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**01 April 2026**

**FROM:** Chief Executive Officer

**TO:** SSA Affiliate  
Presidents SSA  
Affiliate Secretaries

**CC:** SSA Executive  
Committee SSA  
Committee Convenors

**RE:** **TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT – World Aquatics Water Polo Men’s u18 Championships; Rio Maior-Portugal 27<sup>th</sup> June – 04 July 2026**

Herewith the u18 Water Polo Team selected to participate at the World Aquatics Water Polo Men’s u18 Championships, Rio Maior, 27<sup>th</sup> June – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

On behalf of the SSA Executive Committee, we wish to congratulate all the team members selected and wish them well for the event.

**Team List**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Province</b>
1	Michael	Mafunda	WC
2	Dylan	Wiggill	AG
3	Timothy	Young	WC
4	Cooper	Haworth	AG
5	Nathan	Burger	KZN
6	Luca	Whitehead	WC
7	Connor	McJannet	AG
8	Jacques	Dippenaar	AG
9	Taylor	Seiler	KZN
10	Ettiene	van der Merwe	AG
11	Tyler	Mwekassa	AG
12	Bradley	Van Loggenberg	KZN
13	Nabil	Beija	KZN
14	David	Lattila-Campbell	AG

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## Team Staff

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Province</b>
Coach	Rob	Ambler	KZN
Assistant Coach	Khanyisa	Mpumlwana	EC
Team Manager	Tanya	Bower	KZN

## All non-travelling reserves must indicate their availability by the 10<sup>th</sup> of April

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Province</b>
1	Aiden	Khoury	AG
2	Danilo	Giuricich	AG
3	Ethan	Baty	KZN
4	Matthew	Cross	AG
5	Dane	Paterson	EC
6	John	Watkins	KZN
7	Daniel	Northard	KZN
8	Kian	Singh	AG

- Acceptance must be received by the 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2026, formally signing the acceptance form indicates participation; withdrawing from the team will only be accepted under extenuating circumstances.
- All Team Members have the option to purchase their own flight ticket.
- If Team members are purchasing their own flight ticket, SSA needs to be notified by the 10th of April 2026.
- Accommodation Check-in date: 25 June 2026 / Check-out: 04 July 2026 (Please ensure that your arrival and departure in Rio Maior are in accordance with the above dates)
- Athlete contribution for team members purchasing their own flight ticket will be R44 000.00 (Accommodation & Management cost) full cost must be paid by the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2026; failure to pay the full amount will result in the athlete being replaced.
- Athletes' contribution for team members who require SSA to purchase their international flight ticket will be R44 000 (Accommodation & Management cost) + the cost of the flight ticket (Estimation R21 000), for these athletes, the deposit of R21 000 must be received by the 25<sup>th</sup> of April. The Balance of R44 000 must be paid by the 25<sup>th</sup> of May. Failure to pay the full amount will result in the athlete being replaced.
- All team members will be responsible for their own domestic flights.
- Team Members will be responsible for their own Visa and Travel Insurance.
- Refunds: If an athlete withdraws after formally accepting a place on the team, refunds will only be given for medical or family-related reasons. SSA will issue the refund only after subtracting all costs that have already been paid in relation to the athlete.

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Team Members must deposit directly into the SSA Account, POP's must be forwarded to Qhakazile Nzama  
[qhakazile.nzama@swimsa.org](mailto:qhakazile.nzama@swimsa.org)

**SSA Banking Account details:**

Bank: ABSA  
Branch: Rosebank Central  
Account Name: Swimming South Africa  
Acc. No. 1003790807  
Branch Code: 632005  
Ref No: Name-u18MWP2026

**Selection is subject to:**

- All team members and staff must be registered with SSA for the 2026 / 2027 season.
- This is the responsibility of the Team Member as well as the SSA Affiliate.
- All Team Members must be in good standing with SSA.
- Complete and Sign the Athlete Agreement

**Additional documents to be submitted:**

- Complete the attached documents and return them by 10 April 2026
- Send JPEG or PDF colour copy of your valid passport (valid until January 2027),
- Send JPEG colour digital Photo (High Resolution), plain white background – do not scan or photograph a photograph, this is not a digital photo.
- Send Unabridged Birth Certificate for u/18
- All team members must forward a valid Adel certificate.
- For Athletes, please complete the following certificate: eLearning Anti-Doping Education Course "[International-Level Athletes Education Program](#)".
- For Team officials: Coach, Head Coach, Chef de Mission, Team Leader, or Support Staff, please complete the following certificate: eLearning Anti-Doping Education course "[Coaches of High Performance Education Program](#)".

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shaun Adriaanse". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shaun Adriaanse

**Chief Executive**

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