Your reservations will be confirmed by the Accommodation Agency
- By paying the invoice your reservation turns into a booking
- Payment will be confirmed by the Accommodation Agency
- Reservations or additional bookings can be made until May 31<sup>st</sup> 2016, afterwards you will only be able to book available rooms
- For cancellations between May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 6<sup>th</sup> you will be charged 25% of the costs of the reservation

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- For cancellations between June 7<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> you will be charged 40% of the costs of the reservation
- For cancellations between July 1<sup>st</sup> and July 7<sup>th</sup> you will be charged 75% of the costs of the reservation.
- 50% of the booking has to be paid before June 1<sup>st</sup>. The second instalment is due before July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Later bookings have to be paid within 14 days after booking, however, the final due date is July 1<sup>st</sup>
- Prices are guaranteed until June 1<sup>st</sup>

Reservations can be made by entering the form on our [website](#).

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### Event contacts

If you have any questions or queries regarding the information provided in this document, please feel free to contact the Organizing Committee by email: [info@hoorn2016.nl](mailto:info@hoorn2016.nl)

Any additional information will also be published on the web site: [www.hoorn2016.nl](http://www.hoorn2016.nl)

### LEN office

Any questions for LEN can be sent by email to [lenoffice@len.eu](mailto:lenoffice@len.eu) or visit the web site: [www.len.eu](http://www.len.eu).





# Preliminary entry form

We recommend our [online entry form](#) for your convenience.

Please go to the online entry form and fill out the form there.

Federation:	
Federation code:	
Contact:	
Designation:	
Email address:	
Phone number:	(country code - city code - phone number)
Fax number:	(country code - city code - fax number)
10k individual	Number Male
5k individual	Number Male
5k team event*	Participation Yes*
25k individual	Number Male
	*please circle the correct answer

Estimated number of competitors	
Estimated number of staff (max 7):*	
Number of officials:	
<i>*the number of staff members shall not exceed the number of competitors plus one.</i>	
Date:	Federation stamp
Signature:	

Please return this form to the Hoom 2016 Organizing Committee latest by May 31th 2016.  
Email: [info@hoom2016.nl](mailto:info@hoom2016.nl) or fax +31 30 751 3201.

With a copy to the LEN office  
Email: [lenoffice@len.eu](mailto:lenoffice@len.eu) or fax: +35 227 449 16428.

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