

GB not entering Senior Men's Water Polo Team in 2020 FINA World League

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Post Announcement below: Swim England has now confirmed its financial investment in developing English water polo talent in 2020 ([link](#)).

England Water Polo have learnt ([link](#)).that the National Governing Bodies, Swim England and British Swimming, have decided Great Britain's Senior Men's team will not be allowed to enter the 2020 FINA World League

The decision the team would not be entering the event was conveyed to the team's Head Coach, Tim Dunsbee, in the last few days by George Wood, Swim England's Sport Development Director. The team would have entered the FINA World League on a self-funded basis with all the players committed to raising the necessary funds themselves, and the event was identified as a key stepping stone back into international competition for the GB team by Tim Dunsbee and his coaches.

In July, Tim Dunsbee spoke to Paul Metcalfe on the All Wrapped Up water polo podcast about his hopes for the Great Britain men and women entering the FINA World League.

You can listen to Tim and his plans for the GB men's entry into the World League on the podcast below or at <https://anchor.fm/all-wrapped-up>

Great Britain's entry to the FINA World League was also fully supported by Ian Elliot, Chair of the Water Polo Management Group.

England Water Polo have asked Swim England for their comment and published a [response on 23 Sep 2019](#)

Great Britain's senior men's captain Aaron Winstanley commented, "The squad and coaches are massively disappointed with the decision and we are all unsure about where we go from here. At the World University Games in July we were told by the Management Group that entry to the World League was a strong possibility and this gave all the players renewed focus and hope.

"Since Naples, we've all been training really hard individually and hoping to hear when the next GB training camp was going to take place. The FINA World League was a massive opportunity for us and we were all working towards competing against the best teams in Europe.

"We were also prepared to self-fund our campaign, but the players have had no direct communication from Swim England or British Swimming. With no plan in place or future tournaments to aim for, we are all unclear

what the future holds for the senior team.”

This news follows the recent resignation of Great Britain’s senior women’s Head Coach Theo Nousios due to the failure of the National Governing Body to support the women’s entry into European competition.

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