1. Purpose of the competition:

To organise a meet series providing opportunities to achieve qualifying times for the Hungarian National Championships.

2. Venue:

Debrecen Sports Swimming Pool (4028 Debrecen, Zákány Street 4, Hungary)
Indoor 50m pool with 10 lanes, electronic timing; water temperature: 26°C ± 1°C

3. Competition dates:

- Round I: **6–7 February 2026**
- Round II: **9–11 April 2026**
- Round III: **26 September 2026**
- Round IV: **12–13 December 2026**

4. Organiser:

DSI Debrecen Swimming Department

5. Meet officials:

Meet Referee: **Zoltán Fülep**

The remaining technical officials will be appointed at a later date.

6. Eligibility:

Swimmers from Hungarian clubs may participate if they:

a) hold valid club and federation registration,
b) hold valid sports medical clearance,
c) hold valid competitor and athlete identification cards,
d) have been duly entered by the entry deadline.

Competitors born after 1 January 1985 must also provide proof of having passed the relevant stroke-specific technical minimum assessment.

Swimmers from foreign clubs may participate if they:

a) hold valid registration with their national federation,
b) hold valid sports medical clearance,
c) have been duly entered by the entry deadline.

7. Entries:

Entries must be submitted through the online entry system of the Hungarian Swimming Association during the periods specified below. The system is available at **nevezes.musz.hu**. Foreign teams must also submit their entries through this platform.

Entry periods:

- Round I: 23 January–3 February 2026
- Round II: 27 March–6 April 2026
- Round III: 11–23 September 2026
- Round IV: 30 November–9 December 2026

Entries are accepted **only during the specified entry period**; **on-site entries will not be accepted**. **Withdrawals** may be submitted **until 10:00 on the second day following the entry deadline** by email to **visszalepes@hajoskupa.hu**.

Foreign teams that **do not yet have access** to the online entry platform may request access by email at **balazs.zambo@musz.hu**. Please submit access requests **well in advance** to avoid any problems with entries.

8. Entry fees:

Entry fees are payable for all starts remaining in the system after the withdrawal deadline, in accordance with the rates below. Payment must be made by bank transfer against a pro forma invoice. In exceptional cases, cash payment on site may be permitted.

- 50–400m events: **HUF 3,000 per start**
- 1500m events: **HUF 3,500 per start**

For billing enquiries, please contact:
szamlazas@debrecenisportcentrum.hu

9. General competition rules:

a) The competition will be conducted in accordance with the current rules of the Hungarian Swimming Association. Matters not covered by those rules will be governed by the World Aquatics Competition Regulations.
b) The one-start rule will apply.
c) A club may enter more than one relay team.
d) A time limit will apply to the 1500m freestyle: both male and female competitors must complete the event within 25 minutes. Any competitor exceeding the time limit must pay a HUF 10,000 penalty at the meet office.
e) All competitors participate at their own risk.

10. Competition format

10.1. Timed finals:

a) Age groups will be combined, while male and female events will be contested separately.
b) Competitors will be seeded into heats for the events applicable to their age group, based on their entry times.
c) The final heat will be the fastest, except in Round IV, where it will be the slowest.

10.2. Heats and finals:

a) Age groups will be combined, while male and female events will be contested separately.
b) Competitors will be seeded into preliminary heats for the events applicable to their age group, based on their entry times.
c) The seeding format varies by round: Round II will use a National Championships format, while Round IV will use fast-to-slow seeding.
d) Preliminary heats will be held in the morning or early afternoon, with finals taking place in the afternoon session.
e) Finalists may withdraw in writing, using the designated form or electronic platform, free of charge within 60 minutes of the publication time shown on the preliminary results. A recorded withdrawal cannot be revoked. The afternoon start list will be finalised one hour after the final preliminary heat of the relevant competition day. After this time, withdrawals will be accepted only on medical grounds. Withdrawals submitted after the free 60-minute period but before the final start list is closed are subject to a HUF 10,000 fee.

10.3. Direct finals:

a) Age groups will be combined, while male and female events will be contested separately.
b) Competitors will be seeded into timed heats for the events applicable to their age group, based on their entry times.
c) The final heat will be the fastest.
d) The slower heats will be held in the morning, and the fastest heat in the afternoon session.

11. Determination of placings:

11.1. Timed finals:

Placings in each recognised age group will be determined by the times achieved in the timed finals.

11.2. Heats and finals:

For competitors born in 2016 or later, placings will be determined by the times achieved in the preliminary heats. For all other competitors, places 1–10 will be determined by the times achieved in the finals, while all subsequent placings will be determined by the preliminary results.

11.3. Direct finals:

Placings in each recognised age group will be determined by the times achieved in the timed heats.

12. Awards:

a) In each event, medals will be awarded to the first three finishers in each sex and age group. Competitors born in 2016 or later who finish fourth to sixth will also receive certificates. These competitors will not receive separate awards for their results achieved in the finals.

b) At each round, the most successful male and female competitor in every recognised age group, excluding combined age groups, will receive a special trophy. Rankings will be based on the sum of each competitor's three highest AQUA points scores achieved at that round.

c) After the final round, the most successful club will be awarded the Hajós Alfréd Cup challenge trophy, based on the overall team competition across all rounds. Team standings are calculated from individual results, with points awarded to places 1–8 as follows:

- 1st place – 12 points
- 2nd place – 9 points
- 3rd place – 7 points
- 4th place – 5 points
- 5th place – 4 points
- 6th place – 3 points
- 7th place – 2 points
- 8th place – 1 point

A team's score is calculated by adding together the points earned by its competitors and dividing the total by the number of competitors representing the team at that round. This determines the team result for the round. A team will be included in the team competition only if at least four of its competitors start at that round, or if it completes at least 20 starts regardless of team size. Competitors born in 2016 or later will not receive points for results achieved in finals.

13. Age groups:

Events will be held separately for male and female competitors in every age group.

13.1. **Round I** for 50–800m events and **Round III** for all distances:

- A – born in 2009 or earlier
- B – born in 2010–2011
- C – born in 2012–2013
- D – born in 2014–2015
- E – born in 2016
- F – born in 2017
- G – born in 2018 or later

13.2. **Round I** for 1500–5000m events:

- AL – born in 2008 or earlier
- BL – born in 2009–2010
- CL – born in 2011–2012
- DL – born in 2013–2014
- EL – born in 2015
- FL – born in 2016
- GL – born in 2017 or later

13.3. **Rounds II and IV** for all distances:

- A – born in 2011 or earlier
- B – born in 2012–2013
- C – born in 2014–2015
- D – born in 2016
- E – born in 2017
- F – born in 2018 or later

14. Competition programme:

The detailed programme for each round is provided in the annexes.

15. Costs:

The organisers will cover the organisational costs. Participating clubs are responsible for their own costs, including accommodation, meals, travel and entry fees.

Admission is **free for competitors and coaches**, as well as for accompanying persons of children **aged 8 or under**. All other **accompanying persons, spectators and parents** must purchase a ticket at **HUF 1,800 per competition day**. Tickets may also be purchased online.

16. Protests:

A written protest may be submitted within 30 minutes of the publication of the result. The protest fee is HUF 30,000 and will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

17. Other provisions:

a) The 25m pool may be used without restriction during the competition.
b) Club representatives are requested to report punctually and in matching team attire for the Opening Ceremony and Awards Ceremonies.
c) Live results will be available throughout the competition at **https://live.musz.hu**.
d) The organisers accept no responsibility for valuables left unattended.
e) In the event of unforeseen circumstances, the Organising Committee reserves the right to make changes and will notify participants in due time.

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Debrecen, 9 November 2026

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Annex 4

COMPETITION PROGRAMME

12 December 2026 (Saturday)

7.45-8.45 **Warm-up**
9.00 **Start of Session 1**

- Men's 200m Backstroke – A, B, C (heats)
- Women's 200m Backstroke – A, B, C (heats)
- Men's 50m Breaststroke – A, B, C (heats)
- Women's 50m Breaststroke – A, B, C (heats)
- Men's 100m Freestyle – A, B, C (heats)
- Women's 100m Freestyle – A, B, C (heats)
- Men's 200m Individual Medley – A, B, C (heats)
- Women's 200m Individual Medley – A, B, C (heats)
- Men's 100m Butterfly – A, B, C (heats)
- Women's 100m Butterfly – A, B, C (heats)
- Men's 50m Backstroke – A, B, C (heats)
- Women's 50m Backstroke – A, B, C (heats)
- Men's 200m Breaststroke – A, B, C (heats)
- Women's 200m Breaststroke – A, B, C (heats)
- Men's 1500m Freestyle – A-C (timed final)
- Women's 1500m Freestyle – A-C (timed final)

12.30-13.15 Warm-up
13.30 Start of Session 2

- Men's 200m Individual Medley – D, E, F (timed final)
- Women's 200m Individual Medley – D, E, F (timed final)
- Men's 50m Breaststroke – D, E, F (heats)
- Women's 50m Breaststroke – D, E, F (heats)
- Men's 100m Freestyle – D, E, F (heats)
- Women's 100m Freestyle – D, E, F (heats)
- Men's 50m Butterfly – D, E, F (heats)
- Women's 50m Butterfly – D, E, F (heats)
- Men's 100m Backstroke – D, E, F (heats)
- Women's 100m Backstroke – D, E, F (heats)
- Men's 200m Breaststroke – D, E, F (timed final)
- Women's 200m Breaststroke – D, E, F (timed final)
- Mixed 4×50m Freestyle Relay – D-F (timed final)
- Awards Ceremony

The Awards Ceremony will be held after the final event. Results will be announced by age group based on the timed-final and preliminary results. Medals will also be awarded for results achieved in the combined D–F finals. Competitors are requested to report promptly for the ceremony.

15.45-16.45 **Warm-up**
16.50-16.55 **Opening Ceremony**
17.00 **Start of Session 3**

- Men's 200m Backstroke – A, B, C (final)
- Women's 200m Backstroke – A, B, C (final)
- Men's 50m Breaststroke – A, B, C (final)
- Women's 50m Breaststroke – A, B, C (final)
- Men's 50m Breaststroke – D-F (final)
- Women's 50m Breaststroke – D-F (final)
- Men's 100m Freestyle – A, B, C (final)
- Women's 100m Freestyle – A, B, C (final)
- Men's 100m Freestyle – D-F (final)
- Women's 100m Freestyle – D-F (final)
- Men's 200m Individual Medley – A, B, C (final)
- Women's 200m Individual Medley – A, B, C (final)
- Men's 100m Butterfly – A, B, C (final)
- Women's 100m Butterfly – A, B, C (final)
- Men's 50m Butterfly – D-F (final)
- Women's 50m Butterfly – D-F (final)
- Men's 50m Backstroke – A, B, C (final)
- Women's 50m Backstroke – A, B, C (final)
- Men's 100m Backstroke – D-F (final)
- Women's 100m Backstroke – D-F (final)
- Men's 200m Breaststroke – A, B, C (final)
- Women's 200m Breaststroke – A, B, C (final)
- Men's 1500m Freestyle – A-C (fastest timed heat)
- Women's 1500m Freestyle – A-C (fastest timed heat)
- Awards Ceremony

13 December 2026 (Sunday)

7.45-8.45 **Warm-up**
9.00 **Start of Session 4**

- Men's 200m Freestyle – A, B, C (heats)
- Women's 200m Freestyle – A, B, C (heats)
- Men's 50m Butterfly – A, B, C (heats)
- Women's 50m Butterfly – A, B, C (heats)
- Men's 100m Backstroke – A, B, C (heats)
- Women's 100m Backstroke – A, B, C (heats)
- Men's 400m Individual Medley – A-C (heats)
- Women's 400m Individual Medley – A-C (heats)
- Men's 100m Breaststroke – A, B, C (heats)
- Women's 100m Breaststroke – A, B, C (heats)
- Men's 50m Freestyle – A, B, C (heats)
- Women's 50m Freestyle – A, B, C (heats)
- Men's 200m Butterfly – A-C (heats)
- Women's 200m Butterfly – A-C (heats)

12.30-13.15 **Warm-up**
13.30 **Start of Session 5**

- Men's 50m Freestyle – Para swimmers (timed final)
- Women's 50m Freestyle – Para swimmers (timed final)
- Men's 200m Freestyle – D, E, F (timed final)
- Women's 200m Freestyle – D, E, F (timed final)
- Men's 100m Butterfly – D, E, F (heats)
- Women's 100m Butterfly – D, E, F (heats)
- Men's 50m Backstroke – D, E, F (heats)
- Women's 50m Backstroke – D, E, F (heats)
- Men's 50m Breaststroke – Para swimmers (timed final)
- Women's 50m Breaststroke – Para swimmers (timed final)
- Men's 100m Breaststroke – D, E, F (heats)
- Women's 100m Breaststroke – D, E, F (heats)
- Men's 50m Freestyle – D, E, F (heats)
- Women's 50m Freestyle – D, E, F (heats)
- Men's 50m Freestyle – Para swimmers (timed final)
- Women's 50m Freestyle – Para swimmers (timed final)
- Men's 200m Backstroke – D, E, F (timed final)
- Women's 200m Backstroke – D, E, F (timed final)
- Men's 50m Backstroke – Para swimmers (timed final)
- Women's 50m Backstroke – Para swimmers (timed final)
- Mixed 4×50m Medley Relay – D-F (timed final)
- Awards Ceremony

The Awards Ceremony will be held after the final event. Results will be announced by age group based on the timed-final and preliminary results. Medals will also be awarded for results achieved in the combined D–F finals. Competitors are requested to report promptly for the ceremony.

15.45-16.45 **Warm-up**
17.00 **Start of Session 6**

- Men's 200m Freestyle – A, B, C (final)
- Women's 200m Freestyle – A, B, C (final)
- Men's 100m Butterfly – D-F (final)
- Women's 100m Butterfly – D-F (final)
- Men's 50m Butterfly – A, B, C (final)
- Women's 50m Butterfly – A, B, C (final)
- Men's 50m Backstroke – D-F (final)
- Women's 50m Backstroke – D-F (final)
- Men's 100m Backstroke – A, B, C (final)
- Women's 100m Backstroke – A, B, C (final)
- Men's 400m Individual Medley – A-C (final)
- Women's 400m Individual Medley – A-C (final)
- Men's 100m Breaststroke – D-F (final)
- Women's 100m Breaststroke – D-F (final)
- Men's 100m Breaststroke – A, B, C (final)
- Women's 100m Breaststroke – A, B, C (final)
- Men's 50m Freestyle – D-F (final)
- Women's 50m Freestyle – D-F (final)
- Men's 50m Freestyle – A, B, C (final)
- Women's 50m Freestyle – A, B, C (final)
- Men's 200m Butterfly – A-C (final)
- Women's 200m Butterfly – A-C (final)
- Awards Ceremony